

The Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2021



Heart of Tamworth
Community Project

The Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and administrative information

Charity name: The Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Charity number: 1157449

Registered address: Sacred Heart Church, Silver Link Road, Glascote Heath, Tamworth,
B77 2EA

Trustees: The Trustees of the Charity during the period and up to the date of signing of the financial statements were:

L Bates

R Berry (appointed 28th April 2022)

H M Bolger (appointed 22nd September 2022)

P D Mehew (resigned)

R Charles

C W Quinn

S D Peaple

S P Peaple

C M Smith

F L Tansey (appointed 23rd September 2021)

M White

V Woodley (appointed 2nd November 2021)

Structure, governance and management

Constitution:

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of trustees:

The management committee, which generally meets every six weeks, are the charity's trustees. There must be a minimum of five and a maximum of eight appointed trustees, one ex officio trustee and a minimum of one and a maximum of two nominated trustees.

The parish priest for the parish of St Johns, currently Michael White, shall automatically (ex officio) be a charity trustee. The parish council of St Johns Tamworth may appoint one nominated charity trustee, currently R Charles. Father Hudson's society may also appoint one nominated charity trustee, currently V Woodley.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes:

This can be summarised as 'providing educational and social facilities aimed at relieving poverty within the town of Tamworth and surrounding area'. Full objectives are available on the Charity Commission website.

Activities:

The charity facilitates or delivers a range of activities covering all age groups from pre-school to older age, as well as providing meeting facilities, and volunteers who support the charity's own and partner activities. Most of the charity's activities are delivered at the community centres attached to Sacred Heart and St John's churches.

Achievements and performance:

In common with many charities, our objective in 2021 was to return to normal after the worst of the pandemic. However, Covid's legacy meant that we needed to adapt existing services, and introduce new ones, to meet the needs of our local community. Isolation and financial hardship have been, and indeed remain, major issues, and much of our work is focused on supporting people affected by these.

The completion of the capital project funded by the National Lottery meant that new meeting and office space was available early in the year, along with a new community café. The café opened at the end of May and has proved to be hugely successful. Led by a full-time manager supported by a team of volunteers, the café has quickly developed a reputation as a warm, welcoming environment where good quality food and drinks are available at competitive prices. It has become a valuable community facility and has provided a much-needed place for people to meet...helping to address loneliness and social isolation.

The cafe operates on a not-for-profit basis meaning that it generates valuable revenue to fund the charity's wider work.

In a similar vein, our community shop is a practical response to the financial hardship experienced by many in our local area. Having used our community facilities as a hub for the distribution of food during the lockdowns, we recognised that there would be a need for ongoing support and established the shop. This makes donated food available to anyone in need in return for a small payment. During 2021 use of the shop continued to increase, reflecting increases in the cost of living, changes to the benefits system and so on.

A wide range of services and support operate from our community facilities. Some of these are delivered directly by the charity, others by partner organisations. Obviously, these were largely cancelled during the pandemic and it took time for them to start up again as restrictions eased. People were understandably nervous about meeting in larger numbers and confidence was low. We worked closely with organisers of activities and support services to re-launch groups, whilst adhering to ongoing Covid guidelines.

In November we held an Open Day to “show off” our facilities and highlight the services and support available. This was well attended by members of the local community and partner organisations. It helped us to demonstrate that we were “open for business”.

Our two community workers joined us towards the end of 2020. In 2021 their roles have continued to develop and their engagement with volunteers, stakeholders and the wider community has enabled us to deliver more support/work with new partners. Securing longer-term funding for these posts and others will be a priority over the coming months.

Much of the support delivered by the charity is of a very practical nature. Examples include the annual summer scheme programme (the largest in the area), youth work, “wrap-around” support for people who have been moved into local authority accommodation after having been homeless, and food parcels to help families during school holidays (over 450 distributed ahead of the Christmas break). Similarly, over 40 people who found themselves on their own on Christmas Day were looked after with a three-course lunch and a place to meet others.

As ever, the charity is grateful for the tremendous support of our volunteers who help to deliver services, enable us to operate the café and shop and assist with all manner of activities.

Financial review

In common with many charities, we recognise that as the need for our services continues to increase, it may prove more challenging to secure funding. In 2021 our grant income was derived from smaller awards than the previous year, and reflected the need to obtain funding for specific projects.

Income from room hire in 2021 was obviously adversely affected by the ongoing Covid restrictions.

Reserves policy

The trustees’ policy is to retain an overall surplus.

Public benefit statement

During the period the trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Plans for the future

During the early part of 2022 the trustees have engaged in a strategy review process. This has included a community consultation exercise designed to ensure that our work will continue to address the issues which

are most important to local people. Early indications show that isolation and loneliness are areas of significant concern and we are developing new activities to support people affected by these.

The economic situation is a cause for concern, with the cost-of-living crisis causing hardship, particularly amongst people who were already experiencing the impact of poverty and deprivation. We will continue to support our community in a very practical manner, for example by expanding our community shop.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine C.', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Catherine Smith

Chair of Trustees

1st October 2022

Registered Address:

Sacred Heart Church,

Silver Link Rd,

Tamworth,

B77 2EA.

Registered in England and Wales Charity Number 1157449

Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Statement Income & Expenditure for year ended 31st December 2021

Income	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund 1 £	Restricted fund 2 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund 1 £	Restricted fund 2 £	Total 2020 £
Receipts								
Donations - centre / hub	0			0	50	-	-	50
Donations - night shelter	9,000			9,000	15,353	-	-	15,353
Donations - summer scheme	5,198			5,198	7,790	-	-	7,790
Donations - other	25,648			25,648	49,682	-	-	49,682
Donations - funding	27,922		75,677	103,600	-	-	244,703	244,703
Rental income	7,821			7,821	8,691	-	-	8,691
Shop income	8,448			8,448				
Café income	58,427			58,427				
Refund from Parish	1,074			1,074				
Total receipts	143,537		75,677	219,215	81,566	-	244,703	326,269
Payments								
Cleaners	0			0				(8,857)
Consumables	(310)			(310)				(1,476)
Equipment	(889)			(889)				(837)
Staff costs	(36,856)			(36,856)			(1,908)	(1,908)
Food for events	(140)			(140)				0
Heat and light	(3,308)			(3,308)				(6,801)
Insurance / licence	(1,364)			(1,364)				(1,633)
Night shelter	(774)			(774)				(18,681)
Printing, postage and stationery	(9)			(9)				
Professional fees	(2,122)			(2,122)				0
Publications	0			0				0
Repairs and maintenance	(2,318)			(2,956)				(1,719)
Summer scheme	(8,932)			(8,932)				(4,931)
Training	0			0				0
Café costs	(39,487)			(39,487)				0
Other	(32,780)			(32,780)				(7,909)
Depreciation	(16,602)		(33,816)	(50,417)				(13,878)
	(145,891)		(33,816)	(180,344)	0	0	(1,908)	(68,631)
Net receipts / (payments) for the year	(2,353)		41,862	38,871	2,247	-	255,376	257,624

Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Assets & Liabilities as at 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund 1 £	Restricted fund 2 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund 1 £	Restricted fund 2 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets	303689		227223	530912	70226			70226
Assets under construction				0	228717	0	244702	473419
Debtors				0	3912			3912
Cash at bank and in hand								0
Bank balance	38119			38119	-3058	0	10674	7616
Current Liabilities								
Other tax and social security	-159			-159	0	0	0	0
Accruals	-13045			-453	-19253			-19253
								0
Net assets	328604	0	227223	568419	280545	0	255376	535921
Reserves								
Restricted Funds			227223	227223	0		255376	255376
Unrestricted	328604			328604	280545			280545
	328603		227223	555827	280545	0	255376	535921

The Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st December 2021

(a) Basis of preparation

These financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the section 133 of the Charities Act 2011

(b) Other assets

Other assets have been recognised on an historical cost basis

(c) Related party transactions

During the year 1000.00 was reimbursed to R Charles, trustee for expenses incurred wholly and exclusively on behalf of the Charity

(d) Restricted funds

Restricted fund 2 represents third party donations towards the extension and improvement of the facilities at the Sacred Heart Community Centre including £31084 from the Nation Lottery and £15000 from The Parish of St John the Baptist for the Capital project, £12583 from the National Lottery towards wages for Community Workers, £8250 from SPACE for Summer Scheme, £5000 from Tamworth Borough Council for Youth Club Provision.

The Heart of Tamworth Community Project

Independent Examiner's Report

For the year ended 31 December 2021

Report on the accounts of The Heart of Tamworth Community Project for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed 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 commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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 next statement

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 respect the requirements: to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act 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



John Faulkner CA, Independent Examiner

63 Amington Road
Bolehall
Tamworth
B77 3LN

Date: 1st Oct 2022