

PATCHWORK PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1157186

Details

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Activities

Objects: TO HELP AND EDUCATE YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 AND 25 YEARS RESIDENT IN THE WEST END OF NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OR AT RISK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINION, THROUGH THEIR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES SO TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES THAT THEY MIGHT GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND SO THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED.

Activities: Evening group work, centre-based and outdoor; children, young women and men's groups, mixed groups, Slovak and Czech groups and integration work. Detached work; Street based group work and information sharing. Duke of Edinburgh Award. Daily afternoon Drop-ins dealing with employability, debt, credit union, sexual health and 1-2-1 support. School Holiday program, daily activities and residential.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Newcastle Upon Tyne City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£263,104	£257,801	-	-
2024-05-31	£214,105	£269,603	-	-
2023-05-31	£276,036	£259,719	-	-
2022-05-31	£362,841	£268,287	-	-
2021-05-31	£230,326	£225,730	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ashleigh Aylward		2025-12-08
CAROL HUNTER		2014-03-12
Chelsea Dixon		2022-09-20
DONNA PARTINGTON		2019-12-10
Danielle Conroy		2022-03-08
Dean Curry		2024-07-16
Dr Matthew Paul Marshall - Dent		2017-12-05
Mary Shearer		2014-03-12
Paul Tighe		2024-07-16

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Accounts

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Directors' report together with financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and Accounts for the Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2022, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and activities

Patchwork Project is a grassroots organisation set up in 2001 by local people already active in their communities running activities voluntary; football, scouts, art-class, toddlers, childrens trips, residents committee. They were also social activists standing up for their communities, challenging council house clearances and demanding accountability.

Originally called 'Benwell young peoples Development Group'. Committee members wanted to collaborate rather than compete with each other to get the best deal for their neighbourhood. They raised money to employ youth workers to work in patches across their local areas; 'Patchwork' was born.

Eventually Patchwork became the largest entity and focus of the group. In 2013 the committee incorporated the charity and in 2014 changed the organisations name to that which it was already known on the street; 'Patchwork'.

Purpose and aims

Whilst the charitable purpose are unchanged since 2001, in that Patchwork, aims to improve the life-chances of local young people.

The charitable objects were amended (2014) to reflect the challenging work already being undertaken in the local area (underlined):

Articles:

To help and educate young people between the ages of 5 and 25 years resident in the West End of Newcastle Upon Tyne and the surrounding area, including those who are involved in the Criminal Justice System or at risk of becoming involved in the Criminal Justice System, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinion, through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they might grow to full maturity as Individuals and members of society and so that their conditions of life may be improved.

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The Trustees also came up with 3 governing principles to apply to the work to ensure public benefit;

Accountability – to be open and transparent in all aspects of the organisation, for the funding/spending and the work being carried out. To be able to be held to account.

Visibility - For the work to be seen, young peoples achievements recognised and shared. For workers to be active in the community, approachable on the street and local people aware of what is being done by Patchwork in the neighbourhood.

Investment – To seek to invest in the neighbourhood. Young people themselves, workers to ensure that they are up to the job, and for money brought into the project to directly benefit children and young people.

– for the whole neighbourhood to benefit.

Turning charitable objectives into actions:

Chairs report:

The team and community at Patchwork never cease to humble and amaze me. Patchwork has overcome changes and challenges alike without sacrificing what makes it special. Set against a background of a tough financial climate affecting everyone in the Third Sector, Patchwork has continued to deliver for young people in the West End and beyond.

Ashleigh and Karl — Benwell locals and involved in Patchwork as young people themselves — graduated their Degrees in Community and Youth Studies with flying colours and are now working to further improve the lives and prospects of young people. I am immensely proud of them.

The visit to Chamonix stands out to both staff and young people as a high point of the year and for good reason. It might not be obvious to people on the outside but without Patchwork; travel to such places would simply be unthinkable for young people in Benwell. This trip took a lot of planning and work to pull off, but the grinning faces of young people in photos speak for themselves.

It's telling that even in this financial climate; people at the highest levels can recognise Patchwork's dedication and skill. I was delighted to hear that the National Lottery Community Fund has given Patchwork a grant to deliver a wide range of activities and support for young people. If anyone from the NLCF is reading this; thank you. You have no idea what this means to me and how it will help young people in Benwell.

Finally, I must acknowledge the legacy of John Pattison. John resigned as Chair of Patchwork in December 2024 after serving for nearly a quarter of a century. There

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would be no Patchwork without John. I was a little dumbstruck when I became Chair, but John is still around and always generous with wise counsel. I look forward to continuing in his footsteps.

Dr Matt Marshall-Dent

The focus of the work

Youth work

We work with young people aged 8-25 but 13+ is our focus. The age when they're growing, making their own opinions, life is less vague, and they want to talk about their own views of the world. Patchwork has always been a safe space for young people to express themselves, create new friendships, try new things and create their own groups within the project which leads to friendship groups outside.

Our staff being from the local area understand the pressures of money, belonging, drugs, crime and the difficulties of school. With this we try our best to connect with young people and show them that they aren't alone. We also understand the importance of having strong relationships and being able to offer them support where it is needed.

Our workers are always available and get themselves and the young people involved in any activity that is going on. While doing this we share fears, learning and understanding with young people.

We recognize negative stereotypes and challenge them to help young people understand and have their own opinions on stereotypes and not follow based on what is being said on social media, in the community or in their own homes.

"The staff are what make this project, they're class and understand people" – Lad 15 being interviewed by a funder

"We didn't know much about the project but it's amazing to see our son involved in something so positive" – parent

"Love patchy me it's the one day of the week I look forward too when its our group" – Lad 13

"Love speaking to yous about my difficulties cos I know even if yous don't have the answer you will go away and look it up and get back to me with some advice" – Lad 20

"Andi, you are my daughter" parent talking (about the length of time Patchwork has worked with her family)

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"I always forget that I have school tomorrow... everytime" Millie Snowangels, talking about how much fun she has and how relaxed Patchwork makes her feel

"It's the best job in the world, every day is so different and the relationships you make with people are just unreal" – Karl

"I've been to youth projects before but no wheres like this, the staff are actually sound and respectful and stuff" – Delaney

Staff: "you are part of Patchy now... you stepped through the door"

Yp: "Whos in Charge?" Staff: "You are, it's your project, your minibus, it's your local community that's in charge"(Explaining the structure of Patchwork)

Comings and goings

This year has been one of change. We have had 2 workers who have 'grown up through the project' move onto other work. Ashleigh after 5 years and Owen more than 8. A big adjustment for staff as well as children and young people.

A 'sad, but happy for them' mixture of emotions. Incredibly proud moments for the trustees to once again see well trained and experienced staff go out into the world and create change. The ripples of influence going further and more children and young people benefit both directly and in awe of these role models to their own communities.

Goings:

Ashleigh

Joined Patchwork a month prior to the Covid lockdown of 2020, she worked through all the difficult times including the death of Michael Bell, holding true to their shared belief in curiosity and self-education. She carried out some excellent small projects work, young womens work and everything in between. She left us in Jan2025 to continue to work with children and young people, in the NHS. Following a personal interest in harm reduction and drugs and alcohol at Plumber Court in Newcastle.

We wish her every success in her new role and know that she takes the values of youthwork she practised at Patchwork into her new job. More recently Ashleigh has made a move into employment with Newcastle City Council on the Over 18's leaving care team. Again, we can see that she will be perfect at this... bringing lots of skills together for the benefit of those she works with.

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She continues to be an amazing role model for local women in the area, and there are whispers about her joining the trustees of Patchwork once she has settled into her new job.

“Can’t believe your leaving, its gunna be so different without you” – Ben with a tear in his eye

“Who am I going to share a kebab with now?” – Owen

“All the way through Uni together, I’m gutted you’re leaving but change is good” – Karl “where’s Ash?” – many people still to this day

Owen:

After an incredible 8+years working for Patchwork Owen decided it was time to try something new. This is a man who has grown up, lived and breathed patchwork alongside Michael Bell all his life. Camping, cycling, groupwork – great expertise in building and maintaining relationships with children and young people. One of the most naturally gifted workers at supporting learning and development with individuals and groups and also lots of fun.

In April 2025 he took the plunge to leave for work with children and young people in another role; ‘Social services residential support worker’. Something we knew he would excel at given his personality and skills. We wish him every success in the future and are so happy when he pops back in with Lou Bransby for a catch up, or volunteers at community events. He is a fantastic role model for the local community. He continues to develop himself, having recently regained his life guard qualification and picks up hours at Elswick swimming pool.

Owen sometimes still attends some sessions when his busy schedule allows it.

“A can’t believe Owen has gone, we grew up in our group with him as our youth worker”. – Slovak lads

“The place is so quiet without his madness” – Sarah

“WE MISS OWEN” – star pizzas

With ‘goings’ comes opportunities for ‘comings’. It is exciting for other young people in the community to realise the opportunities that are open for them.

“It warms my heart that 20odd years on we are still giving young people from the area these fantastic opportunities, I’m so proud” – John P

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Comings:

Savannah

Joined the team in July 2024 following 6 months volunteering. She began a traineeship that saw her working 4 days per week and studying a Level 3 in youth work alongside.

Having grown through the project we already knew that Savannah had all the traits of being a great youthworker; committed, thoughtful, challenging, non-stereotypical and especially up for new experiences, learning and developing herself.

Josh and Thomas

Joined the team in April as part-time trainees, on a 6month work trial. Helping us to cover the immediate face-to-face work following the gaps in our team and give the project space to think. Josh had been volunteering for the past 2 years alongside sports science in Gateshead College. Thomas had been volunteering for 6 months whilst also working full-time.

Both are from the local area, both have had an excellent introduction to the work already and we knew they could be trusted to work with groups, understood the values of the project as well as the context of the community and the barriers people face.

Since then, both of them enrolled onto the L3 youthwork course in May 2025. In such short time have been a part of some great youth work, they have done residential to outdoor centres, DofE camping which meant realising and learning a whole new side to DofE, a whole summer programme, over nights at the upside down house. They have built amazing relationships with the young people in the area through excellent group work and detached.

2. Achievements and performance

Another year comes with many different accomplishments. Our motto at patchwork is ensuring our staff are fully qualified for the role they're in and this year especially has been a very busy one. Firstly, we had two of our full-time staff finish their degrees.

Ashleigh, who originally missed her GCSE exams on a trip to France with patchwork over 10 years ago now completed her degree in community and youth studies at the University of Sunderland ending with a 2.1. The whole cohort at the university constantly sings her praises of how amazing her presence on the course was.

Karl, who never attended school as a child and didn't have any qualifications also finished a degree in community and youth studies with a 2.1 at Sunderland. His dedication earned him the Teresa Driver memorial award for outstanding commitment to his studies, his support in the classroom and personality throughout the three years.

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Ashleigh Aylward, Karl Gilbert, Elisha Sanchez (from projects4change) receiving their Degrees from Sunderland University.

In very recent time we have had Savannah complete her Level 3 youth work, she had volunteered for over a year before being brought on part time alongside her study. Now she has completed her course she has progressed into a full-time role, plans have begun to get her onto her degree.

“Never even knew uni existed one time in my life now I have a degree” – Karl
What a tough three years its been, all worth it now – Ashleigh

My grandad wasn't going to come to graduation because it was in the stadium of light, he had to bite the bullet and come. – Ashleigh

Finally finished my level 3, took so many weekends of my life but feel like its just the start - Savannah

Women of the year – International womens day

To celebrate International Women's Day in March 2025, Newcastle Council invited organizations to shine a light on local women who are an inspiration to others. All the women whose names were put forward were invited to a celebration event at the Civic Centre. We nominated Lynne who has been Patchwork's administrator since 2016,

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Lynne has worked in the west end for over 25 years, including at The Pink Palace in Scotswood, the Key fund and West End Women and Girls. Lynne works away in the background and makes sure that Patchwork runs smoothly. She always has time for the young people we work with, past users of Patchy and their families. She is a positive role model to us all and helps others to succeed by encouraging both staff and young people.



Kate Percival, Maureen Forrest and Lynne Percival at City Hall, International Womens Day.

Bikes

Always on the calendar of activities for every group, every year are our bike rides. Near or far, long or short. We are proud to continue to get out on bikes, especially with young women who can too easily be put off with negative stereotyping.

Getting muddy, getting punctures, pic-nics, photos, it's always an adventure.

This year we've had bike rides to the coast, to local countryside and always with a hill at the end... sometime we curse hodgy bank!

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With riding bikes, of course comes fixing bikes. Most of the staff at patchwork have good experience of fixing bikes and have built up quite the reputation in the area as the place to go when you're having mechanical issues. It fits into our community profile that we're always on hand to give your bike a look at. Although we're sure some people intentionally break their bike for us to fix, AGAIN.



"lets have a wheelie competition!!!" – lads 14yrs

"only been peddling 10mins and feels like we're in the countryside" – lass 15

"trusted em on the bikes and they were dead good, listened to everything we said, no messing about on roads, helmets on.. even talking about doing the coast to coast" Karl talking about new lads group

"Andi you got a front wheel for is 27?" (for a bike with 24" wheels)

Patchy bike rides are serious, always loads of hills and a proper mission away... can we go on one? – Lad 18

"Good thing patchy had all the right stuff, managed to get me flatty sorted straight away" – Lad 19

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“I done a bike fixing course with patchy, I know how to change a chain now and redo brake cables” – Lad 18

SINGLE FILE! ON THE LEFT! NO WHEELIEING HERE! ...Echos down the line on a bike ride

Individual work or 121

Patchwork has always run a 1-2-1 during our drop in and other hours. We do this because we care. Our 1-2-1 work can range from mild to extreme. A young person could come in looking for a job and Patchwork will do everything we can to support them into finding employment. We will have a look at their CV, support them with applications and even drive them to interviews if they have to. Our staff take pride in seeing people from the area succeed in whatever they want.

We can also have some people come in who just aren't having the best time, who maybe need some support in many different areas of their life. Patchwork is always the place to sit with a cup of tea and sort your life out. People get mental health support, employment support, drug support, alcohol support, support staying out of crime, sexual health.

Patchwork staff do a lot of group work but even during group work they take their opportunities to develop their 1-2-1 relationships, recognising if any young people looks like they could do with a chat.

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"I wouldn't have the job I have now if it wasn't for Karl" – Ben

"Is Andi and Sarah in the back I need to speak to them privately?" – Anonymous

"Can I do my C-card?" – Anonymous

"Can you help me apply for college?" – many people

"Can you help me practice for my theory?" 'GET THE APP AND DO 10 QUESTIONS ANY CHANCE YOU CAN' – everyone learning to drive

"How old do I have to be till I can get my provisional?" – lad 16

"Can you help me sort my car insurance I've got nee idea how to do it?" – lad 18

"Can I eat my dinner in here?" – lad 21

"Aye I've already got ID, its me bail pass from the police.." – Lad 17

"I'm so glad I come in, I was having a really bad day, and I knew you would cheer me up" lass 16

"Is Karl in? I need to speak to someone, man to man" Lad 19

Chamonix / Travel

2025 is marked the year we have returned this goal to the project and the aims and ambitions of young people in the local area. We used to have an aim of at least 1 trip abroad per year. Over the last few years due to Covid and bereavement this hasn't been possible.

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In April we took a group of 7 young people to the French alps. It was the first time flying for most of the group. Our journey began with a drive from Newcastle to Manchester; the young people's first experience of an airport went without any hiccups as we boarded our flight from Manchester to Geneva. Once there we took transport to Chamonix, a small climber's village at the foot of Mont Blanc (the biggest mountain in the alps).

Whilst there we did some amazing activities, Tobogganing, train to a glacier, going up the biggest cable car in the world Aiguille Du Midi, exploring ice caves, hiking the hills and surrounding towns, rock climbing, local train rides.

The trip was an amazing experience; we used funding from the High Sheriff's Award and Edwards Trust. This meant 7 young people from Benwell got to travel the world. Doing things, they had never imagined or even thought possible.



At the top of the Aiguille du Midi cable car - Chamonix

“OMG look at the snow at the top of the mountains” – Lass 16

“I wanna save up and go back one day, I look back now and omg it was so good” lass 17

“So you can't take any pop through an airport?” – Lad 16

“I thought id be scared of flying but that was actually sound” – Lad 17

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“Since going up that cable car I wasn’t scared of flying. I’ve never flown sober cos of my fear but that flight back was so different” – Sarah

“We all got altitude sickness going up that cable car” – Karl

“So they just run off the mountain and parachute all the way down?” – Lad 16

Community behind bars

It’s a place where we hope young people never end up, but inevitably some do. These past few years it seems that the deaths of those who have been behind bars, poorer life chances following that, and the challenges of drugs and a crime-free life have been too much. We have all been to far too many funerals. Seen the havoc wreaked on families and children left behind.

So, we remain committed to do all we can to channel young people along the right paths in life, or at least the least dangerous to themselves and others. Talking to young men about their hopes and dreams, being there to listen and guide. Sometimes it can feel like a losing battle, but the consequences are too dear. We continue on as best we can.

Detached

Detached is going out and about on the streets and catching up with young people and families. Workers will support each other to build stronger relationships and bonds with parent’s, carers, young people and the whole community. Often, we will meet new people, develop relationships and invite them along to patchwork to check it out.

Because a lot of our staff come from the local area detached work can happen at all times, you could be getting your dinner and all you hear is “patchy, patchy”. This is a difficult scenario for developing youth workers to manage which is why supervision is extremely important in the project.

Detached is one of our methods of working with young people, this method means we’re in young people’s space, the power is completely with them whether they interact with us or not. This is an important dynamic in youth work as young people’s interaction is voluntary. Hence why our staff are constantly keeping up with relevant training, constantly using their natural ability to build and maintain relationships.

We also take this opportunity to tell young people and parents about upcoming events and group sessions.

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In a local park with Thomas Popplewell

“Cant believe yous were out last night in the freezing cold” – Lad 17 the day after seeing us on detached in winter

“Detached is one of my favourite parts of the job” – Thomas

“When can we do a day out?” – group developed through street interactions

“Why do yous do this every week?” – young volunteer (learning youth work)

“Ill catch them on detached” – staff

“Do yous want to join in our football match?” – young lads met on detached

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The DofE is a huge part of Patchwork. It gives us the opportunity to expose young people to the outdoors. Patchwork runs the DofE slightly different to many different organisations. Instead of taking large groups of individuals we like to focus on small friendship groups. This makes the groups’ experience a little more personal, it means they can make amazing memories with their friends. It also gives patchwork flexibility to add the youth work into the expedition. With smaller groups we can create

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opportunities for conversation, some of the best conversations can come when young people are exposed to something they've never experienced.

There are three stages of the DofE, Bronze, Silver, Gold. Completing the DofE gives young people a prestigious award to go on their CV. It gives them opportunities to develop a new skill outside of education, the chance to take up some volunteering, and to stay fit in any physical activity. They work extremely hard towards the different areas of the award, and the benefits are worth the energy, as it not only benefits their CV but more importantly, their thinking and lived experience.

It has become the norm within patchwork that, when school has ended and young people have put in their hard work in their sections. They pick up their map, compass and walking boots and 'head for the hills'.



“why is my hot chocolate spicy” – Brano After using the same pan, he made noodles with for hot chocolate

*“I’ve just had sheep running all around is and now I’m covered in S***!” – Alicia*

“how does this exist in the UK” Ayan whilst driving into Keswick

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“Swear them midges are a different level, I got home, all the spots healed and emptied then just came back. I was itchy for a week straight” – Kai

“Got so many memories from my DofE me, I loved it when I was younger” – Lad 25

“My favourite part was swimming in that lake, it was raining and we didn’t want to go in, but once Karl did we just followed and then didn’t want to get out” – Lad 15

“Cant believe the window got smashed by an accident, I thought we were gunna have to call it off but we covered it with a black bag and still got to do the expedition” – Thomas

“Cant believe we’re having bacon and egg sarnies in the middle of no where” – lad 15

“we saw the Elon Musk Starlink – it was mad” – group of lads 15

Drop in

Our drop in is held on the main road in our building on Adelaide terrace. Starting at 12 and finishing at 4:30pm we use this time to help young people with CV’s, provisional license, birth certificates, euss or even just for a catchup.

The drop in is a great resource to build and maintain relationships. Being on the main road ensures we are seen for people to come in and ask for help or have a chat. It’s where everyone can mix and no one has more of a right to be there. We create an open welcome with smiling workers, poster photos of our activities, tea and of course our favorite biscuits.

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“I’ve come to sit here and wait for bobby’s barbers” Lad 23

“Just came to eat me scran and have a catch up” Lass 17

‘Can we chill in the front room for abit?’ lads group

“You have radge conversations in ya, I was sat the other day with the youth workers and some random lads talking about the origins of our names, Mad” – Lad 18

Worker: Yous are 2 hours early for your group.. “yeah, so..” (a safe place for 2 lasses to spend time)

Holiday Programme

The holidays are always busy times, and we try to get as many young people out and about and we can. It works well and builds relationships and broadens horizons. Sometimes people drop out at the last minute, so we have to ask others to come and fill the places. This is Patchy’s way -encouraging young people to get out of bed and come with us on an adventure!

We receive some money from Streetgames to run activities over the school holidays with under 16’s. This funds many of the outings and activities that we run with different groups each Easter and Summer. Activities we did this last year included: Gutterball,

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Go Ape, Trampolining, Surfing, Quaser Lazer, Golf, Alnwick Gardens Visit, Air Trail on Teesside, Fun Days and activities in Patchy 2.

We take out two groups, sometimes three, out each day and regularly put on a community swimming events at Elswick Pool, this is for young people and their families. Food is a huge part of our work. Eating together whether that's a sit down in a café, sitting outside eating meal deals and picnics or eating chips at the coast. Fruit goes down well with everyone too. Everyone likes their food and the conversations we can have over food is what we look forward to with groups. We also use food as a thank you to volunteers for their support with younger groups over the holidays.



“We love the summer cos we get a full day of activities” – Lass 12

“Can we get in the pool and use the hose for a water fight” – Lad 9

“I’m petrified of heights and I done the big swing at go ape” – Lass 15

“When is patchy fun day? We want the bouncy castle” – lass 8

“We went on the bell boats and seen a seal, then jumped off the jetty. It was unreal” – Lad 16

“So we get to go swimming and see the beach, all in one day” – Lad 13

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Partnership Work

Linking with Streetgames has meant that we have been offered opportunities to go to events. We took a group to London to watch the Rugby League challenge cup final 2024 at Wembley. Most of the group had not been to London before so enjoyed seeing the sights, Trafalgar Square, Buckingham Palace, The London Eye, Big Ben and the houses of parliament.

We also got chance to take a group to Brathay in the Lake District on a residential with other youth organisations from the UK who work with Streetgames. This made a big impact on those involved because of meeting lots of different people from different places.

We have a great relationship with Solen and Blue Spirit Sailing, linking with Projects 4 Change at Cowgate. We couldn't do the sail training experiences without sponsorship from Blue Spirit. A group of girls from Patchwork did a joint sailing trip with a group from Projects 4 Change.

Dean Curry now manages the youth project at Ocean Road Community Centre in South Shields. With our shared values and methods this is great chance to do joint work together, bringing young people together from different areas.

Lads work

During their teens lads go through the biggest changes they will ever go through in their lives, their hormones and testosterone levels have risen more than ten times than their childhood. During this stage their thoughts and views are being shaped. It's very important for lads to have good role models, hence why the project has employed young men, from the area, who have developed themselves into a position to offer their experiences and values.

It is no secret that social media is currently having a great impact on our young men, the different influencers and voices telling them how to think and act is so overwhelming for lads and extremely oppressive.

That is why it's vital for them to have good relationships in their life. Patchwork gives young men a place to go and spend time together, somewhere to be themselves and develop ideas for themselves. The staff are always willing to have a conversation and question different views and opinions. They are also always willing to learn, we accept that young people and lads in particular have something to offer, they aren't just in a 'developmental stage of life'.

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Lads' groups meet weekly where they get to plan, participate and evaluate their sessions. Their attendance is completely voluntary, and they decide the activities they do, things like swimming, go karting, football, pancakes in the woods, spooky walks, pool, darts, escape rooms, bike rides, camping, ice skating, sailing. Most important of all is time with other lads and role models!



“hya let wu gan for a kickabout man” Lad 15

“buzzing we’ve got a regular group now, it’s the only time we spend together now” lad 16

“Karl can I speak to you about boy stuff in private?” – Lad 19

“Lads chill out in here man, its class coming here we don’t want to mess about” – Lad 16

“Can we have a group with just the lads?” Lad 14

“Can we do a keyfund to go Go-Karting” – Lads group – 15

“I’d never get my bairns name tattooed on me... Can’t imagine I’d be allowed in their life” Lad 16 (talking about imagined future fatherhood)

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Lasses work

It's not all about groups..... but sometimes it is. We do tons of work with lasses... groups is the way Patchy lasses like to spend quality time together and to do activities together.

Savannah from the old MMs group is working with us fulltime after volunteering loads with Patchwork. MM's successfully completed their £1000 keyfund which helped us take lots of young people ice skating in as part of our Christmas 2024 celebrations. PPG's has now changed into Classy Lassys and they applied for money from Hatricks NE Girls project to do 8 weeks of horse riding lessons at Stepney Bank stables. The lasses really enjoyed this and have done two pony treks since at Sinderhope.

SnowAngels group is mainly years 8 and 9 from Sacred Heart school, most are from Benwell/ Elswick and the wider area. They have weekly sessions planned in 12-week blocks and love to cook and go out and about with their group.

Seedguls continue to do things with us mainly in holiday times and we helped them with college places.

As lasses get older, they tend to call in for support and help when they need it particularly around looking for work, CV writing or for advice and support. It's great to see the lasses grow up into confident young women with their lives ahead of them. Ashleigh was a big part of working with the Patchy lasses (they miss her!) and since she has left Savannah has taken on that role of building relationships and developing the work with these groups.

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“This group is for us Mams not for the bairns, only time we really get together” – Lass 22

“Can we go Go-Karting, the lads always go but we’d like to do it aswell yina” – Lasses group

“I was sceptical of coming at first but once I spoke to savannah for abit I loved it” – Lass 16

“The sailing was soooo good, it made it easier to only have girls on the boat” – Lass 17

“How can you get carrots in a tin?” Kenzie amazed at tinned carrots

*“I’m finally up to trot but my a*** is killing and legs feel like jelly” – Lass 16 after horse riding*

“What did you wear shorts for when you knew we were going 12,000 feet up?” – Karl to the lasses in Chamonix

“Andi I’m not doing that” – Lass 16 being pushed out of her comfort zone

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Minibus & Exploring

Patchwork's minibuses are some of our main assets, it allows us to explore the wider range of the Northeast. Giving us the ability to explore a different range of activities and history around us. Having two minibuses gives us opportunities to take advantage of larger groups or even two different groups to different areas. We've been able to expand further to places such as the Lakes, Scotland, Teeside, Hartlepool and many more amazing places.

They are also great tools for youthwork...a worker could have strategically positioned themselves on the seat next to you and you're just building a relationship out of nowhere.

Our minibus is part of our identity, everyone in Benwell has fond memories of driving along, whether it's the old CD player or the new Bluetooth the tunes are the same; BOUNCING!



"Take us on a mission in the bus" – Lad 19

"2h drive is long... can I connect?" Lass 16

"Can I sit in the front seat!!! – EVERYONE

"I can clean the bus for you if yas want" – Dean, Ben, DK

"It's fun because Karl's the best Driver" – Gary Pipey Lads

"Gives us more freedom to explore" – Chilled Charvas

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Social Media:

Patchwork mainly operates via Facebook with 3 different pages linked to the project. It allows us to showcase to the community, photos of the activities we do with groups or any local community updates. We mainly use messenger to get in touch or chat to people. This could be from chatting to groups, 1-2-1 support or even a friendly video chat catching up with staff and live updates.

We're also on tiktok "michealpatchybell" where we post videos and merge into one amazing video to showcase what we're doing within the community and showcasing activities. It's fantastic as we've seen an increase of young people using tiktok, we therefore can use the page to connect with young people whilst also showing different safety aspects to social media.

"That was a mint day thanks for taking us" Blake Donaldson (Tiktok Comment)

"Being able to look back at the memories and amazing day's out we've had and now showing my kids" – Anonymous

"Can we be on patchys TikTok" – Lasses 12

"Seen the photos you put on the other day, they were sick" – Lad 16

"My portrait has been using for someone's website" – Thomas

"I seen your status of the swimming for the kids this week, we'll be coming along" – Mam of yp

Under 12's at Patchy 2

We run a weekly sessions on a Thursday at our second building for 8–12-year-olds. During these sessions we do a whole range of activities such as cooking where the young people can learn new cooking skills, arts and crafts being able to unlock their creativity and create things such as paintings, cards or seasonal activities.

We also do sporting activities for the young people who are interested in sport or just want to play some football, basketball, table tennis. And we also do bike fixing, if a young person brings in a broken bike of theirs then we can try and help them fix it during the session.

Also during the session, we try to speak to the young people and try to see what is happening in their life and see what is going on but also trying to teach them how to behave and respect each other.

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“Can we get the table tennis out?” – Lass 11

“Can we make some TikToks?” – Lass 10

“We love to help cooking, last week we made chicken burgers from scratch” – Lad 11

“Look at this card I’ve made for my Mam for Mother’s Day” – Lad 9

“I love when its someone’s birthday at patchy cos we get cake” – Lass 9

“Can we make sllliimmmeeee” – Everyone

Patchy bairns

As the project has been around for years, we have watched families grow and worked with multiple generations. Some of the biggest families in our area grew up in our project and brought their siblings and then eventually their own children. Through connection and trust families now want their children involved with the project to learn, ask for help if needed and mostly have fun. This shows how much patchwork is valued in our local area.

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Muvass Group –

A small group of the mams and their children have been meeting each week at Patchwork. This is mainly a group of friends who were mainly in the old Hoyed Together Group were losing touch with each other since having children or getting pregnant. They and their bumps, babies and toddlers like to meet up at Patchwork on a Thursday afternoon and catch up with each other socially. This gets them out of the house and reduces isolation. The group also includes It also offers a chance to go out in the patchy bus as a group. Trips out have included Morpeth Carlisle Park, Whitehouse farm and Mr Twister Soft Play and sensory rooms. Most of the young women came to Patchy when they were younger and love to talk about their memories of what they did at Patchy in the past

“Thank your mam for the blanket for my baby Andi” -young mam

“Me bairns a patchy younging” young mam

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*“I’ve started breastfeeding on me own, I didn’t plan it, it just felt so natural to do and was really bonding with my baby” My midwife is so proud of me and I am myself.
(young mam)*

Volunteering

Volunteers are essential for patchwork, by helping with groups, this could be by helping plan the patchy 2 session, turning up to sessions for an extra pair of hands for the staff. They also can help during our drop in sessions during the day, when we have busy days our volunteers help people in ways they can, by keeping them entertained or making them feel welcomed whilst other members of staff are busy.

Patchwork put a lot of work into making sure we allow the right people to volunteer and make sure they are qualified by helping them achieve their safeguarding qualification, or if any training comes up that we think would benefit them. Patchwork runs a youth panel where some of our volunteers take part in this and try to make the project and community a better place for everyone, they do this by planning different social action projects.



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Volunteers and staff relaxing at the end of the summer fun day

“I enjoy volunteering as it allows me to help people when necessary and gets me out the house.” – Lad 17

“volunteering helps me learn new skills I can take and use in other jobs I may get and goes good on my CV” – lass 17

“I enjoy volunteering because it gives the patchy staff an extra pair of hands especially on a Thursday at patchy 2 when it gets hectic” lass 16

“I volunteer cos I like to be around the project, I can meet people but also spend time with the staff” – Lad 16

“It gets me out my comfort zone, which is hard but I like it” – Lass 16

“We’ve been on this panel the longest now and we’ve done so much, Pamper hampers, ice skating, summer fundays, backlane art project” – Abbie, Laura

Events:

Community swimming trip

Following on from our success last year we booked Elwick pool again for 4 pool sessions this year. Some back to back with different age groups catered for (older have the inflatable!!). This pool has a slope and dive area so it caters for all. Great to see more dads and babies, mums and aunties and babies to teenagers all coming together to make it a huge success. Great to hear more families have been booking to go themselves and enjoy the assets on our doorstep and the joy of low-cost fun in local community owned swimming pool.



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Christmas

Our now traditional Xmas treat looked forward to all year....A winter ice-skating trip. Now a pretty expensive annual event as we work with so many more children and young people, but its such fun, brings people together and has memories that last a lifetime. We take approx 10 groups ice-skating each year.



3. Public benefit

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. It also will look at whether as young people grow and develop, we are continuing to meet their needs, listening to their ideas and if we need to change structures, timetables or groups to continue to progress educational development.

The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our charitable objects/articles.

The trustees refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

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4. Financial review

Patchwork project are funded by a variety of income. Mainly grant income from charitable trusts and foundations. Also some local authority funding. Occasional government contracts when they match our aims and objectives.

The total income for the year was £263,104 (2024: £214,105)

This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 May 2025, shows a net surplus across all funds of £5,303 (2024: deficit £55,498).

The Balance Sheet at 1 June 2025 shows total funds carried forward of £289,737 of which £70,798 are restricted funds.

Free Reserves breakdown:

Free reserves total £218,939

£129,000 is allocated as project reserves. In accordance with our reserves policy (2025 – see excerpts below **)

£58,704 is designated for future woodland project*

£2,738 is designated for future minibuss repairs

£10,000 is designated for future unknown but expected costs to heating system

£24,902 Unrestricted fund (within the objectives of the charity)

*Designated funds:

£58,704 has been allocated for an upcoming project which will link children and young people more closely to a piece of woodland. This land will be transferred to Patchwork in 2025. It will enable children and young people to undertake environmental activities, including camping, bushcraft and forest activities. The money will include spend on capital costs as well as specialist labour, support and skills. The project spend from this pot will cover a 3-5year period. After which the ongoing costs of the project will come from core costs.

**Taken from the reserves policy (2025):

3.2 Reason for holding reserves

3.2.1 Patchwork Trustees have identified the main reasons to hold adequate levels of reserves:

Part or fully fund project activities

Due to pressures on contract income being experienced the Trustees feels that reserves should be utilised for the benefit of those who the organisation exists to support. The application of reserves to fund such activities will be presented to and approved by the Trustees.

[Supplement the operational costs of delivering the core activities](#)

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Patchwork has a sizeable running costs budget. The organisation is heavily reliant on external funders to meet such running costs. Monitoring and control of operational budgets is in place but should the organisation find that an emergency arises, or that in the year external funds are not sufficient to meet costs arising, or should the organisation find that alternative sources of funds are not available to them the reserves will be used to supplement the running costs of the organisation.

To fund the organisation in an emergency or the need to close the charity

The trustees feel that it would be prudent to hold in reserves ideally 6 months' worth of running costs to provide for such an eventuality. If the charity entered into a period of less than 3 months running costs our exit strategy would be triggered.

Currently:

Annual budget is in the region of £258,000.

With salary costs £168,000 and £90,000 running costs.

6 months reserves is therefore £130,000.

If funds reach £64,500 this will trigger our exit strategy.

3.3 Level of reserves held

3.3.1 The Trustees have considered the financial circumstances and other relevant factors and agree that as a minimum there is one factor that should be accommodated in reserves to support the operational requirements of the charity. Funds should be held in reserves;

To fund the organisation in an emergency

3.3.2 The reserves should not fall below the minimum reserves level in order to support good governance and a managed exit period. This will cover known liabilities and an emergency situation for up to three month.

3.3.3 The level of reserves will fluctuate each year depending on the surpluses/deficits made by Patchwork. Any surpluses would increase the level of reserves. These additional funds may be used to fund projects or to support core operation costs. This will be decided by the Trustees. Should deficits occur in the year the Trustees would review the impact on the reserves and the required levels of reserves as set out in the policy above.

Unrestricted Reserves - Designated

The unrestricted reserves that are designated will be utilised for specific purposes. These reserves are known liabilities, commitments (e.g. approved amounts to fully or part fund projects) for Patchwork or have a donor with an influence on how the reserves are utilised. Patchwork would hold the amount necessary to cover such known liabilities and commitments.

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3.5 Unrestricted reserves - General

The unrestricted reserves that are general reserves will have no donor influence. Utilisation of such reserves would require a business case to be presented for consideration by the Trustees. The business case will be approved by the Trustees in the Board meeting if it is deemed to be good use of funds and meets the aims and objectives of the organisation.

5. Plans for future periods

Fundraising strategy:

Of course funding is a challenge. We are looking to bring our fundraising strategy to have a more sustainable base with longer-term, multiple year grants in order to create greater stability going forward.

This will also enable us to spot gaps in funding and be able to fundraise ahead of time so that projects can continue more fluidly. At the same time creating greater job security for those we employ.

Marketing:

We have developed a new website with little to none ongoing costs due to help from our trustees. This is aimed particularly at funders and potential funders (we already do very well in communicating with those we work with) to help our fundraising strategy.

We also have a presence on TikTok very much aimed at, and for the benefit of children and young people. It records and recognises individual and group achievement. Very much owned and ran by staff and young people themselves, it is aimed at providing a lasting 'memory' for those who have taken part, and 'capturing the joy'.

Investing in staff:

Ensure that we continue to fulfil the trustees directive of investment in the community via training and education.

Our senior worker has completed their Sunderland University BA Hons in Informal Education and youth work

We have 1 worker about to complete their L3 youth work training.

We have 2 workers entering their L3 youth work training.

Aside from this we also put staff and volunteers through training relevant to their role(s).

Sexual health and C'Card

Food hygiene and allergy training

Safeguarding children, Knife crime awareness, Gambling awareness, Play training

1st aid training including outdoors 1st aid and mental health 1st aid.

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Volunteer development:

We will develop a more structured pathway for our peer volunteers to ensure that they receive the best support and development opportunities. Whilst giving their time to help others in the local community.

Continue to link volunteers in specific training which will develop skills and understanding.

Groups and activities

That we continue to develop and expand the groups and activities we work with. This includes group completion and celebration of achievements. New groups beginning. Continuing to be youth led with regards planning of activities, residential etc.

To continue to champion our work with Duke of Edinburgh Award as a 'connector' across friendship groups throughout Patchwork.

Bell Haven Woods

In accordance with our plans last year to introduce environmental projects/ bushcraft, camping and forestry activities, this piece of land in Rowlands Gill has now come into ownership of Patchwork Project. Named by the trustees in memory of our project manager Michael Bell.

Land stewardship requires woodland and tree surveys etc. Unfortunately, there has been a delay in bringing plans for education and use of the land forward due to the need to remove dangerous trees and make the land a safe place to take children and young people to. We hope to bring this project more into focus in the coming year(s).

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6. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name Patchwork Project

Registered Charity Number 1157186

Registered Company Number 08510835

Trustees

Mary Shearer	
John Pattison	Resigned 08.12.2025
Carole Pattison	Resigned 08.12.2025
Carol Hunter	
Dr Matthew Paul Marshall-Dent	Chair
Donna Partington	
Danielle Conroy	
Chelsea Dixon	
Dean Curry	
Paul Tighe	
Petra Ondrova	Resigned 28.03.2025
Ashleigh Aylward	Appointed 08.12.2025

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7. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The organisation is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. Patchwork Project is registered charity with the Uk Charity commission (1157186) and is registered at companies house under company number 08510835.

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association, May 2014, adapted from its charitable objectives as an unincorporated charity known as Benwell young peoples development group in 2001.

In the event of a winding up any member (who is a director) undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities, such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

The Directors of the Company are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are also its members. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, at the Annual General Meeting one-third of the Directors, who are subject to retirement by rotation, shall retire.

Retiring Directors can be re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are selected on the basis of specialist skills and commitment to the objectives and aims of the organisation.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed and can serve more than one term. Anyone interested in becoming a new trustee is encouraged to attend trustee meetings before applying for any vacant positions. Trustees are elected by members of the organisation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are eligible to stand for re-election each year. There is a minimum of three and maximum of 12 trustees at any given time.

Those wishing to become trustees are encouraged to attend some trustee meetings as attendees prior to offering any commitment.

Board Induction and Training

New Board Members are introduced to the work of the organisation and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Board Members includes:

A briefing by the Chair and/ or Manager

An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Board Member

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Copies of the main company documents including the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Financial Statements

Copy of the business plan and most recent evaluation report

Copies of recent board papers including budgets and management accounts

A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee"

A copy of the governance structure.

Should additional trustee training be required, this is arranged and once a year a development day is held for all trustees and staff.

Trustees will be required to agree to a DBS check as part of our safeguarding procedures, and also to supply references if they are not previously known to the organisation.

Organisation

The Trustees meet a minimum of every 6 weeks and deal with the administration of the charity encompassing the strategic vision, project delivery, safeguarding, financial accountability, staff supervision, staff training and risk mitigation.

Further sub-groups of the trustees may organise from time to time to do more in depth research and then feed back to the wider group for consideration at trustee meetings.

The operational management of the organisation is undertaken by the paid staff team led by the project manager.

Risk management

The Trustees conduct an annual review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks including:

- Dual authorisation procedures for authorisation of all transactions
- Supervision of workers and projects to ensure the consistent quality of the work
- Support of staff via appropriate training to their roles, as well as reflective supervision in/external, mentoring and mental health support as needed.
- IT systems management, back up and security etc
- The trustees are aware that the major risk to the organisation is lack of funding. Each quarter the risk is assessed when budgets are compared to actual spend and reserves are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover five months running costs and any possible redundancy costs.
- These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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8. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

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

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year.

In preparing those 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 (Statements of recommended financial practice);
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees onand signed on their behalf by:

Mathew Marshall
Chairperson

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 May 2025

I report on the financial statements of Patchwork Project for the year ended 31 May 2025, which are set out on pages 39 to 51.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2022 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.


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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 May 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	6	13,214	3,953	17,167	9,747
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	220	224,359	224,579	196,586
Investments	8	2,303	-	2,303	1,769
Other income	9	19,056	-	19,056	6,002
Total income		34,793	228,311	263,104	214,104
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities					
Operation of the charity	10	76,153	181,648	257,801	269,602
Total expenditure		76,153	181,648	257,801	269,602
Net income/(expenditure)		(41,360)	46,663	5,303	(55,498)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		(41,360)	46,663	5,303	(55,498)
<u>Reconciliation of funds</u>					
Total funds brought forward		260,299	24,135	284,434	339,932
Total funds carried forward		218,939	70,798	289,737	284,434

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 41 to 51 form an integral part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 May 2025

	Notes	£	Total 2025 £	£	Total 2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	17		-		10,459
Total fixed assets			-		10,459
Current assets					
Debtors	18	16,864		13,505	
Cash at bank and in hand	19	281,046		269,143	
Total current assets			297,911	282,648	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	20	(8,174)		(8,672)	
Net current assets			289,737		273,975
Total assets less current liabilities			289,737		284,434
Total net assets or liabilities			289,737		284,434
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			18,497		37,299
Designated income funds			200,442		223,000
Restricted income funds			70,798		24,135
Total funds			289,737		284,434

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 41 to 51 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on:

17/02/2026

and are signed on its behalf by:

Matthew Marshall-Dent
Chair of Board of Trustees

Matthew Marshall-Dent
Matthew Marshall-Dent (Feb 17, 2026 08:19:14 GMT)

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Patchwork Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account measures that they can take with the current resources available to mitigate the impact of the current adverse conditions. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of working with youth groups in the local area and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, a full years depreciation charge is applied in the year of acquisition and no charge is made in the year of disposal:

Fixtures & fittings	Straight line over five years
IT and office equipment	Straight line over three years
Motor Vehicles	Straight line over four years

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	13,214	3,953	17,167	9,747
	<u>13,214</u>	<u>3,953</u>	<u>17,167</u>	<u>9,747</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from grants and contracts</u>				
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Milburn Briel Fund	-	20,000	20,000	20,000
Newcastle City Council Ward Fund	-	-	-	1,000
Lottery	-	53,310	53,310	-
Community Foundation	-	20,000	20,000	-
LGA Foundation	-	5,000	5,000	-
Edward Family Trust	-	8,500	8,500	6,000
Newcastle City Council	-	-	-	28,125
Children in Need	-	15,000	15,000	-
Garfield Western Foundation	-	-	-	20,000
Key Fund	-	231	231	4,803
Newcastle City Council Youth	-	19,023	19,023	12,431
Hattrick	-	1,765	1,765	-
NCS	-	17,100	17,100	17,800
Streetgames	-	17,800	17,800	12,276
Awards for All	-	20,000	20,000	-
North East Combined Authority	-	6,047	6,047	-
Other grants	220	582	802	54,151
	<u>220</u>	<u>224,359</u>	<u>224,579</u>	<u>196,586</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
8 Income from investments				
Bank interest	2,303	-	2,303	1,769
	<u>2,303</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,303</u>	<u>1,769</u>
9 Other income				
Other income	19,056	-	19,056	6,002
	<u>19,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,056</u>	<u>6,002</u>

Income was £263,104 (2024: £214,105) of which £34,793 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £163,795) and £228,311 was restricted (2024: £50,310)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
10 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff costs	31,002	135,958	166,959	163,875
Project staff costs	55	1,037	1,092	7,385
Training costs	-	720	720	1,585
Travel costs	851	2,507	3,358	1,127
Equipment purchases	22	-	22	2,654
Minibus expenses	5,178	4,442	9,620	6,698
Activities and events	11,312	14,667	25,980	26,287
<u>Support costs</u>				
Office rent	-	5,400	5,400	5,400
Utilities	6,706	10,484	17,189	18,143
Telephone and internet	1,730	151	1,882	2,486
Office stationery and postage	730	538	1,268	823
Insurance	4,325	378	4,703	3,189
Repairs and maintenance	1,072	1,069	2,141	5,581
Subscriptions & publications	1,618	4,159	5,777	5,369
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	500	-	500	575
Legal and professional fees	490	138	628	5,788
Depreciation	10,459	-	10,459	12,405
Bank charges	103	-	103	231
	<u>76,153</u>	<u>181,648</u>	<u>257,801</u>	<u>269,602</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £257,801 (2024: £269,603) of which £76,153 was unrestricted or designated (2024: £58,986) and £181,648 was restricted (2024: £210,617)

11 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	500	500
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

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12 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2025	2024
	£	£
Salaries and wages	146,913	146,518
Social security costs	11,010	11,503
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	9,037	5,851
	166,959	163,872

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2024: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees, and the Project Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £34,657. (2024: £34,657)

13 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 7 staff (2024: 8 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2025	2024
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	6.0	6.0
	6.0	6.0

Sessional staff are hired on a project by project basis and are included within charitable activities as direct project costs as they typically relate to specific production or projects.

14 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

15 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £9,037 (2024: £9,339). There was £776 outstanding as at 31 May 2025 (2024: £1,084)

16 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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17 Tangible fixed assets	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost		
Balance brought forward	49,621	49,621
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	49,621	49,621
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward	39,162	39,162
Depreciation charge for year	10,459	10,459
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	49,621	49,621
Net book value		
Brought forward	10,459	10,459
Carried forward	-	-
18 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	2,540	-
Prepayments & accrued income	2,403	3,205
Other debtors	11,921	10,300
	16,864	13,505
19 Cash at bank and in hand	2025 £	2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	281,046	269,143
	281,046	269,143
20 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)	2025 £	2024 £
Trade creditors	1,957	1,957
Taxation and social security	4,941	4,522
Pension	776	1,084
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	500	500
Other accruals	-	610
	8,174	8,672

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21 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

22 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 May 2025

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	37,299	34,793	(76,153)	22,558	18,497
Designated funds					
Future projects	60,000	-	-	(1,296)	58,704
Project reserves	143,000	-	-	(14,000)	129,000
Minibus repairs	10,000	-	-	(7,262)	2,738
Heating system	10,000	-	-	-	10,000
Totals	260,299	34,793	(76,153)	-	218,939

For the year ending 31 May 2024

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	90,877	163,795	(58,986)	(158,387)	37,299
Designated funds					
Future projects	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Project reserves	-	-	-	143,000	143,000
Minibus repairs	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Heating system	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Totals	150,877	163,795	(58,986)	4,613	260,299

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund

The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds

Designated funds

Future projects

Fund set aside for the woodland project

Project reserves

In accordance with the reserves policy

Minibus repairs

Funds designated for future minibus repairs

Heating system

Funds designated for expected repairs to the heating system

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22 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 May 2025

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Community Foundation	-	20,400	(5,910)		14,490
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	20,000	(11,667)	-	8,333
Duke of Edinburgh	150	270	(69)		351
Tynexe	-	1,677	(1,677)	-	-
Milburn Briel Foundation	-	20,000	(1,667)		18,333
Newcastle City Council Youth	24,215	19,023	(43,238)	-	-
Edward Family Trust	-	8,500	(8,500)		-
Streetgames	-	17,800	(17,800)	-	-
Lottery	-	53,310	(47,101)	-	6,209
Children in Need	-	15,000	(3,197)	-	11,803
Key Fund	(230)	543	(313)	-	-
North East Combined Authority	-	6,047	(6,047)	-	-
Hattrick	-	1,765	(1,660)	-	105
Awards for All	-	20,000	(11,287)	-	8,713
LGA Foundation	-	5,000	(2,540)	-	2,460
NCS	-	17,100	(17,100)	-	-
Other grants	-	1,875	(1,875)	-	-
Totals	24,135	228,311	(181,649)	-	70,797

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22 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 May 2024

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Community Foundation	7,470	-	(7,470)	-	-
Wellesley	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	4,613	-	-	(4,613)	-
Duke of Edinburgh	260	500	(610)	-	150
NHS	9,075	-	(9,075)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Youth	28,199	12,431	(16,415)	-	24,215
Virgin Money Foundation	23,342	-	(23,342)	-	-
NCS	-	17,800	(17,800)	-	-
Streetgames	9,900	12,276	(22,176)	-	-
Key Fund	-	4,803	(5,033)	-	(230)
Newcastle City Council	8,000	-	(8,000)	-	-
Rise NE	4,612	-	(4,612)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Health	5,915	-	(5,915)	-	-
Bernicia Foundation	7,083	-	(7,083)	-	-
Newcastle Building Society	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Ward Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Outreach	9,518	-	(9,518)	-	-
Other grants	58,066	1,500	(59,566)	-	-
Totals	189,053	50,310	(210,615)	(4,613)	24,135

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22 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Purpose of restricted funds

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Community Foundation	To fund various projects including salaries
Ballinger Charitable Trust	To fund the youth project
Duke of Edinburgh	To deliver Duke of Edinburgh Award activities
Milburn Briel Foundation	To fund youth projects
Newcastle City Council Youth	To fund the delivery of the youth project
Edward Family Trust	To fund the Youth panel and youth work
Streetgames	To support holiday activities
Children in Need	Capital fund
Key Fund	To fund ideas presented to the panel
North East Combined Authority	To fund the youth project
Rise NE	To fund training of staff and volunteers
Hattrick	To fund activities for groups
Awards for All	To fund volunteer support
LGA Foundation	To fund a trainee/apprentice post
Wellsley	To fund the salaries of the full time staff
Newcastle City Council Outreach	To fund outreach/detached work

23 Capital commitments

As at 31 May 2025, the charity had no capital commitments (2024 -£nil)

24 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	-	10,459
Cash at bank and in hand	210,248	70,798	281,046	269,143
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	8,691	-	8,691	4,832
	<u>218,939</u>	<u>70,798</u>	<u>289,737</u>	<u>284,434</u>

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8. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

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

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year.

In preparing those 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 (Statements of recommended financial practice);
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 17/02/2026and signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Marshall-Dent

Matthew Marshall-Dent (Feb 17, 2026 08:20:01 GMT)

Matthew Marshall-Dent
Chairperson

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Company number 08510835

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The Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Directors' report together with financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2024, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and Accounts for the Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and activities

Patchwork Project is a grassroots organisation set up in 2001 by local people already active in their communities running activities voluntary; football, scouts, art-class, toddlers, childrens trips, residents committee. They were also social activists standing up for their communities, challenging council house clearances and demanding accountability.

Originally called 'Benwell young peoples Development Group'. Committee members wanted to collaborate rather than compete with each other to get the best deal for their neighbourhood. They raised money to employ youth workers to work in patches across their local areas; 'Patchwork' was born.

Eventually Patchwork became the largest entity and focus of the group. In 2013 the committee incorporated the charity and in 2014 changed the organisations name to that which it was already known on the street; 'Patchwork'.

Purpose and aims

Whilst the charitable purpose are unchanged since 2001, in that Patchwork, aims to improve the life-chances of local young people.

The charitable objects were amended (2014) to reflect the challenging work already being undertaken in the local area (underlined):

Articles:

To help and educate young people between the ages of 5 and 25 years resident in the West End of Newcastle Upon Tyne and the surrounding area, including those who are involved in the Criminal Justice System or at risk of becoming involved in the Criminal Justice System, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinion, through their leisure time activities so to develop their physical, mental and spiritual capacities that they might grow to full maturity as Individuals and members of society and so that their conditions of life may be improved.

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The Trustees also came up with 3 governing principles to apply to the work to ensure public benefit;

Accountability – to be open and transparent in all aspects of the organisation, for the funding/spending and the work being carried out. To be able to be held to account.

Visibility - For the work to be seen, young peoples achievements recognised and shared. For workers to be active in the community, approachable on the street and local people aware of what is being done by Patchwork in the neighbourhood.

Investment – To seek to invest in the neighbourhood. Young people themselves, workers to ensure that they are up to the job, and for money brought into the project to directly benefit children and young people.

– for the whole neighbourhood to benefit.

Turning charitable objectives into actions:

The focus of the work

Youth Work

We work with youngers by demand, but those of 13+ is what its all about. The age when hormones are racing, bodies are growing, life is less black and white and young people want to talk about new views on the world. Patchwork is a safe place for young people to extend their friendship groups, try new things, meet new people and go to places they have never been.

Our staff understand the context of the local area, crime, drugs, the pressure to belong, the difficulties of school, work and money on young people and their families. The effects of government change are most readily found here; new taxes and benefit reforms, opportunities in schools and colleges. The fight to be recognised as children and young people who have autonomy.

We also understand the joy of small things; adventures in the dark, the fun of camping, skating, trampolining and 'getting out of Benwell'. Our workers are participatory; we get stuck in to experience and learn alongside young people. To share our own fears, learning and understanding. We challenge negative stereotyping and stand up alongside young people to shout for a better future, and in the meantime enjoy their time as youths and growing adults.

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Older lads group finding the GIANT spoon

We did this game of ‘have you ever...it got serious quick’ really helped young people realise they are not alone... Karl youthworker

Detached work:

Patchwork staff continue to have their roots in building high quality relationships with activities on the streets, via what is called detached work. We catch up with young people we know, meet and get to know those we don't know, become familiar with issues and concerns of the community.

We pass on news about what's happening in the area and beyond, what we and other agencies or services have on offer. Group work planning for activities and projects happens without the need to attend a physical base at all.

Detached allows the project to be seen on the street by other community members and agencies providing old fashioned face to face accountability. This is a vital aspect of Patchwork and youth work.

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The back lane of Patchy1

Group work sessions:

We have continued to respond to demand and run 2 groups an evening, 5 days a week: friendship groups, Key groups (who raise their own funds to plan more costly activities) interest led groups e.g. DofE, open access larger groups, mixed and single gender. Groups age and progress, change over time and friendships.



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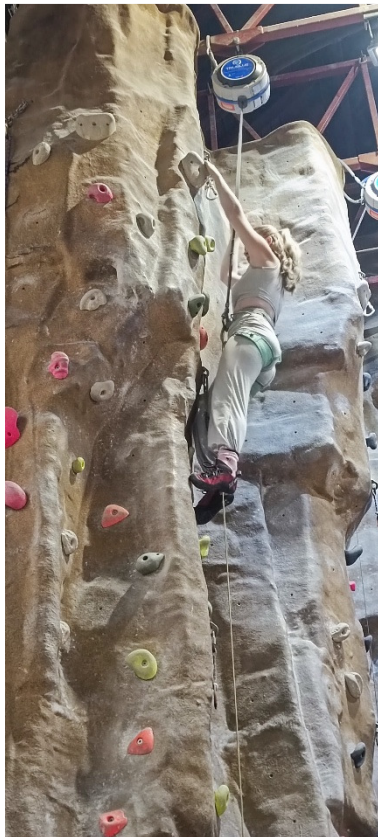
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Group making pancakes in the woods

Once again this year we have been fortunate to have the opportunity to support those interested in climbing.



Bouldering after a climbing session



Reaching the top

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The youth panel is helping to question and guide the work of Patchwork within the community. Lots of conversations with adults in the area about improving the local area and tackling rubbish. They sourced funding for an artwork experiment down one back lane – results have been disappointing – and slow, - young people report. More successful conversations, about including the wider community has resulted in Easter, Halloween and Christmas fun days this year as well as Huuuge community swim events.

Drop-in and 1-1 work

Each day Patchwork enables people turn up, unannounced for a multitude of reasons, including crisis support. Our usual support around employment and training and linking into specialist work opportunities. Much more support this year around mental health, creating healthy habits, being busy and talking more about problems all helps. We also link young people into specialist provision.

“I’m having a really bad day, so I thought I’d come in for a bit” 17yr old (left smiling)

“its more of a drag in than a drop in, can never walk past that window without someone grabbing me for something” 19yr old

“its nice to just pop in, I feel welcome, like family” lass 15

“Karl do you know I managed to update my own CV the other day, just need help finding a job now” – loads of people



Drop in at Patchy 1

Young parents popping in:

“ya if I didn’t come to patchy ide just sit in the house and been bored out me head me”

“it’s good to walk down here and get out of the house cos it’s just me and the baby ..

“ lass 18

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"I just want to get her introduced to the project nice and early..." mam 19

"he just has me absolute life" lad 25

*"Yas helped me through me pregnancy so much, think you should do a group now"
lass 18*

"They have to be friends cus we're friends" 2 mams talking about their toddlers

"Cannot believe how Bruno just bonded with Irene from knit and natter, he just loved her"

"Thank ya mam for me bairns cardi she just looks lovely in it" (for Andis mam)

"its just amazing being a dad, love it" lad 24

*"Stop telling them I'm going to tell em off, they're going to grow up frightened of me!"
Andi*

1-2-1

This work can happen in the project, or on the streets. Usually to do with the need for personal support, to talk through problems and be signposted and then 'hand-held' to access other specialist services.

Oftentimes this will involve a worker accompanying a young person to appointments, advocating on their behalf and/or explaining in plain language what options may be available.



1-2-1 work at Patchy 1

"he needs one of your little talks..." friend suggesting a pal needs guidance, lad 16

"Their my pals, the only reason I wasn't involved in all that [trouble] was cus I was at Patchy" lad 13

"They are kind and helpful, make sure you're on a straight path and take you and ya pals places when ya in a group... Kai 16.

Its hard to describe the kindness, because they are paid to be helpful, but its more than that its that they care and know you.

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Holiday Programmes

Each school holiday period we switch to holiday mode- daytime trips and residentials, and full-days out.



Lasses group horseriding :*'I really enjoyed it, was so peaceful' lass 15*

Our summer included outdoor camping and walking trips for which we are famous! Lots of DofE expeditions done in wind, rain and sunshine 😊 Loads of memories and photos.

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DofE Expedition in the lake district

“Look at that view man, its leeful up here.”

“Can our group go out like they did, up that hill?” younger lads group

“Owen, can you tell them to stop shaking our tent.” Lad 14

“I would definitely do this again.”

“I’ve never even cooked at home, can’t wait to cook me mam a bacon sarnie”

“Don’t tell me mam I’ve done cooking with yous, she’ll be expecting it in the house”

“I can’t believe how far we walked, it’s the furthest I’ve walked in me life” lass 15

“Are we still in England?”

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Sailing residentials

We joined with Projects4change and Solen from Blue spirit to enable some young people to go sailing with Ocean youth trust. A challenging and memorable time.



All female crew aboard Faromir with Cirdan Trust

"I didn't realise how much I love knots" – Skye (Tallships voyage)

"I hated sitting round the table for meals at first, but now I actually love it" – Savannah (Tallships voyage).

Sometimes we get freebies e.g. Streetgames partnership gave tickets to get into a boxing event in Manchester, lucky we have transport (we love our minibuses!) and dedicated workers who will take up last minute opportunities, never dreamt of by those going – that broaden horizons and geography knowledge.

Again with NCS we were gifted a weekend residential at Dukes Wood, Hexham with a group of 12. Our 1st encounter with Kingswood Outdoor centre and one that we would definitely do again, finances permitting.

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Awaiting the 'death swing' at Dukes Wood

"Mate it was naughty swear down we were just speaking for like 2 hours straight or something about random things. Never thought a would've spoken to some of them as much as a did" lad 16 commenting on a late night talk on a residential.

We were fortunate to be able to use Daleby house in Beadnell Bay this May and opted to take a different group each night, alternating workers. A tiring but very rewarding 5 nights with 40 different children able to have the adventure of a night away from home and 2 days 'on holiday'. We went in the sea whatever the weather, cooking and eating together, mid-night feasts were definitely had. Bonding occurred whilst cleaning.

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Dinner at Dalby house

Working with younger ones:

We continued to make use of Patchwork2 centre that provides a wide range of activities, sports crafts cooking and more for children between 8-12, these sessions can and do facilitate up to 40 children at a time. Good job we have so many peer volunteers able to help out.



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Junior Halloween session

Pumpkin carving, fancy dress, games and activities



Patchy2 junior groupwork session – always have food cooked, with the help of children and volunteers.

Many of the children that attend these sessions become regular users for the next 10 years or so. The sessions are run in or around Patchy2 several times per week and continued as regularly as possible.

“Its great to have patchy2 for fun-days... and the bouncy castle can fit inside if it is too windy” (though not much else if it is)

“The P2 sessions are so LOUD but you get used to it” peer volunteer 16

“Its nice that there is a quite space amongst it all for children to draw and paint and express their creativity” Toby community artist.

“You can definitely tell it used to be a playcentre, kids just want to run when they getinside”

“The swings are great, its always the simple stuff that kids love most”

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Junior trip out

2. Achievements and performance

Patchwork moves into its 23rd year of service to the local neighbourhood, we are still worked and ran by local people. We have served our community through times of plenty (though many more years the times of shortness). We survived the pandemic and are surviving the loss of Michael 'Patchy' Bell. Our achievements and performance are ever expanding, changing and adapting to the needs of the community and the opportunities we find.

Volunteering:

As we move forward we are never short of peer volunteers, now seeking to copy and follow in the steps of those young people who have gone before them and now work at Patchwork or other projects. Equally we have young people who just want to be busy and contribute. Youthwork may not be their 'thing', but groupwork skills, being useful, helpful, using initiative, being reliable etc can all be grown and tested whilst at Patchwork... helping many young people find their feet and place in the world.

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We ensure that all who come to Patchwork as young people then peer volunteers gain out of the experience; their own set of goals, support to achieve them, training, supervision, exposure to new learning opportunities. Its something we are becoming a little bit famous for locally.



Iceskating trip with peer volunteers

“there is no better tool or equipment you can have on board than a well trained crew”

“i wanna be that someone for someone else” lass 17

“gets me out the hoose, and it’s good for my CV, plus I enjoy doing it” lad 17

“I’m just sitting bored in the house, it feels good to give back to others” lad 19

Training and progression:

Ashleigh Aylward and Karl Gilbert entered their 3rd year of their BAhons in youth and Community work at Sunderland.

10 x peer volunteers undertook safeguarding training, health and hygiene training, allergy training.. introduction to play work...along with others.

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Achievements

Huge Congratulations to Louise Bransby achieving a 2/1 BAHons in Health and Social Care.

1st a young person, then a peer volunteer, a trainee, a sessional worker and finally a part-time worker here at Patchwork.

Moving onto a job with nearby Sidestep project with Actionforchildren, most definitely a person in the right job, We are all very proud of her achievements and the difference she will make in the lives of those she works with.



Partnership work

Patchwork joined with a group of likeminded organisations to successfully apply for NCS (National citizenship scheme) funding as it aimed for the first time to support small neighbourhood projects. It included Hat-trick (sports project), Projects4Change and our old friends The Bostey, North Benwell and Northbourne Street Initiative.

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NCS visit to Wembley to watch the Rugby

Our usual participation in youth focused city-wide forums, a Neighbourhood Based city wide Youth Projects group, and COBs community organisations Benwell and Scotswood. Jo Taylors from Newcastle City Councils online youth information exchange and local area group.

We continue to work with partners locally; North Benwell project; sharing good practice and local concerns, Healthworks for training on Food hygiene and allergies. Search around support for the over 50s, Riverside project and Action for children for support for families etc. Local providers for 1st aid training, sexual health work with young people and a myriad of other initiatives that may like to offer their services to the young people we work with.

Events:

Community swimming trip

Following on from our success last year we booked Elwick pool again for 4 pool sessions this year. Some back to back with different age groups catered for (older have the inflatable!!). This pool has a slope and dive area so it caters for all. Great to see more dads and babies, mums and aunties and babies to teenagers all coming together to make it a huge success. Great to hear more families have been booking

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to go themselves and enjoy the assets on our doorstep and the joy of low-cost fun in a local community owned swimming pool.



One of our GIANT community swims in Elswick swimming pool

Christmas in 2023

Our now traditional Xmas treat looked forward to all year....A winter ice-skating trip. Now a pretty expensive annual event as we work with so many more children and young people, but its such fun, brings people together and has memories that last a lifetime.



Older group reuniting for ice-skating

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And we are always willing to take young people on a trip to the Theatre if we can afford it:



3. Public benefit

We review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. It also will look at whether as young people grow and develop, we are continuing to meet their needs, listening to their ideas and if we need to change structures, timetables or groups to continue to progress educational development.

The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our charitable objects/articles.

The trustees refer to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

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4. Financial review

Patchwork project are funded by a variety of income. Mainly grant income from charitable trusts and foundations. Also some local authority funding. Occasional government contracts when they match our aims and objectives.

The total income for the year was £214,105 (2023: £276,036)

This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 May 2024, shows a net deficit across all funds of -£55,498 (2023: surplus £19,319).

The Balance Sheet at 1 June 2024 shows total funds carried forward of £284,434 of which £24,135 are restricted funds.

Free Reserves breakdown:

Free reserves total £260,299

£143,000 is allocated as project reserves. In accordance with our reserves policy (2024 – see excerpts below **)

£65,000 is designated for future woodland project*

£10,000 is designated for future minibus repairs

£10,000 is designated for future unknown but expected costs to heating system

*Designated funds:

£65,000 has been allocated for an upcoming project which will link children and young people more closely to a piece of woodland. This land will be transferred to Patchwork in 2025. It will enable children and young people to undertake environmental activities, including camping, bushcraft and forest activities. The money will include spend on capital costs as well as specialist labour, support and skills. The project spend from this pot will cover a 3-5year period. After which the ongoing costs of the project will come from core costs.

**Taken from the reserves policy (2025):

3.2 Reason for holding reserves

3.2.1 Patchwork Trustees have identified the main reasons to hold adequate levels of reserves:

Part or fully fund project activities

Due to pressures on contract income being experienced the Trustees feels that reserves should be utilised for the benefit of those who the organisation exists to support. The application of reserves to fund such activities will be presented to and approved by the Trustees.

[Supplement the operational costs of delivering the core activities](#)

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Patchwork has a sizeable running costs budget. The organisation is heavily reliant on external funders to meet such running costs. Monitoring and control of operational budgets is in place but should the organisation find that an emergency arises, or that in the year external funds are not sufficient to meet costs arising, or should the organisation find that alternative sources of funds are not available to them the reserves will be used to supplement the running costs of the organisation.

To fund the organisation in an emergency or the need to close the charity

The trustees feel that it would be prudent to hold in reserves ideally 6 months' worth of running costs to provide for such an eventuality. If the charity entered into a period of less than 3 months running costs our exit strategy would be triggered.

Currently:

Annual budget is in the region of £287,000.

With salary costs £207,000 and £80,000 running costs.

6 months reserves is therefore £143,000.

If funds reach £71,750 this will trigger our exit strategy.

3.3 Level of reserves held

3.3.1 The Trustees have considered the financial circumstances and other relevant factors and agree that as a minimum there is one factor that should be accommodated in reserves to support the operational requirements of the charity. Funds should be held in reserves;

To fund the organisation in an emergency

3.3.2 The reserves should not fall below the minimum reserves level in order to support good governance and a managed exit period. This will cover known liabilities and an emergency situation for up to three month.

3.3.3 The level of reserves will fluctuate each year depending on the surpluses/deficits made by Patchwork. Any surpluses would increase the level of reserves. These additional funds may be used to fund projects or to support core operation costs. This will be decided by the Trustees. Should deficits occur in the year the Trustees would review the impact on the reserves and the required levels of reserves as set out in the policy above.

Unrestricted Reserves - Designated

The unrestricted reserves that are designated will be utilised for specific purposes. These reserves are known liabilities, commitments (e.g. approved amounts to fully or part fund projects) for Patchwork or have a donor with an influence on how the reserves are utilised. Patchwork would hold the amount necessary to cover such known liabilities and commitments.

3.5 Unrestricted reserves - General

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The unrestricted reserves that are general reserves will have no donor influence. Utilisation of such reserves would require a business case to be presented for consideration by the Trustees. The business case will be approved by the Trustees in the Board meeting if it is deemed to be good use of funds and meets the aims and objectives of the organisation.

5. Plans for future periods

Fundraising strategy:

Of course funding is a challenge, and we will need to 'cut our cloth' a £60,000 deficit cannot be ignored. We are looking to bring our fundraising strategy to have a more sustainable base with longer-term, multiple year grants in order to create greater stability going forward.

This will also enable us to spot gaps in funding and be able to fundraise ahead of time so that projects can continue more fluidly. At the same time creating greater job security for those we employ.

Marketing:

We will develop a more cohesive website and online presence particularly aimed at funders and potential funders (we already do very well in communicating with those we work with) to help our fundraising strategy.

Investing in staff:

Ensure that we continue to fulfil the trustees directive of investment in the community via training and education.

We currently have 2 workers about to enter their final year of University doing BA Hons in Informal Education and youth work, both previous project users.

We currently have 2 peer volunteers beginning L2 youth work training (current Patchwork users).

Salary review:

Needed due to a) increases in the cost of living, b) increases to the minimum and real living wage, c) higher qualified and experienced staff, and d) the need to benchmark salaries across the youthwork/charitable sector to ensure we are adequately recognising financially the skills, experience and commitment to role staff give.

Volunteer development:

We will develop a more structured pathway for our peer volunteers to ensure that they receive the best support and development opportunities. Whilst giving their time to help others in the local community.

Continue to link volunteers in specific training which will develop skills and understanding.

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Groups and activities

That we continue to develop and expand the groups and activities we work with. This includes group completion and celebration of achievements. New groups beginning. Continuing to be youth led with regards planning of activities, residential etc.

To continue to champion our work with Duke of Edinburgh Award as a 'connector' across friendship groups throughout Patchwork.

To introduce environmental projects/ bushcraft, camping and forestry activities.

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6. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name	Patchwork Project	
Registered Charity Number	1157186	
Registered Company Number	08510835	
Trustees	Mary Shearer John Pattison Carole Pattison Carol Hunter Dr Matthew Paul Marshall-Dent Donna Partington Danielle Conroy Chelsea Dixon Dean Curry Paul Tighe Petra Ondrova	Chair Appointed 16 July 2024 Appointed 16 July 2024 Appointed 23 Jan 2024
Registered Office	83 Adelaide Terrace Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 8BB	
Independent Examiner	MW Accounting, Bookkeeping and Training Woodgate House Wood Street Gateshead NE11 9NP	
Bankers	Barclays Bank Plc Northumberland Street Newcastle NE1	

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7. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

The organisation is a Charitable Company Limited by Guarantee. Patchwork Project is registered charity with the Uk Charity commission (1157186) and is registered at companies house under company number 08510835.

The Company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the Charitable Company and is governed under its Articles of Association, May 2014, adapted from its charitable objectives as an unincorporated charity known as Benwell young peoples development group in 2001.

In the event of a winding up any member (who is a director) undertakes to contribute to the payment of liabilities, such amount as may be required not exceeding the total of £1.

Recruitment and Appointment of the Board

The Directors of the Company are also Trustees for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are also its members. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, at the Annual General Meeting one-third of the Directors, who are subject to retirement by rotation, shall retire.

Retiring Directors can be re-appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Trustees are selected on the basis of specialist skills and commitment to the objectives and aims of the organisation.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are appointed and can serve more than one term. Anyone interested in becoming a new trustee is encouraged to attend trustee meetings before applying for any vacant positions. Trustees are elected by members of the organisation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are eligible to stand for re-election each year. There is a minimum of three and maximum of 12 trustees at any given time.

Those wishing to become trustees are encouraged to attend some trustee meetings as attendees prior to offering any commitment.

Board Induction and Training

New Board Members are introduced to the work of the organisation and informed of their legal roles and responsibilities at an induction meeting. The induction and training programme for new Board Members includes:

A briefing by the Chair and/ or Manager

An explanation of roles and responsibilities as a Board Member

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Copies of the main company documents including the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Financial Statements

Copy of the business plan and most recent evaluation report

Copies of recent board papers including budgets and management accounts

A copy of the Charity Commission publication "How to be an Effective Trustee"

A copy of the governance structure.

Should additional trustee training be required, this is arranged and once a year a development day is held for all trustees and staff.

Trustees will be required to agree to a DBS check as part of our safeguarding procedures, and also to supply references if they are not previously known to the organisation.

Organisation

The Trustees meet a minimum of every 6 weeks and deal with the administration of the charity encompassing the strategic vision, project delivery, safeguarding, financial accountability, staff supervision, staff training and risk mitigation.

Further sub-groups of the trustees may organise from time to time to do more in depth research and then feed back to the wider group for consideration at trustee meetings.

The operational management of the organisation is undertaken by the paid staff team led by the project manager.

Risk management

The Trustees conduct an annual review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and systems have been established to mitigate those risks including:

- Dual authorisation procedures for authorisation of all transactions
- Supervision of workers and projects to ensure the consistent quality of the work
- Support of staff via appropriate training to their roles, as well as reflective supervision in/external, mentoring and mental health support as needed.
- IT systems management, back up and security etc
- The trustees are aware that the major risk to the organisation is lack of funding. Each quarter the risk is assessed when budgets are compared to actual spend and reserves are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover five months running costs and any possible redundancy costs.
- These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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8. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

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

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year.

In preparing those 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 (Statements of recommended financial practice);
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity.

They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

30/01/2025

Approved by the trustees onand signed on their behalf by:

Matthew Marshall-Dent
Chairperson, appointed 10/12/2024

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 May 2024

I report on the financial statements of Patchwork Project for the year ended 31 May 2024, which are set out on pages 29 to 43.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Michelle Wright
Woodgate House
5c Wood Street
Gateshead
Tyne and Wear
NE11 9NP
Date: 30/01/2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

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	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	9,747	-	9,747	993
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	146,276	50,310	196,586	269,408
Other trading activities	8	-	-	-	251
Investments	9	1,769	-	1,769	354
Other income	10	6,002	-	6,002	5,030
Total income		163,795	50,310	214,105	276,036
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities				-	
Operation of the charity	11	58,986	210,617	269,603	256,719
Total expenditure		58,986	210,617	269,603	256,719
Net income/(expenditure)		104,809	(160,307)	(55,498)	19,317
Transfers between funds		4,613	(4,613)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		109,422	(164,920)	(55,498)	19,317
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		150,877	189,055	339,932	320,615
Total funds carried forward		260,299	24,135	284,434	339,932

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 31 to 43 form an integral part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 May 2024

	Notes		Total 2024		Total 2023
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	18		10,459		22,864
Total fixed assets			10,459		22,864
Current assets					
Debtors	19	13,505		7,208	
Cash at bank and in hand	20	269,143		337,427	
Total current assets			282,648	344,636	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(8,672)		(27,568)	
Net current assets			273,975		317,068
Total assets less current liabilities			284,434		339,932
Total net assets or liabilities			284,434		339,932
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			37,299		90,877
Designated income funds			223,000		60,000
Restricted income funds			24,135		189,055
Total funds			284,434		339,932

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 31 to 43 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 30/01/2025

and are signed on its behalf by: Matthew Marshall-Dent
Chair of Board of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Patchwork Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account measures that they can take with the current resources available to mitigate the impact of the current adverse conditions. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of working with youth groups in the local area and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

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4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, a full years depreciation charge is applied in the year of acquisition and no charge is made in the year of disposal:

Fixtures & fittings	Straight line over five years
IT and office equipment	Straight line over three years
Motor Vehicles	Straight line over four years

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	9,747	-	9,747	993
	<u>9,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,747</u>	<u>993</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from grants and contracts</u>				
Ballinger Charitable Trust	20,000	-	20,000	-
Alan Milburn	20,000	-	20,000	-
Bernicia Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Newcastle City Council Ward Fund	-	1,000	1,000	-
CAF	-	-	-	-
Community Foundation	-	-	-	18,440
Connected Voice	-	-	-	-
Edward Family Trust	6,000	-	6,000	7,000
Newcastle City Council	28,125	-	28,125	12,375
HMRC Furlough	-	-	-	-
Garfield Western Foundation	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Greggs Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Key Fund	-	4,803	4,803	488
Newcastle City Council Youth	-	12,431	12,431	22,075
Newcastle City Council Public Health	-	-	-	2,146
Newcastle City Council Outreach	-	-	-	19,566
NCS	-	17,800	17,800	-
Newcastle Building Society	-	-	-	3,000
Northumbria Police	-	-	-	-
Rathbone Brothers Foundation	-	-	-	-
Reece Foundation	-	-	-	-
Rise NE	-	-	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	-	-	-	15,000
Streetgames	-	12,276	12,276	21,609
Together	-	-	-	5,000
Virgin Money Foundation	-	-	-	-
Wellesley	-	-	-	10,000
DCMS YIF	-	-	-	-
Other grants	52,151	2,000	54,151	92,709
	<u>146,276</u>	<u>50,310</u>	<u>196,586</u>	<u>269,408</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Earned income - room hire	-	-	-	251
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251</u>

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Analysis of income continued	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	1,769	-	1,769	354
	<u>1,769</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,769</u>	<u>354</u>
10 Other income				
Other income	6,002	-	6,002	5,030
	<u>6,002</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,002</u>	<u>5,030</u>

Income was £214,105 (2023: £276,036) of which £163,795 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £140,840) and £50,310 was restricted (2023: £135,196)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
11 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff costs	7,118	156,757	163,875	161,935
Project staff costs	2,905	4,480	7,386	10,856
Training costs	-	1,585	1,585	766
Travel costs	835	292	1,127	4,424
Equipment purchases	657	1,997	2,654	1,254
Minibus expenses	2,727	3,971	6,698	8,069
Activities and events	1,093	25,194	26,287	28,347
<u>Support costs</u>				
Office rent	5,178	222	5,400	5,400
Utilities	6,916	11,227	18,143	4,647
Telephone and internet	2,486	-	2,486	829
Office stationery and postage	791	32	823	230
Insurance	3,189	-	3,189	940
Repairs and maintenance	2,502	3,080	5,581	13,117
Subscriptions & publications	3,589	1,780	5,369	5,488
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	575	-	575	875
Legal and professional fees	5,788	-	5,788	301
Depreciation	12,405	-	12,405	8,945
Bank charges	231	-	231	297
	<u>58,986</u>	<u>210,617</u>	<u>269,603</u>	<u>256,719</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £269,603 (2023: £256,719) of which £58,986 was unrestricted or designated (2023: £117,039) and £210,617 was restricted (2023: £139,680)

12 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2024 £	2023 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>

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13 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2024 £	2023 £
Salaries and wages	146,518	152,058
Social security costs	11,503	10,750
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	5,851	5,259
	<u>163,872</u>	<u>168,066</u>

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2023: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees, and the Project Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £34,657. (2023: £34,657)

14 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 7 staff (2023: 8 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	6.0	6.0
	<u>6.0</u>	<u>6.0</u>

Sessional staff are hired on a project by project basis and are included within charitable activities as direct project costs as they typically relate to specific production or projects.

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

16 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £9,339 (2023: £8,680). There was £1,084 outstanding as at 31 May 2024 (2023: £0)

17 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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18 Tangible fixed assets	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost		
Balance brought forward	49,621	49,621
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	49,621	49,621
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward	26,757	26,757
Depreciation charge for year	12,405	12,405
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	39,162	39,162
Net book value		
Brought forward	22,864	22,864
Carried forward	10,459	10,459
19 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments & accrued income	3,205	2,208
Other debtors	10,300	5,000
	13,505	7,208
20 Cash at bank and in hand	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	269,143	337,427
	269,143	337,427
21 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	1,957	1,957
Taxation and social security	4,522	-
Pension	1,084	-
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	500	500
Other accruals	610	-
Deferred income	-	25,111
	8,672	27,568

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22 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2024
	£
Balance brought forward	25,111
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(25,111)
Amount deferred in year	-
Balance carried forward	-

23 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

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24 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 May 2024

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	90,877	163,795	(58,986)	(158,387)	37,299
Designated funds					
Future projects	60,000	-	-	-	60,000
Project reserves	-	-	-	143,000	143,000
Minibus repairs	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Heating system	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
Totals	150,877	163,795	(58,986)	4,613	260,299

For the year ending 31 May 2023

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	92,401	140,840	(117,039)	(25,325)	90,877
Designated funds	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
Totals	92,401	140,840	(117,039)	34,675	150,877

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund	The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds
Designated funds	
Future projects	Fund set aside for the woodland project
Project reserves	In accordance with the reserves policy
Minibus repairs	Funds designated for future minibus repairs
Heating system	Funds designated for expected repairs to the heating system

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued

Analysis of movement in restricted funds

For the year ending 31 May 2024

	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Fund balances carried forward £
Restricted funds					
Lottery NYP COVID	-	-	-	-	-
Community Foundation	7,470	-	(7,470)	-	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	4,613	-	-	(4,613)	-
Duke of Edinburgh	260	500	(610)	-	150
Tynexe	-	-	-	-	-
NHS	9,075	-	(9,075)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Youth	28,199	12,431	(16,415)	-	24,215
Virgin Money Foundation	23,342	-	(23,342)	-	-
Streetgames	9,900	12,276	(22,176)	-	-
CAF	-	-	-	-	-
Connected Voice	-	-	-	-	-
Children in Need DCMS	-	-	-	-	-
Key Fund	-	4,803	(5,033)	-	(230)
Newcastle City Council	8,000	-	(8,000)	-	-
Rise NE	4,612	-	(4,612)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Health	5,915	-	(5,915)	-	-
Bernicia Foundation	7,083	-	(7,083)	-	-
Newcastle Building Society	3,000	-	(3,000)	-	-
Together	-	-	-	-	-
Wellsley	10,000	-	(10,000)	-	-
NCS	-	17,800	(17,800)	-	-
Newcastle City council Ward Fund	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Newcastle City Council Outreach	9,518	-	(9,518)	-	-
Other grants	58,066	1,500	(59,566)	-	-
Totals	189,053	50,310	(210,616)	(4,613)	24,135

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued

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Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Lottery NYP COVID	12,500	-	-	(12,500)	-
Lottery Grant	-	-	-	-	-
Community Foundation Wellesley	20,627	5,940	(19,097)	-	7,471
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Duke of Edinburgh	26,380	-	(21,767)	-	4,614
YHN CIF	1,000	260	(1,000)	-	260
Tynexe	-	-	-	-	-
NHS	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
Newcastle City Council Youth Garfield Western Foundation	9,075	-	-	-	9,075
Virgin Money Foundation	19,610	22,075	(13,486)	-	28,199
Northumbria Police	-	-	-	-	-
Reece Foundation	35,622	-	(12,280)	-	23,342
Sir James Knott Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Streetgames	-	-	-	-	-
CAF	15,000	21,609	(26,709)	-	9,900
Connected Voice	5,364	-	-	(5,364)	-
Children in Need DCMS	2,650	-	-	(2,650)	-
Key Fund	19,961	-	(10,800)	(9,161)	-
Newcastle City Council	111	488	(599)	-	-
Rise NE	8,000	-	-	-	8,000
Newcastle City Council Health	6,199	-	(1,587)	-	4,612
Bernicia Foundation	1,600	5,146	(831)	-	5,915
Newcastle Building Society	-	10,000	(2,917)	-	7,083
Together	-	3,000	-	-	3,000
Newcastle City Council Outreach	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Other grants	-	19,566	(10,048)	-	9,518
	39,515	32,111	(13,560)	-	58,066
Totals	228,214	135,195	(139,680)	(34,675)	189,054

Purpose of restricted funds

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Lottery NYP COVID

COVID support for the organisation

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Purpose of restricted funds

Community Foundation	To fund various projects including salaries
Ballinger Charitable Trust	To fund the youth project
Duke of Edinburgh	To deliver Duke of Edinburgh Award activities
NHS	To fund youth projects
Newcastle City Council Youth	To fund the delivery of the youth project
Virgin Money Foundation	To fund the Youth panel and youth work
Streetgames	To support holiday activities
Children in Need DCMS	Capital fund
Key Fund	To fund ideas presented to the panel
Newcastle City Council	To fund the youth project
Rise NE	To fund training of staff and volunteers
Newcastle City Council Health	To fund activities for groups
Newcastle Building Society	To fund volunteer support
Together	To fund a trainee/apprentice post
Wellsley	To fund the salaries of the full time staff
Newcastle City Council Outreach	To fund outreach/detached work

25 Capital commitments

As at 31 May 2024, the charity had no capital commitments (2023 -£nil)

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	10,459	-	10,459	22,864
Cash at bank and in hand	245,008	24,135	269,143	337,427
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	4,832	-	4,832	(20,359)
	<u>260,299</u>	<u>24,135</u>	<u>284,434</u>	<u>339,932</u>

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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The Trustees are pleased to present their Annual Directors' report together with financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and Accounts for the Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

1. Objectives and activities

Below we have a summary of the project work over the previous year. For further information contact the project via 0191 273 9700, admin@patchworkproject.org.uk.

The impact of the death in August 2021 of our long-running Project Manager Michael Bell after 18 years of service continues to be felt. The trustees are proud of the commitment to the project staff have shown and continue to show. It is a joy to see the work continue to give hope in dark corners, and that those who come through the project leave better off than they arrived.

Details and updates can be found on the Website: www.patchworkproject.org.uk and the project's Facebook page: www.facebook.com/PATCHWORK.PROJECT.Newcastle Each funder that we are supported by is able to take huge pleasure from the knowledge that their support has been instrumental in effecting positive change in the lives of children and young people and so the wellbeing of the community. The whole that is Patchwork Project, is indeed other than sum of its funding parts.

Patchwork is a creative project making and building neighbourhood change that will last. It will last as that change is in children and young people's lives, minds and attitudes. They will take their learning into other areas of life and neighbourhood.

We have not specifically mentioned any work funded as a distinct project, rather given themed headings for the work we do. Some grants are aimed at specific outcomes and though very important it would take up too much space to cover in a summary.

2. Achievements and performance

New senior worker

Sarah Warren an experienced youth and community worker with 27 years' service in community work joined our team in May 2022. A year on, she has settled in well and is helping us to progress on and make plans for the future.

This despite a regional shortage of youth workers and a challenging period for recruitment.

Investment in structures:

We invested in QuickBooks an accounting tool that should help us long into the future. (Our previous tool had become too clunky and had glitches that we were unable to fix.) We also

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chose to invest in software to help us to 'go online' with consent forms, registers and monitoring. Helping to ensure children and young peoples safety on every trip, and support workers in the field in case of emergencies, whilst also taking up less paper and the dreaded annual updating! Happens at every session now instead!

Detached work:

Patchwork staff continue to have their roots in building high quality relationships with activities on the streets, via what is called detached work. We catch up with young people we know, meet and get to know those we don't know, become familiar with issues and concerns of the community.

We pass on news about what's happening in the area and beyond, what we and other agency services have on offer. Group work planning for activities and projects happens without the need to attend a physical base at all.

Detached allows the project to be seen on the street by other community members and agencies providing old fashioned face to face accountability. This is a vital aspect of Patchwork and youth work.

Group work sessions:

2 groups an evening, 5 days a week. We have literally doubled the groupwork available for children and young people from just a few years ago: friendship groups, smaller Keyfund groups, interest led groups e.g. DofE, open access larger groups, mixed and single gender.

Groups age and progress, change over time and friendships. This year we have been fortunate to have the opportunity to support those interested in climbing, as well as others interested in helping to lead the work of Patchwork, and our role in the community with our own Patchy Youth Panel – which helped to support the community over Xmas and in improving the local area.

Drop-in and 1-1 work

Each day Patchwork enables people turn up, unannounced for a multitude of reasons, including crisis support. Our usual support around employment and training and linking into specialist work opportunities.

Holiday Programmes

This summer we were able to return to doing all our outdoor camping and walking trips for which we are famous! Lots of DofE expeditions done in wind, rain and sunshine 😊 Loads of memories and photos.

Sarah and Ashleigh led on a 5day residential to Birmingham Commonwealth Games, an opportunity that came via our partnership with streetgames. Young people took part in a 'youth camp' with hundreds of other young people representing Patchwork and the North East alongside other groups from all over the UK. This took place over the time span of the anniversary of Michaels death, and was a great way to ensure children and young people had a great time, whilst other staff spent time more quietly in remembrance.

Working with younger ones:

Patchwork does provide open evening sessions for children between 8 and 14 years. Our aim is to provide space and a sense of security in which children can play and express themselves freely. Crafts and cooking, sport and foraging are just some of the things we do.

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Many of the children that attend these sessions become regular users for the next 10 years or so. The sessions are run in or around Patchy2 several times per week and continued as regularly as possible

We continued to make use of Patchwork2 our centre that provides a wide range of activities, sports crafts cooking and more for children between 8-12, these sessions can and do facilitate up to 40 children at a time.

Volunteering:

We continue to encourage young people to volunteer throughout the project, particularly peer volunteers, and also foster an project value of 'being helpful' to others.

We are proud that many volunteers follow a path that sees them gain sessional hours, and move into meaningful work.

Training and progression:

This year 2 lads; Kieron Copley and Elliot Baird who have volunteered through Patchwork gained 1 year apprenticeships via a partnership with Northbourne Youth Initiative (NBYI). This saw them both achieve qualifications in youth work; level 2 and 3 respectively. Kieron continues to work sessionally at Patchwork as he strives to discover what path he wishes to follow, Elliot was offered a full-time role beyond his apprenticeship with NBYI.

Ashleigh Aylward and Karl Gilbert entered their 2nd year of their BAHons in youth and Community work at Sunderland. Whilst sessional worker Louise Bransby entered her 3rd year BAHons in Health and Social Care.

Two young people; Gold Duke of Edinburgh Achievers and their loved ones were finally able to attend an award celebration event at Buckingham Palace gardens (following Covid19 restrictions being lifted). Well done to Adam Houchin and Lauren Weaver.

Partnership work

Aside from Patchworks participation in youth focused city-wide forums, a Neighbourhood Based Youth Projects group, and COBs community organisations Benwell and Scotswood. We continue to work with partners locally; North Benwell project; sharing good practice and local concerns, Healthworks for training on Food hygiene and allergies. Search around support for the over 50s, Riverside project and Action for children for support for families etc. Local providers for 1st aid training, sexual health work with young people and a myriad of other initiatives that may like to offer their services to the young people we work with.

Events:

Michaels Birthday Bash

A sub-group of trustees and staff led a group including children and young people to organise a memorial birthday Bash to celebrate what would have been Michael 60th Birthday.

Much of the community young and old, with members past and present came to show their respects; laugh and reminisce, wear silly hats, drink tea, mess amount, and watch a slide show of Michaels life at Patchy .Which included so many of the people in the room. It was a great atmosphere and it was lovely to see all members of the different communities within Benwell attend. Especially older members, or those with babies and young children who could not get to the funeral to come and celebrate as well as pay their respects.

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Don McDonald a fellow community worker and performance poet asked permission to honor Michael. Taking a look at the memorial books (we had all written in, in the days after Michaels death) for inspiration. He wrote and performed a poem, that captured much of what we all felt. With laughs and tears aplenty. A deeply moving day, but lots of fun, and plenty of food. We all thought that Michael would have loved it. Thanks to Michaels family and others who joined us on the day.

Community swimming trip

With so many children and asking to go swimming we hosted our first Patchy community swim. We Booked Elwick pool which with a slope and dive area caters for all. From parents and babies to teenagers all coming together to make it a huge success, and introducing more families to the assets on our doorstep and the joy of low-cost fun in a local community owned swimming pool.

Christmas in 2022

Included a visit to the panto for 20 children and young people to see Cinderella, most who have never been to a theatre before. We had our usual epic round of ice-skating for all groups. And with money from LGA we were also able to gift 'Fampers' Family hampers to 100 families with a stock of cupboard essentials to see them well into the new year.

Our future challenges

Rising costs:

Keeping abreast of increasing costs i.e. utilities, fuel, staffing, activity costs including food. Including new staff and trustees and our new project youth panel in reviewing the work and focus of the organisation and any improvements we might need.

Retirement of key staff - ensuring knowledge is kept within the organisation.

3. Public benefit

The Board of Trustees has referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's objectives and planning its future activities. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

4. Financial review

Patchwork Project are funded by a variety of income. The total income for the year was £276,036. This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 May 2023, shows a net surplus across all funds of £19,317 (2022: £94,554).

The Balance Sheet at 31 May 2023 shows total funds carried forward of £339,932 of which £189,055 are restricted funds, the trustees have designated funds totalling £60,000 as detailed in the reserves policy, the unrestricted reserves are £90,877.

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Reserves policy

The Board of Trustees has examined the charities requirements for reserves in light of the major risks to the organisation. The established policy is for designated unrestricted funds held by the charity to be set at 5 months of the expenditure plus estimated redundancy and close down costs; the designated fund for the year is £60,000. The reserves are needed to maintain the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The reserves are also needed to cover the costs of potential redundancies.

5. Plans for future periods

Maintaining the focus:

Patchwork was successful with a 'Power to change' grant that sees support invested into the Project Manager (Andi Kewley) to help oversee change and invest in sound longterm support that will help the organization to continue to prosper. There will be more to report in the next years report.

Future Funding;

Is as ever the biggest of challenges, and we continue to maintain links with existing funders as well as build relationships with new funders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank funders for their support over the many years and hopefully into the future.

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6. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

Charity Name Patchwork Project

Registered Charity Number 1157186

Registered Company Number 08510835

Trustees Mary Shearer
John Pattison Chair
Carole Pattison
Carol Hunter
Dr Matthew Paul Marshall-Dent
Donna Partington
Danielle Conroy
Chelsea Dixon Appointed 20 Sept 2022

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7. Structure, governance and management

Governing documents

Patchwork Project is a charitable organisation, governed by its constitution, adopted on 30th April 2013.

Appointment of Trustees

Trustees are elected by members of the organisation at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are eligible to stand for re-election each year. There is a minimum of three and maximum of 12 trustees at any given time. The trustees have the power to co-opt up to three other members and agree to meet at least four times a year.

Newly appointed trustees are invited to an induction day which includes meeting with the other trustees and the Coordinator to get an overview of the work of the charity, including its constitution and its finances. Part of this day also includes a brief induction with other key staff members. Trustees are given a copy of the constitution and the previous year's annual report and accounts. Should trustee training be required, this is arranged and once a year a development day is held for all trustees and staff.

Organisation

The trustees administer the charity and the Project Manager is responsible for managing the work of the charity on a day-to-day basis.

The trustees are aware that the major risk to the organisation is lack of funding. Each quarter the risk is assessed when budgets are compared to actual spend and reserves are reviewed on a yearly basis to ensure that there are sufficient funds available to cover five months running costs and any possible redundancy costs.

Risk management

The management committee has conducted its own review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and for ensuring the consistent quality of the delivery of all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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8. Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statement

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102: The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.)

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on ^{22/01/2024} and signed on their behalf by:

John Pattison
Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 May 2023

I report on the financial statements of Patchwork Project for the year ended 31 May 2023, which are set out on pages 10 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I 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.

Michelle Wright
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NE11 9NP

Date: 25/01/2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(INCLUDING SUMMARY INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

For the year ended 31 May 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	6	993	-	993	3,459
Charitable activities					
Grants and contracts	7	134,212	135,196	269,408	358,020
Other trading activities	8	251	-	251	-
Investments	9	354	-	354	-
Other income	10	5,030	-	5,030	1,362
Total income		140,840	135,196	276,036	362,841
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities				-	
Operation of the charity	11	117,039	139,680	256,719	268,287
Total expenditure		117,039	139,680	256,719	268,287
Net income/(expenditure)		23,801	(4,484)	19,317	94,554
Transfers between funds		34,675	(34,675)	-	-
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement of funds		58,476	(39,159)	19,317	94,554
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		92,401	228,214	320,615	226,061
Total funds carried forward		150,877	189,055	339,932	320,615

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form an integral part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET

As at 31 May 2023

	Notes	£	Total 2023 £	£	Total 2022 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	18		22,864		22,648
Total fixed assets			22,864		22,648
Current assets					
Debtors	19	7,208		82	
Cash at bank and in hand	20	337,427		358,819	
Total current assets			344,636	358,901	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	21	(27,568)		(60,934)	
Net current assets			317,068		297,967
Total assets less current liabilities			339,932		320,615
Total net assets or liabilities			339,932		320,615
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted income funds			150,877		92,401
Restricted income funds			189,055		228,214
Total funds			339,932		320,615

The company was entitled to an exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with the respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The notes on pages 12 to 23 form an integral part of these accounts.

These financial statements were approved by the Board on: 22/01/2024

and are signed on its behalf by: John Pattison
Chair of Board of Trustees

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1 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

2 Basis of accounting

2.1 Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Patchwork Project meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.2 Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In making their assessment the trustees have reviewed and considered relevant information, including their annual budget and future cash flows. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the trustees have revised their forecasts to take into account measures that they can take with the current resources available to mitigate the impact of the current adverse conditions. The trustees are of the view that the immediate future of the charity for the next 12 months is secure and that on this basis the charity is a going concern.

3 Income

3.1 Recognition of income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the resources, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is more likely than not that the resources will be received and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability

3.2 Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by FRS102 SORP or FRS102.

3.3 Grants and donations

Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

Income received in advance of the provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria of income recognition are met.

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3.4 Donated goods and services

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided that the value of the gift can be measured reliably. Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with the equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.

3.5 Volunteer help

The value of volunteer help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

3.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

3.7 Income from membership subscriptions

Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in donations and legacies.

Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

3.8 Investment gains and losses

This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

3.9 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the

4 Expenditure and liabilities

4.1 Liability recognition

Liabilities are recognised when it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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4.2 Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the costs of working with youth groups in the local area and other activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

4.3 Governance and support costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance cost and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

4.4 Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

4.5 Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

4.6 Provisions for liabilities

A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.

5 Assets

5.1 Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis, a full years depreciation charge is applied in the year of acquisition and no charge is made in the year of disposal:

Fixtures & fittings	Straight line over five years
IT and office equipment	Straight line over three years
Motor Vehicles	Straight line over four years

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Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
6 Donations and legacies				
Donations and Gift Aid	993	-	993	3,459
	<u>993</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>993</u>	<u>3,459</u>
7 Charitable activities				
<u>Income from grants and contracts</u>				
Ballinger Charitable Trust	-	-	-	18,000
Bernicia Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	-
Newcastle City Council COVID Fund	-	-	-	1,500
CAF	-	-	-	5,364
Community Foundation	12,500	5,940	18,440	36,137
Connected Voice	-	-	-	2,650
Edward Family Trust	7,000	-	7,000	-
Newcastle City Council	9,375	3,000	12,375	8,000
HMRC Furlough	-	-	-	30,755
Garfield Western Foundation	20,000	-	20,000	20,000
Greggs Foundation	10,000	-	10,000	18,940
Key Fund	-	488	488	747
Newcastle City Council Youth	-	22,075	22,075	19,610
Newcastle City Council Public Health	-	2,146	2,146	-
Newcastle City Council Outreach	-	19,566	19,566	-
Newcastle Building Society	-	3,000	3,000	-
Northumbria Police	-	-	-	1,000
Rathbone Brothers Foundation	-	-	-	10,000
Reece Foundation	-	-	-	2,600
Rise NE	-	-	-	4,149
Sir James Knott Trust	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Streetgames	-	21,609	21,609	50,738
Together	-	5,000	5,000	-
Virgin Money Foundation	-	-	-	36,200
Wellesley	-	10,000	10,000	-
DCMS YIF	-	-	-	76,630
Other grants	60,337	32,371	92,709	-
	<u>134,212</u>	<u>135,196</u>	<u>269,408</u>	<u>358,020</u>
8 Other trading activities				
Earned income - room hire	251	-	251	-
	<u>251</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>251</u>	<u>-</u>

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Analysis of income continued	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
9 Income from investments				
Bank interest	354	-	354	-
	<u>354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354</u>	<u>-</u>
10 Other income				
Other income	5,030	-	5,030	1,362
	<u>5,030</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,030</u>	<u>1,362</u>

Income was £276,036 (2022: £362,841) of which £140,840 was unrestricted or designated (2022: £45,576) and £135,196 was restricted (2022: £317,265)

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Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
11 Charitable activities				
<u>Direct costs</u>				
Staff costs	69,594	92,342	161,935	151,957
Project staff costs	3,049	7,807	10,856	-
Training costs	219	547	766	5,399
Travel costs	1,675	2,749	4,424	3,350
Equipment purchases	1,176	77	1,254	17,536
Minibus expenses	6,751	1,318	8,069	1,770
Activities and events	6,759	21,588	28,347	23,500
<u>Support costs</u>				
Office rent	5,400	-	5,400	-
Utilities	3,980	668	4,647	16,682
Telephone and internet	747	82	829	1,337
Office stationery and postage	226	4	230	385
Insurance	940	-	940	5,916
Repairs and maintenance	2,178	10,939	13,117	39,495
Subscriptions & publications	4,152	1,336	5,488	-
<u>Governance costs</u>				
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	800	75	875	960
Legal and professional fees	212	89	301	-
Depreciation	8,945	-	8,945	-
Bank charges	236	61	297	-
	<u>117,039</u>	<u>139,680</u>	<u>256,719</u>	<u>268,287</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities was £256,719 (2022: £268,287) of which £117,039 was unrestricted or designated (2022: £30,835) and £139,680 was restricted (2022: £237,452)

12 Fees for examination of the accounts

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the accounts	<u>500</u>	<u>960</u>
	<u>500</u>	<u>960</u>

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13 Analysis of staff costs and the cost of key management personnel

	2023	2022
	£	£
Salaries and wages	152,058	137,894
Social security costs	10,750	-
Pension costs (defined contribution pension plan)	5,259	14,063
	168,066	151,957

No employee received remuneration above £60,000 (2022: nil)

The key management personnel of the charity, comprise the Trustees, and the Project Manager. The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £34,657. (2022: £34,657)

14 Staff numbers

The average monthly head count was 8 staff (2022: 10 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees during the year were as follows:

	2023	2022
	Number	Number
The parts of the charity in which the employee's work		
Charitable activities	6.0	8.0
	6.0	8.0

Sessional staff are hired on a project by project basis and are included within charitable activities as direct project costs as they typically relate to specific production or projects.

15 Transactions with trustees

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with their charity or a related entity.

Transaction(s) with related parties

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period.

16 Defined contribution pension scheme

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund.

The employer's pension costs represent contributions payable by the charity to the fund and amount to £8,680 (2022: £14,063). There was £0 outstanding as at 31 May 2023 (2022: £0)

17 Corporation Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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18 Tangible fixed assets	Motor Vehicles £	Total £
Cost		
Balance brought forward	40,460	40,460
Additions	9,161	9,161
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	49,621	49,621
Depreciation		
Basis	SL	
Rate	25%	
Balance brought forward	17,812	17,812
Depreciation charge for year	8,945	8,945
Disposals	-	-
Balance carried forward	26,757	26,757
Net book value		
Brought forward	22,648	22,648
Carried forward	22,864	22,864

19 Debtors and prepayments (receivable within 1 year)

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments & accrued income	2,208	82
Other debtors	5,000	-
	7,208	82

20 Cash at bank and in hand

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	337,427	358,819
	337,427	358,819

21 Creditors and accruals (payable within 1 year)

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	1,957	-
Taxation and social security	-	2,368
Accruals		
Independent examination of accounts	500	960
Deferred income	25,111	57,606
	27,568	60,934

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22 Deferred income

Deferred income comprises of advance payments from grants that relate to future periods

	2023
	£
Balance brought forward	57,606
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(57,606)
Amount deferred in year	10,000
Balance carried forward	10,000

23 Events after the end of the reporting period

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

24 Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

For the year ending 31 May 2023

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	92,401	140,840	(117,039)	(25,325)	90,877
Designated funds					
Future projects	-	-	-	60,000	60,000
Totals	92,401	140,840	(117,039)	34,675	150,877

For the year ending 31 May 2022

	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General unrestricted fund	77,660	45,576	(30,835)	-	92,401
Totals	77,660	45,576	(30,835)	-	92,401

Purpose of unrestricted funds

General unrestricted fund

The 'free reserves' after allowing for designated funds

Designated funds

Fund set aside for developing future projects, bus and site costs

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued**Analysis of movement in restricted funds**

For the year ending 31 May 2023

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Lottery NYP COVID	12,500	-	-	(12,500)	-
Community Foundation	20,627	5,940	(19,097)		7,470
Ballinger Charitable Trust	26,380		(21,767)	-	4,613
Duke of Edinburgh	1,000	260	(1,000)		260
Tynexe	5,000	-	-	(5,000)	-
NHS	9,075				9,075
Newcastle City Council Youth	19,610	22,075	(13,486)	-	28,199
Virgin Money Foundation	35,622		(12,280)		23,342
Streetgames	15,000	21,609	(26,709)	-	9,900
CAF	5,364	-	-	(5,364)	-
Connected Voice	2,650	-	-	(2,650)	-
Children in Need DCMS	19,961	-	(10,800)	(9,161)	-
Key Fund	111	488	(599)	-	-
Newcastle City Council	8,000			-	8,000
Rise NE	6,199		(1,587)	-	4,612
Newcastle City Council Health	1,600	5,146	(831)	-	5,915
Bernicia Foundation	-	10,000	(2,917)	-	7,083
Newcastle Building Society	-	3,000		-	3,000
Together	-	5,000	(5,000)	-	-
Wellsley	-	10,000		-	10,000
Newcastle City Council Outreach	-	19,566	(10,048)	-	9,518
Other grants	39,515	32,111	(13,560)	-	58,066
Totals	228,214	135,196	(139,680)	(34,675)	189,055

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24 Analysis of charitable funds continued**Analysis of movement in restricted funds**

For the year ending 31 May 2022

Restricted funds	Fund balances brought forward	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Fund balances carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Lottery NYP COVID	12,500	-	-	-	12,500
Lottery Grant	44,596	-	(44,596)	-	-
Community Foundation	13,592	36,137	(29,102)	-	20,627
Wellesley	656	-	(656)	-	-
Ballinger Charitable Trust	8,380	18,000	-	-	26,380
Duke of Edinburgh	1,000	-	-	-	1,000
YHN CIF	2,508	-	(2,508)	-	-
Tynexe	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
NHS	14,605	-	(5,530)	-	9,075
Newcastle City Council Youth	-	19,610	-	-	19,610
Garfield Western Foundation	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Virgin Money Foundation	-	36,200	(578)	-	35,622
Northumbria Police	-	1,000	(1,000)	-	-
Reece Foundation	-	2,600	(2,600)	-	-
Sir James Knott Trust	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Streetgames	-	50,738	(35,738)	-	15,000
CAF	-	5,364	-	-	5,364
Connected Voice	-	2,650	-	-	2,650
Children in Need DCMS	-	76,630	(56,669)	-	19,961
Key Fund	-	747	(636)	-	111
Newcastle City Council	-	8,000	-	-	8,000
Rise NE	4,300	4,149	(2,250)	-	6,199
Newcastle City Council	20,689	1,500	(20,589)	-	1,600
Other grants	20,575	18,940	-	-	39,515
Totals	148,401	317,265	(237,452)	-	228,214

24 Analysis of charitable funds continued**Purpose of restricted funds**

Restricted funds represent income resources used for a specific purpose within the charity as identified by the donor.

Lottery NYP COVID

COVID support for the organisation

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Purpose of restricted funds continued

Community Foundation	To fund various projects including salaries
Ballinger Charitable Trust	To fund the youth project
Duke of Edinburgh	To deliver Duke of Edinburgh Award activities
NHS	To fund youth projects
Newcastle City Council Youth	To fund the delivery of the youth project
Virgin Money Foundation	To fund the Youth panel and youth work
Streetgames	To support holiday activities
Children in Need DCMS	Capital fund
Key Fund	To fund ideas presented to the panel
Newcastle City Council	To fund the youth project
Rise NE	To fund training of staff and volunteers
Newcastle City Council Health	To fund activities for groups
Newcastle Building Society	To fund volunteer support
Together	To fund a trainee/apprentice post
Wellsley	To fund the salaries of the full time staff
Newcastle City Council Outreach	To fund outreach/detached work

Transfers between funds

	Reason for transfer	Amount £
Between restricted and unrestricted funds	Transfer of asset purchase and funds adjustment	9,161
Between unrestricted and designed	Transfer of funds for future projects and committed projects	60,000

25 Capital commitments

As at 31 May 2023, the charity had no capital commitments (2022 -£nil)

26 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	22,864	-	22,864	22,648
Cash at bank and in hand	148,372	189,055	337,427	358,901
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(20,359)	-	(20,359)	(60,934)
	<u>150,877</u>	<u>189,055</u>	<u>339,932</u>	<u>320,615</u>

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08510835

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Trustees

The trustees who served during the year were

J Pattison (Chair)
C Pattison
C Hunter (Treasurer)
M Shearer (Secretary)
M P Marshall
D Partington
D Conroy
C Dixon

Charity Number

1157186

Registered Address

83 Adelaide Terrace
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Barclays Bank Plc

Patchwork Project (Limited by Guarantee)

Trustees Annual Report

For the Year Ended 31 May 2022

Below we have a summary of the project work over the previous year. For further information contact the project via 0191 273 9700, pachwk@yahoo.com.

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The impact of the death in August 2021 of our long-running Project Manager of 18years

The support of long term funders along with others gave Patchwork the ability to cope with the loss of Key staff. The Senior Youth Worker Andi Kewley stepped up in July 2021 during Michaels illness and took over the managing of the project initially and was appointed Project Manager following successful interview by the Trustees in October 2021. Aside from working at Patchwork for 15 years Andi has an MA in Community Development and Youth Work from Durham University, has a long-term commitment to the project and the area.

Supporting young people through the grieving process and providing mental health support to the community:

Following Michaels death, we opened the project up to the wider community, to enable people to come together as safely as possible bearing in mind Covid19 restrictions of the time. To sign books of condolences, share in grief and receive comfort from staff. Michael was a father figure to many of the staff team, as he was to many in the community. All have been devastated.

Young people organised a memorial event prior to the funeral with several hundred attending.

Michaels funeral was in Sunderland and over 300 people attended, many standing outside as there was still Covid restrictions in place. This included lots of adults who Michael had worked with over the years, especially from Patchwork. If the service had taken place in Newcastle and out of Covid we think there would have been at least double the attendees. Staff and young people from Patchwork spoke at the funeral and since then it has been, understandably a trial living with such a big loss.

Continuing our programme of activities:

Following Michaels death we felt we should continue to run a summer programme as normally as possible. This was to benefit the staff and volunteer team as well as children and young people. This included adventurous activities in the Lakes district, trips to the

countryside, etc.

What has helped us all during this period has been our focus on the work with children and young people. Keeping active, accessing training and keeping staff morale as high as possible. The whole staff and trustee's team are very proud that we have been able to keep the doors open, keep working and achieving good outcomes.

We have continued throughout this period to work with 12 groups per week, holiday programmes have gone ahead, 121 work etc. Which you will read more on later in this report.

September, October, November 2021 provided an opportunity for staff and volunteers to do lifeguard training with Elswick Community Pool. Skills we really wanted staff to learn given how much swimming we do with groups, and also in recognition of drowning prevention week and the demographics of those most likely to drown (83% young men in outdoors environments) we wanted to put lifesaving skills into the community and also provide space and activity for the staff to co-support one another in their bereavement journey.

The training included Aaron Bell, Michael's son who has volunteered, worked and been in and around Patchwork for all the time Michael worked at Patchwork. It also included staff from the two other neighbourhood youth projects.

Christmas 2021:

Included annual ice-skating trips for the many groups of children and young people who attend Patchwork, we had over 200 attend visits to Newcastle Centre for life ice rink and Whitley Bay. These are activities that children and young people look forward to all year round.

Youth Inclusion Funding:

In March 2022 Patchwork successfully gained Government Youth Inclusion Fund that allowed us to make updates to our building and buy a second minibus. As we now have 4 drivers this means we have effectively doubled our ability to work with groups away from Benwell, especially useful for larger group activities, for holiday programmes and whilst doing residential. It is also timely as the larger bus gets older, needs more repairs and we have a replacement in waiting.

The creation of a mural design in our second building Patchwork2 was an emotional undertaking, encapsulating the imagery of children and young people and the words and values that are encouraged in Patchwork. Many of which come from Michael. We wanted the space to be one of joy rather than mourning, and the community tells us we have succeeded.

The impacts of COVID19 Pandemic:

Continues to be seen in the mental health of children and young people, who we see struggling with increased anxiety at going new places, meeting new people and preferring smaller group sizes. We are adapting as best we can to these changes but it can mean accommodation of increasing numbers of groups with smaller numbers of participants a little more challenging, both in terms of timetabling in and with staffing.

Holiday Programs

Schools holidays are a special time in children's lives and we aim to provide some great memories with them. Each day of every school holiday we take groups of children and young

people out and about on activities and visit. Following Michaels death this was the opportunity, though difficult to do activities such as climbing and gorge walking, provide most activities outdoor; pools, beaches, hills and lakes, picnics, sports and skating.

As it was the first summer out of lockdown, campsite and the normal spots we would go for camping were inundated. We knew it would make expeditions especially difficult and as this was Michaels area of expertise, we opted not to do Duke of Edinburgh Camping expeditions.

We continued to make use of Patchwork2 our centre that provides a wide range of activities, sports crafts cooking and more for children between 8-12, these sessions can and do facilitate up to 40 children at a time. Our activities were adapted according to the changing guidelines and continued in lock down as we were permitted to work with vulnerable groups numbering 10-15 participants.

Detached work:

Patchwork staff continue to deliver high quality relationship building activities on the streets, via what is called detached work. We catch up with young people we know, meet and get to know those we don't know, become familiar with issues and concerns of the community.

We pass on news about what's happening in the area and beyond, what we and other agency services have on offer. Group work planning for activities and projects happens without the need to attend a physical base at all.

Detached allows the project to be seen on the street by other community members and agencies providing old fashioned face to face accountability. This is a vital aspect of Patchwork and youth work.

Group work sessions:

Patchwork run evening group work sessions in a variety of formats; friendship groups, smaller Keyfund groups, interest led groups e.g. DofE, open access larger groups, mixed and single gender.

This saw groups for lads and lasses groups, sessions for young Roma people. The group work is a form of informal education that seeks to challenge young people to learn from group processes. These groups will change over time as group's age and are replaced by others that form from detached or some other natural friendship grouping. We have more groups than we are able to provide actual space for so often keep them moving with support via detached and social media to plan and do things with or without us.

Drop-in and 1-1 work and into employment work:

Each day Patchwork enables people turn up, unannounced for a multitude of reasons, including crisis support. Our usual support around employment and training and linking into specialist work opportunities. Many have come in to receive comfort in their distress at losing Michael.

We have also trialled running women only focused sessions and found them very successful at providing support to older young women.

Working with younger ones:

Patchwork does provide open evening sessions for children between 8 and 14 years. Our aim is to provide space and a sense of security in which children can play and express themselves freely. Crafts and cooking, sport and foraging are just some of the things we do. Many of the

children that attend these sessions become regular users for the next 10 years or so. The sessions are run in or around Patchy2 several times per week and continued as regularly as possible

Volunteering:

We continue to encourage young people to volunteer throughout the project, particularly peer volunteers, and also foster an project value of 'being helpful' to others.

We are proud that many volunteers follow a path that sees them gain sessional hours, and move into full-time work at Patchwork. We are also proud that several young people who have followed this path from being a young person attending the project to gaining work at other neighbourhood projects across the city.

Partnership and funding

Patchwork attends many city-wide forums and group to share experiences and information and learn from others. We contribute to groups that are aimed at supporting families or individuals with heightened need.

We are also part of several local level partnerships. The Neighbourhood Based Youth Projects is one; a groups of seven from across the city. Having met for 10+ years they are a strong group meeting to discuss changes to the sector that have impact across the city as well as to offer practise-based support and collaborate.

Another partnership is a group that involves community groups in and around Benwell and Scotswood. These meet several times per year to ensure that we are all aware of the work of others and are able to contribute to each other's efforts.

Our future challenges

Grief:

It is an ongoing journey coping with and adapting to grief, supporting one-another and the young people as much as we can. We have had a group session with Cruse and encouraged staff to feel supported to access individual support.

Rising costs:

Keeping abreast of increasing costs i.e. utilities, fuel, staffing, activity costs including food. Including new staff and trustees and our new project youth panel in reviewing the work and focus of the organisation and any improvements we might need. Retirement of key staff - ensuring knowledge is kept within the organisation/ recruitment etc.

Future Funding;

Is as ever the biggest of challenges, and we continue to maintain links with existing funders as well as build relationships with new funders. I would like to take this opportunity to thank funders for their support over the many years and hopefully into the future.

Recruitment:

We have successfully recruited for the Senior Youth Work position. We interviewed in March 2022 and Sarah Warren was able to start in May 2022. We understand this is quite a coup as many in the youth work sector have struggled to appoint. Sarah has been a youth worker for 27 years and is delighted to be back doing the neighbourhood work she loves.

The future now is for her to settle in and then lead on all aspects of face-to-face work.

Growing community leaders and developing skilled people. We currently have 2 Youth Workers at Sunderland University and hope that in future they will enhance our work in and beyond the immediate area we are currently operate in. Our hope is to ensure that we have several community leaders of use as long as needed going forward. These will provide opportunity for those wishing to participate and engage in community and youth work.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pattison', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John Pattison
Chair of the Trustees
Patchwork Project
Date: 5 May 2023

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Report to the trustees of Patchwork Project Limited

On the accounts for the year ended 31 May 2022

Charity Number: 1157186

Company Number: 8510835

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

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I **am** a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

the accounts do not accord with those records; or

the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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

Matthew J Boyd
Jones Boyd

Chartered Accountants
16/17 Marshall Terrace
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Patchwork Project Limited

Statement of Financial Activities

year ended 31 May 2022

	Note	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021
Incoming resources					
Donations and legacies	2	317,265	44,214	361,479	228,183
Charitable Activities	3				
Investment Income	4				
Other Income	5		1,362	1,362	2,143
Total incoming resources		317,265	45,576	362,841	230,326
Expenditure					
Expenditure on Charitable Activities	25	237,452	30,835	268,287	225,472
Total resources expended		237,452	30,835	268,287	225,472
Movement in total funds					
		79,813	14,741	94,554	4,854
Transfers between funds					
Total funds brought forwards		148,401	77,660	226,061	221,207
Total funds carried forward		228,214	92,401	320,615	226,061

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses during the year.

All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet

year ended 31 May 2022

Company number: 8510835

	Note	£	2022 £	£	2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible fixed assets	6		22,648		5,740
Current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	7	82			
Cash at bank and in hand		358,819		278,227	
		<u>358,901</u>		<u>278,227</u>	
Current liabilities					
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	8	<u>60,934</u>		<u>57,906</u>	
Net current assets			297,967		220,321
Total net assets			<u>320,615</u>		<u>226,061</u>
Funds of the charity					
Restricted funds			228,214		148,401
Unrestricted funds			92,401		77,660
			<u>320,615</u>		<u>226,061</u>

For the year ended 31 May 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 in relation to small companies.

Trustees responsibilities:

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

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



C Hunter
5 May 2023

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4 Investment income	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
	£	£	£
Bank interest			

The childcare expenses include wages costs.

5 Expenditure on charitable activities	2022
	£
Wages and Salaries	137,894
Pensions	14,063
Training	5,037
Travel	3,350
Equipment	17,536
Utilities	16,682
Comms	1,337
Stationery	385
Insurance	5,916
Minibus expenses	1,770
Activities	23,500
Building Costs	29,351
Training	362
Cleaning	161
Independent Examiner	960
	<u>268,287</u>

There was an average of 10 paid members of staff.

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6 Tangible fixed assets

	Motor Vehicles
	£
Cost	
Brought forwards	13,846
Additions	26,614
Disposals	
At 31 December 2018	40,460
Depreciation	
Brought Forwards	8,106
Charge for year	9,706
Disposals	
At 31 December 2018	17,812
Net book value	
At 31 December 2018	22,648
At 31 December 2017	<u>5,740</u>

All tangible fixed assets are for use by the charity for direct charitable purposes

7 Debtors and prepayments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Debtors		
Prepayments	82	
	82	<u> </u>

8 Creditors and accruals

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade Creditors		
Taxation	2,368	
Other creditor	57,606	57,606
Accruals and deferred income	960	<u>300</u>
	<u>60,934</u>	<u>57,906</u>

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9 Restricted Funds

	Balance B/fwd £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance C/fwd £
Business Support	10,000				10,000
Greggs Foundation	10,575	18,940			29,515
Lottery NYP Covid grant	12,500				12,500
Lottery Grant	44,596		44,596		
Community Foundation	13,592	36,137	29,102		20,627
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	148,401	317,265	237,452		228,214

10 Analysis of net assets between restricted and unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,687	19,961	22,648
Current Assets	150,648	208,253	358,901
Creditors less than 1 year	(60,934)		(60,934)
	92,401	228,214	320,615

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	5,740		5,740
Current Assets	129,826	148,401	278,227
Creditors less than 1 year	(57,906)		(57,906)
	77,660	148,401	226,061

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Sadly we need to report the tragic and unexpected death of the long-term project manager in August 2021. This falls slightly outside of the reporting period and will be referred to in greater detail in the next return. However the trustees would like to recognise the support and extraordinary efforts by the staff team, funders and the wider community to keep the project open and functioning up to and including this period.

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The impacts of COVID19 Pandemic

The disruption to society as a whole has continued throughout this accounting period. Patchwork adapted to the circumstances and evolving government guidelines throughout. The project followed the NYA (National youth agency) guidelines and ensuring work continued face to face as much as possible.

The country has experienced lockdowns, initially essential food and supplies scarcity and the continuing implications for mental health in coping with isolation, uncertainty, confusing regulations, over the longer term. The staff training in mental health has been invaluable. We have been able to create a supportive environment for volunteers and local sessional staff to continue to work and have positive impact.

All of our efforts have been informed by our mental health training and the need to counter the isolation related concerns that might and do arise. So, make as much face to face contact as possible and deal with people as personally as we are able to do given the restrictions.

Patchwork has provided via volunteering and new part time staff around 13 groups per week to the present time alongside one to one support for needs relating to personal/ crisis issues. This has included, but is not limited to issues of self harm, child sexual exploitation, drugs rehab, mental, physical and dental health issues, emergency re-housing, problems with gas/electric supply, violence within the home. Families with food shortages, struggling with isolation, schooling, bereavement and much more.

This style of working has necessitated an increase in the numbers of volunteers and part time staff to help in the delivery of work.

Detached work

Patchwork staff are out on the streets at night throughout the year, via what is called detached work. We catch up with many young people that we both know and get to know. There is much good work done through this approach, young people get information and advice around a range of issues. We pass on news about what's happening in the area and beyond, what we and other agency services have on offer. Group work planning for activities and projects happens without the need to attend a physical base at all. We can and do catch up with groups and individuals, parents, grandparent's sisters and brothers and many more. This is a vital aspect of Patchwork and youth work.

Detached allows the project to be seen on the street by other community members and agencies providing old fashioned face to face accountability. It enables us to keep abreast of current issues in the community; what is of concern or relevant at a local and neighbourhood level.

Group work sessions

Patchwork adapted to government and NYA guidelines and ran evening group work sessions in a variety of formats; generally smaller group sizes, bubbles and for those classed as vulnerable.

This saw groups for lads and lasses groups, sessions for young Roma people. The group work is a form of informal education that seeks to challenge young people to learn from group processes. These groups will change over time as group's age and are replaced by others that form from detached or some other natural friendship grouping. We have more groups than we are able to provide actual space for so often keep them moving with support via detached and social media to plan and do things with or without us.

Holiday Programs

School holidays are a special time in children's lives and we aim to provide some great memories with them. Each day of every school holiday we take groups of children and young people out and about on activities and visits. This year we took advantage of the government incentive to 'eat out to help out' as well as continuing to provide most activities outdoors or in smaller groups/ bubbles. Pools, beaches, hills and lakes, picnics, sports and skating. We travelled less far than usual and made as much use as local venues, facilities and spaces as possible. Duke of Edinburgh Camping expeditions were still held in campsites closer to home. Patchwork2 a play centre that provides a wide range of activities, sports crafts cooking and more for children between 8-12, these sessions can and do facilitate up to 40 children at a time. Our activities were adapted according to the changing guidelines and continued in lock down as we were permitted to work with vulnerable groups numbering 10-15 participants.

Drop-in and 1-1 work and into employment work

Much of this work has been adapted according to the needs of government regulations on social gathering etc. More of an 'appointment system' when possible, each day Patchwork

has enabled people turn up for a multitude of reasons, including crisis support. Our usual support around employment and training has been hindered by furlough and the general lack of work opportunities. Nevertheless we have supported people into 'essential work' including retail and the associated retail chains, at-home telephone work and care work.

Many issues of a more personal nature are supported as well. Supporting crisis access to food and medicine, the arrangement of GP appointments and accessing essential care including crisis housing support, benefits issues, help to access food including government provision to support children usually on free-school dinners. Many in the Roma community have also faced the deadline of EUSS applications following Brexit and with embassy and consulates 'not open' we have supported children and young people and their families to gain specialist support around this.

Working with younger ones

Patchwork does provide evening sessions for children between 8 and 12 years. Our aim is to provide space and a sense of security in which children can play and express themselves freely. Crafts and cooking, sport and foraging are just some of the things we do. Many of the children that attend these sessions become regular users for the next 10 years or so. The sessions are run in or around Patchy2 several times per week and continued as regularly as possible

Duke of Edinburgh Award and outdoor work

We seek from using DofE to provide some young people that may have no other qualifications with a certificate that is recognised as worthwhile by employers. Often accessing the outdoors can be a brand new experience and can provide a real opportunity for young people to catch a different view of themselves. Seeing a snow covered mountain, from the top! Or waking up to a mist filled river valley can be amazing. The outdoors requires determination and team work, a slowing down and being away from the normal. At any one time we will have in the region of 130 young people on our books for the DofE. Confidence and belief in a different set of opportunities are what we see from those that take on the outdoor challenges. We have adapted our delivery in accordance with guidelines.

Patchwork 2

Several sessions run out of the play centre patchy2, Mondays and Thursdays little-uns groups with up to 40 attending for crafts, sports or other activity always end in a group meal cooked by participants themselves.

The larger space has enabled us to operate groups during this period that otherwise would have been impossible.

Patchy2 provides great storage and practice venues for of the Duke of Edinburgh work and equipment. When permitted it is hired for childrens parties and by other agencies for meetings etc. The building has some great playing areas around it, a 5 a side football pitch, play areas and a garden that is used to grow vegetables.

Many things have been piloted at the Centre some have worked others not. The main value of the centre has been to children and families, who have seen a neglected eyesore turn into a valuable community resource.

Bikes, gardens and volunteering,

Our activities in these areas have all grown throughout this period. Covid19 guidelines have encouraged outdoor activities and with little 'open', we have made great use of bikes to get out and about and visit nearby countryside and little known or experienced beauty spots.

Allotmenting has provide welcome mental relief for local families otherwise locked indoors.

Volunteering had included older young people taking younger children out to enable the project to keep running with smaller groups and in social bubbles.

Volunteering provides the least educationally qualified with a route to self-worth and confidence. Such opportunities can help individuals identify semi-work and self-disciplining processes. They become key aspects of CVs, helping them recognise their own employment potential. Being creative about volunteering roles to build confidence is vital to some, we will use whatever means to provide these opportunities.

Partnership and funding

Patchwork attends many city-wide forums and group to share experiences and information and learn from others. We contribute to groups that are aimed at supporting families or individuals with heightened need.

We are also part of several local level partnerships. The neighbourhood based youth projects, is one; a groups of seven from across the city. Having met for 10+years they are a strong group meeting to discuss changes to the sector that have impact across the city as well as to offer practise based support and collaborate. We are now in year 2 of a 3-year arrangement from 3 trusts, Ballinger, Sir James Knott and LGA foundation. that sees each core funding of 30k per year with some additional monies to improve collaborative working over 2 years. This year we adapted plans for joint work to share online resources and provide activity packs to local families across school-holiday periods throughout lockdown. Including Easter and Christmas.

COBs is another partnership is a group that involves community groups in and around Benwell and Scotswood. These meet several times per year to ensure that we are all aware of the work of others and are able to contribute to each other's efforts.

Projects4change is a project Patchworks Manager Michael Bell has sought to provide support and encouragement to during its early days of set up. Operating in Cowgate and Newbiggin Hall and ran by Kelly Coates its approach has clear values that mirror Patchworks own such as its focus on neighbourhood work, youth led activities and investment in staff development. Patchwork has sought to include Projects4change in jointly beneficial training, sharing of resources and supervision.

Covid19 pandemic and lockdowns of this financial year limited some of our activities, and also made us aware of crisis needs. We responded to limits to work by staff volunteering to help with other organisations providing specialist support e.g. SEARCH, Fareshare, food distribution etc.

Our future

Consolidating the strength of the staff team. Andi Kewley (Snr youth worker at the project for 16years) has been appointed Project Manager following a period of interim manager and successful interview. The trustees are now recruiting for a new Snr worker.

We have necessarily needed to reduce our ambitions regarding community assets. The focus following the project managers death has been the short, medium and long-term health of the organisation.

Growing community leaders and developing skilled people. We currently have 2 at University and hope that in future they will enhance our work in and beyond the immediate area we are currently operate in. Our hope is to ensure that we have several community leaders of use as long as needed going forward. These will provide opportunity for those wishing to participate and engage in community and youth work.

Many thanks,
John Pattison
Chair of the Trustees
Patchwork Project



Patchwork Project	No (if any)
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Jun-20	To	31-May-21
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
HMRC Furlough Grants	-	84614	-	84,614	11,078
Greggs	-	10600	-	10,600	8,000
Lottery Grant	-	38230	-	38,230	83,575
Lottery Covid Grant	-	12500	-	12,500	-
Community Foundation	-	18250	-	18,250	11,600
Tynexe	-	5000	-	5,000	-
Awards for All	-	-	-	-	10,000
CCF Martin Lewis	-	-	-	-	5,000
Business Support	-	-	-	-	10,000
Reece Foundation	-	-	-	-	5,000
Northumbria Police	-	-	-	-	26,120
James Knott	-	-	-	-	15,000
Wellesley	-	-	-	-	4,903
NHS Newcastle/Gateshead Resilience Fund	-	15,000	-	15,000	-
YHN CIF	-	2,500	-	2,500	2,500
DofE	-	1,000	-	1,000	1,653
Ballinger	-	1,500	-	1,500	24,047
Street Games	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Newcastle City Council	-	18,000	-	18,000	-
Newcastle City Council	-	9,720	-	9,720	-

Newcastle City Council	-	2,969	-	2,969	-
Rise North East	-	4,300	-	4,300	-
Miscellaneous Income	2,143	-	-	2,143	4,962
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	2,143	228,183	-	230,326	223,438

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	2,143	228,183	-	230,326	223,438
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A3 Payments

Salaries, costs and pensions	-	135,395	-	135,395	125,810
Staff Training	-	647	-	647	571
Travel	-	4,766	-	4,766	1,184
Consultancy	-	-	-	-	600
Direct Costs	-	-	-	-	2,591
Equipment	-	709	-	709	2,686
Utilities	-	2,894	-	2,894	9,542
Rent	-	5,400	-	5,400	5,500
Commucation (internet)	-	1,819	-	1,819	2,668
Stationery	-	160	-	160	215
Postage	-	125	-	125	-
Insurance	-	2,710	-	2,710	1,913
Minibus insurance and service	-	4,692	-	4,692	4,942
Activities	-	62,765	-	62,765	61,016
Building costs and maintenance	-	1,409	-	1,409	3,352
Courses for young people	-	1,113	-	1,113	4,796

Cleaning materials and hospitality	-	826	-	826	2,037
Independent examiners fee	-	300	-	300	300
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	225,730	-	225,730	229,723

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	225,730	-	225,730	229,723
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,143	2,453	-	4,596	- 6,285
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	2,143	2,453	-	4,596	- 6,285

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 account	43,028	141,912	-
	Reserve account	93,287	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	136,315	141,912	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	136315	141912	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)
Minibus		13,846	5,740
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Independent examiners fee		300	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees
on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
C. Hunter	Carol Hunter		14.02.2022

PATCHWORK PROJECT
(A company limited by guarantee)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES
For the year ended 31 May 2021

I report on the financial statements of Patchwork Project for the year ended 31 May 2021.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met: or

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

Linda Ellerton-Goldsmith
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PATCHWORK PROJECT

Linda Ellerton - Goldsmith
14/12/2022