

Morton Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Morton Community Centre
Charity registration number 1157329
Principal office Wigton Road
Carlisle
Cumbria
CA2 6JP

The trustees

Mr C Stothard	(Retired 31 March 2023)
Mr J Bell	(Retired 31 March 2023)
Mr G Bird	
Mr S Sidgwick	
Mr S Craig	
Mr G English	
Mr T Linford	
Mrs T Sidgwick	(Retired 1 May 2022)
Mrs A Quilter	(Appointed 12 September 2022)

Accountants

Gordon Consultancy Limited
Chartered accountants
Briar Lea House
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Structure, governance and management

The Centre is non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The Centre is run by a management committee which includes representatives from Carlisle City Council.

Objectives and activities

The Objectives of the Centre are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Morton and the neighbourhood by providing facilities, social welfare, recreation and leisure.

Achievements and performance

This has been a very successful year for Morton Manor Community Centre. We have continued with our proven policy of investing in the fabric of the Centre, using the existing Bounce Back Loan balances, to improve the facilities and improve our trading position. This position has improved over recent years, and we can finally show a reserves account in line with our financial regulations.

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Achievements and performance *(continued)*

The improvement in our trading position is integral to the success of the Centre. Only by trading well, can we cover the costs of maintaining such a large building and commit to supporting out local community. This year we have again be able to provide food hampers and host a Christmas Party for local families. We have hosted soul events, jubilee and coronation events in the adjacent Chances Park. We host craft fairs, large conferences and numerous playschemes over the year. We also provide a venue for local support groups together with health and wellbeing activities. We have become the first-choice location for weddings, engagements and christenings.

Our members groups have all returned and the members bar and functions rooms are doing well. Room hire is returning to pre covid levels, although we appreciate that charitable and voluntary sector organisations do not have the level of finance necessary to offer additional attractions such as catering.

Our Pre School-Nursery continues to flourish, with a full roll and sound evidence of good practice and care from the staff. We continue to support activities aimed at young people who are often at risk of social exclusion using our newly refurbished gym as an attraction.

We are grateful and wish to record our thanks to Carlisle City Council for undertaking major improvements to the Centre, our late Trustee and County Councillor John Bell, for his support throughout the years, and those patrons and friends who have supported us through recent difficult times.

Financial review

Reserves Policy:

The Reserve Fund represents the unrestricted funds arising from past operative results. The Trustees are satisfied that this should operate at the equivalent of three months operating expenditure which is satisfactory given the external risk to the Local Authority grant, the contractual obligations of the staff and the ongoing maintenance of the Community Centre not covered by the Lease arrangement with the Local Authority.

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 to ensure consistent duty of care and customer satisfaction. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity

Plans for future periods

The centre continues to strive to provide the highest possible service to the local residents whilst ensuring that expenditure is controlled.

Our future aims are to continue developing services, particularly supporting young people, where there is none or very little on offer. We maintain as strong control over expenditure and use flexibility within trading sections, rather than immediately recruit additional or replacement staff.

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Chartered Accountant's Report to Morton Community Centre on the Unaudited Financial Information of Morton Community Centre

Year ended 31 March 2023

As described on the statement of financial position, the trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023, which comprise the statement of financial activities, statement of financial position and the related notes.

You consider that the charity is exempt from an audit under the Charities Act 2011.

In accordance with your instructions we have compiled these financial statements in order to assist you to fulfil your statutory responsibilities, from the accounting records and from information and explanations supplied to us.

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Statement of Financial Activities
Year ended 31 March 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	—	170,060	170,060	136,999
Other trading activities	5	359,584	—	359,584	279,700
Total income		359,584	170,060	529,644	416,699
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	6,7	382,496	164,193	546,689	414,161
Total expenditure		382,496	164,193	546,689	414,161
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		(22,912)	5,867	(17,045)	2,538
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		66,097	17,850	83,947	81,409
Total funds carried forward		43,185	23,717	66,902	83,947

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 7 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	13	53,625	62,555
Current assets			
Stocks	14	8,219	6,064
Debtors	15	12,920	6,405
Cash at bank and in hand		99,689	120,070
		<u>120,828</u>	<u>132,539</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	16	81,440	70,036
Net current assets		<u>39,388</u>	<u>62,503</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>93,013</u>	<u>125,058</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	17	26,111	41,111
Net assets		<u>66,902</u>	<u>83,947</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		23,717	17,850
Unrestricted funds		43,185	66,097
Total charity funds	18	<u>66,902</u>	<u>83,947</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 31 July 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr G English
Trustee

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