PARK SOUTH & WALCOT COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Registered Charity No: 1157360)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees present their Report and Financial Accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial accounts have been prepared generally, in accordance with Accepted Accounting Practice**.**

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Ram Thiagarajah	Chair
V T Sakthivel	Secretary
P Ragavan	Treasurer
S Vakeeson	
M Vahesan	
R Sakthivel	
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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Park South & Walcot Community Centre is a Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Charity No: 1157360. The Charity has been incorporated on 6th June 2014 and started business on 1 July 2014. Currently Seven Trustees were appointed. Governance of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees. Appointment of Trustees were made taking into consideration of the individuals' skills, expertise and availability to undertake the Centre's activities/duties.
Trustees are all volunteers and have been given induction training. Trustees are also encouraged to undertake other training such as Basic First Aid Training, Risk Analysis etc.

All Trustees give their time freely and no Trustee remuneration was paid in the period. However, travel expenses are reimbursed.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Aim – Our Aim is to provide a safe and secure environment to all sections of the community, irrespective of their race, colour, sex, religious conviction, disability, sexual orientation, poverty or social and economic circumstances with the object of improving their conditions in life.

Objectives: To provide social, cultural, recreational and educational forum to all sections of the community in Swindon and in particular to the residents of the Park South and Walcot neighbourhoods.
Promotion of any charitable purpose.
To hire the Centre facilities to all at affordable price.
To work with our stakeholders including the Swindon Borough Council to achieve our objectives.
For all users to access the Centre which is friendly and welcoming for use .
To encourage local residents to volunteer to be part of the management in the day to day running of the Centre.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The objects of the Centre are the promotion of any charitable purposes for the benefit of all residents in the Borough of Swindon and any other exclusively charitable purposes which are in the opinion of the Trustees beneficial to the peoples of Swindon. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

ACTIVITIES

The Centre is functioning to the same level as it was before the COVID Lockdown. There are a variety of activities being held in the Centre for the benefit of the local community.

A review of the Hire Rates was carried out and it was decided not to change the hire rate, so that all can access the facilities without much difficulty.

The following activities regularly take place in the Centre:

- Exercise Class for the elderly and disable
- Classical Dancing classes
- Tae Kwan Do /Karate classes
- Yoga Classes
- Education & Cultural programmes for young people.

- Training Sessions by various organisations
- Table Tennis
- Worship by Faith communities (Church) (4 nos)
- Kumon Study Classes
- Chess Classes
- Cycling club meetings
- NHS blood bank collection center service
- NHS elderly/disable support for local community
- Music Classes
- Coffee Morning for our local residents

In addition local community use the Centre to celebrate children's Birthdays, Anniversary Parties, Weddings, etc

The Facility is managed entirely by volunteers and without their support the Centre cannot be run. We provide training and other incentives for the volunteers and the Trustees acknowledge their contribution.

FACILITIES

The Facilities are maintained by Volunteers and cleaning is carried out by a professional cleaner. The opening and closing of the Centre is also done by volunteers. Testing of Fire Alarm, Burglar Alarm etc are carried out by authorised Companies on behalf of Swindon Borough Council. In order to tighten the security of the Facility, a security camera system was installed which will record 24 hrs a day 7 days a week.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total income for the financial year ending Dec 2023 is £ 38848.71 of which £0.00 grants from Local Council and Charitable Organisations. The Income is solely by hiring the centre Facilities to the public. The Expenditure for the same period is £29843.65. Main expenditure is for utilities and maintenance. Full details are given the Year End Accounts posted separately.

RESERVES POLICY

The Centre's policy is to maintain unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the Charity, at a level equates to approximately 6 months of operational expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover the cost of utilities, maintenance and other operational costs.

RamThiagarajah

Ram Thiagarajah JP, DL Chair of Trustees

Income and Expenses
Park South & Walcott Community Centre
For the year ended 31 December 2023
Registered charity -1157360

	2023	2022
Income		
C-19 Grants & Omicron Hospitality and Leisure Grant	£0.00	£2,667.00
Hall Booking	£38,121.95	£41,396.30
Interest Income	£1,836.26	£283.97
Less: Deposit Return	-£1,109.50	-£1,760.23
Total Income	**£38,848.71**	**£42,587.04**

Expenses				
Cleaning	£1,788.00		£1,780.00	
Entertainment for Volunteers	£907.03		£673.00	
Furniture & Fixtures (CCTV)	£2,400.00		£0.00	
General Expenses	£1,861.84		£1,705.45	
Insurance	£1,418.95		£1,353.74	
IT Software and Consumables	£639.60		£618.00	
Light, Power, Heating	£8,789.43		£4,326.49	
Repairs & Maintenance	£377.34		£0.00	
Salaries	£3,900.00		£3,842.50	
Telephone & Internet	£628.68		£589.73	
Trade Waste and Paper and card collection	£1,789.08		£870.54	
Volunteers	£4,500.00		£4,500.00	
Water	£843.70		£187.13	
Total Expenses		**£29,843.65**		**£20,446.58**
SURPLUS INCOME OVER EXPENSES		£9,005.06		£22,140.46

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Cash an Cash Equivalent 01-01-2023	£140,148.69
Income	£38,848.71
Total	£178,997.40
Less: Expenses for 2023	£29,843.65
Total	**£149,153.75**

Saving Account 31-12.203	£102,304.47
Current Account 31-12-2023	£46,849.28
Cash an Cash Equivalent 31-12-2023	**£149,153.75**

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A **Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees	Charity Name: PARK SOUTH & WALCOT COMMUNITY CENTRE
On accounts for the year 31ST DEC 2023 **ended**	**Charity no (if any)** 1157360
Set out on pages	(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)
Responsibilities and basis of report	I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 12 / 2023 As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act"). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
Independent examiner's statement	[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.* I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: • the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or • the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or • the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination. I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. * *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*
Signed:	**Date:** 25th October 2024
Name:	DMBell David M Bell
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	
Address:	124 Eastmere Lydea Swindon Wilts SN3 6LL

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