

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1158333

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-08-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE AREA OF BENEFIT WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME.TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: Community Cafe, Playgroup, Children's Dance, Children's Exercise, Adult Tap, Chair Zumba & Social, Yoga inc Pre and Postnatal, self help groups for people who stammer, Aphasia, Arthritis Care, AA, Bobbin Lace, Art Classes, Counselling for adults, Home Care, Education for adults with learning difficulties, Community Garden Group, NHS physio sessions, Space for meetings & training

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£112,877	£103,508	-	-
2024-03-31	£102,533	£99,961	-	-
2023-03-31	£81,539	£98,241	-	-
2022-03-31	£60,261	£66,139	-	-
2021-03-31	£33,174	£64,747	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JILL MEE	Chair	2015-05-18
Eva Codrington		2025-03-13
HANNAH MALHOTRA		2016-07-11
TRACEY HOLLAND		2015-05-18
VALERIE HUNTER		2015-05-18

Accounts

Sherwood Community Association CIO
(Registered charity, number 1158333)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2025

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**Sherwood Community Association CIO
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

Full name Sherwood Community Association CIO

Other names by which the charity is known Sherwood Community Centre

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1158333

Principal address

Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road, Nottingham, NG5 3FN

Trustees

Jill Mee, Chair

Hannah Malhotra, Secretary

Eva Codrington, from 13/03/2025

Margaret Hilton, until 31/03/2025

Tracey Holland, Vice Chair

Valerie Hunter, Membership Secretary

Dawn Evans, until 14/03/2025

Mathew Bunn, until 11/06/2025

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of the CIO Association constitution adopted 22/08/14.

Trustees are recruited through informal interest at publicity events as well as through personal professional recommendations and unsolicited interest and applications in line with our recruitment of Trustee Policy. Trustees are elected annually at the AGM, or co-opted under terms of the Constitution (19 May 2014) and the Policy for Recruitment of Trustees.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the CIO are:

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, nationality, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;

To establish, or secure the establishment of, a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the Objects;

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To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined. The Charity shall be non-party in politics and non-sectarian in religion. The area of benefit shall be Sherwood and the surrounding area.

Sherwood Community Centre has a Main Hall and several meeting rooms which are rented out per session to a wide variety of groups including charities, self-help, support, well-being, fitness, education etc. These rooms are also available for parties and social / cultural /religious events and celebrations.

We have a reduced rental rate for charities making the building more accessible and affordable for their use for their use. Approximately 20 different charities use the Centre throughout the year. There are also offices and clubrooms rented out to charities, counsellors and other organisations providing support, well-being, fitness and education. In particular there is a great deal of preventative work happening supporting health and wellbeing.

The age range provided for includes pre-natal, post-natal, children, adults of all ages.

The Community Café, provides affordable meals and has become a thriving hub in the Centre, regularly used by both users and other members of the Community as its reputation has grown. It has been able to provide buffet lunches for training groups and continues to support fundraising activities and events.

The various User Groups/Charities include:

- Sherwood Playgroup CIO which is an early years Childcare CIO setting receiving Term time Government funding distributed by Nottingham City Council and reports to NCC who oversee settings who are part of their Statutory Provision in the City. Additional activities previously funded by NCC local area grant such as Forest school sessions are now dependent on other grants and crowd funding. Offer an early years entitlement offer of 15 and up to 30 hours in line with Government Funding. It is an inclusive and diverse setting working with children aged 2 - 4 and their families in the Nottingham City area. Sessions are held weekdays, Tuesday to Friday. The group has a strong reputation of providing care and education for children with a range of needs and disabilities and staff have a range of qualifications and extensive up to date training.
- A charity supporting male and female survivors of childhood sexual, physical, psychological abuse, neglect, incest, and rape, those exploited by sex and violence with a wide range of holistic interventions.
- Support and counselling to bereaved parents.
- Support and counselling group for women.
- Mental Health Counselling.
- Counselling to support giving up smoking, improved diet and other health matters.
- Aphasia.
- Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Versus Arthritis.
- Alzheimer support.
- Education for Adults with Learning Difficulties.
- Pre-natal Yoga.
- Parent and Toddler Yoga.
- Kids' Yoga.

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- Various Adult Yoga classes.
- Dance education and fitness including Ballet, Tap, Modern Jazz Dance and Acrobatics for children and adults, with examinations/qualifications which are part of the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF) / Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual).
- Movement and Dance for babies and toddlers.
- Fitness classes, including chair based for those with disabilities or limited mobility.
- Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society.
- Turkish language school, where children have the opportunity to learn their native language and to learn more about Turkish history, traditions and cultural values.
- Various organisations giving training in First Aid, Health and Social Care.
- Community Food Garden.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

- Providing support and support networks for those in need of support.
- Providing activities which benefit the body and mind, thus supporting mental and physical health of the community.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

- Held a Community Forum to bring local groups together.
- Held Table Top Sales to bring in revenue to help to improve our facilities.
- Linked with Sherwood Art Week to provide Craft Sessions and tours of the Grade II listed building we occupy.
- A Tapathon in aid of Children in Need took place in November, organised by Elevation Dance in liaison with Jill Gregory School of Dancing with other locals taking part.
- We continue to have the front grounds mowed, weeded and trimmed weekly by a volunteer team, which keeps the grounds as pleasant and welcoming as possible and offers a break out space for many of our groups.
- The Trustees and staff have been working hard to increase bookings, private parties and group events as well as group hire in the Centre by the use of an efficient booking system and excellent customer service.
- The Sherwood Community Centre is in an area where there are financial challenges to those living nearby and many experience financial deprivation. The Playgroup has links locally with food banks and clothing recycling schemes to support some of those needs and signposts children and families to other support services. The Community cafe has a pay it forward scheme and discretion is used in supporting those who may need a hot meal or drink.
- As we are adjacent to the Wildlife Trust area, Woodthorpe Meadow, we have had increased footfall of visitors since their new signposting and access path that leads into our car park. We have also increased our usage of their area through Sherwood Playgroup Forest school sessions funded through grants.
- We have supported at network meetings and offered a venue to discuss changes to Council funding across the City relating to Community Centres.

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- We continue to have engagement with local councillors who hold a surgery within our Coffee bar space. We are also a polling centre.

Financial review

At the end of the financial year (April 2024 to March 2025), Sherwood Community Association CIO is in a stronger financial position. This reflects prudent financial management and the successful delivery of a broad range of community activities. Our total income for the year was £112,877. With room hire and grant funding being the most significant contributors. Total expenditure stood at £103,508. Including key operational costs such as wages, utilities, and IT support although.

Trustees are pleased with the organisation's increasing financial health, particularly as it allows us to maintain continuity of services, invest in our premises, and plan future community programmes with greater confidence.

We continue to attend Grant and bid writing workshops and networking events and have been pleased to have some success in receiving some grant funding allocations.

The charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient reserves are held in a charity investment savings account to ensure the safe running of the Centre for a period of at least 3 months, and to cover any redundancies, including pension contributions, should the need arise. Trustees are currently working toward increasing this reserve level to cover 6 months of core operating costs. This will enhance the Centre's financial security and ensure greater resilience in the face of unexpected challenges.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Jill Mee, Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sherwood Community Association CIO
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Association CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024			Unrestricted	Restricted	2025
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£			£	£	£
	Receipts				
1238	Bank interest		1534	-	1534
11904	Grants & donations	2	17277	5010	22287
297	Membership		250	-	250
73121	Rents		76308	-	76308
-	Equipment Hire		27	-	27
13958	Café		10272	-	10272
2015	Zumba income		2042	-	2042
-	Sundry income		157	-	157
<u>102533</u>	Total receipts		<u>107867</u>	<u>5010</u>	<u>112877</u>
	Payments				
131	bank charge		2	-	2
-	Licences		833	-	833
-	Equipment repairs and renewals		434	179	613
-	Insurance		1607	-	1607
1366	Legal & professional		6287	-	6287
-	Printing, postage and stationery		7	-	7
7860	Premises maintenance		364	-	364
12880	Office & general expenses		2629	-	2629
-	Subscriptions		367	-	367
79	Telephone		4246	-	4246
19178	Utilities		19998	-	19998
44526	Wages, Tax & NI		59263	-	59263
-	Sundry expenditure		48	-	48
13097	Café		-	-	-
464	Fundraising		91	685	776
27	Hospitality		-	-	-
-	Provisions		3088	-	3088
353	Training		90	-	90
-	Website		280	-	280
-	Security		3010	-	3010
<u>99961</u>	Total payments		<u>102644</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>103508</u>
2572	Net receipts/(payments)		5223	4146	9369
<u>40444</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>41617</u>	<u>1399</u>	<u>43016</u>
<u>43016</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>46840</u>	<u>5545</u>	<u>52385</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2025

2024			2025
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
42633	Bank accounts		51891
383	Cash in hand		494
<u>43016</u>			<u>52385</u>
	Other monetary assets		
-	Prepayment- Microsoft Subscription		19
6337	Debtors- Room Hire		-
<u>6337</u>			<u>19</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Cooker purchased in 2019 at a cost of £899		
	Liabilities		
(4401)	Creditors	4	(1474)
<u>(4401)</u>			<u>(1474)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Date _____
Jill Mee, Chair

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Holland Legacy	12000	-	12000
Nottingham City Council	2077	-	2077
Thomas Farr	-	2000	2000
Near Neighbour	-	3010	3010
General Donations	3200	-	3200
	<u>17277</u>	<u>5010</u>	<u>22287</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Near Neighbours	-	3010	-	3010
Thomas Farr	-	2000	-	2000
Garden Waste	400	-	-	400
Lidl Fundraising	999	-	(864)	135
	<u>1399</u>	<u>5010</u>	<u>(864)</u>	<u>5545</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	41617	107867	(102644)	46840
	<u>41617</u>	<u>107867</u>	<u>(102644)</u>	<u>46840</u>

Thomas Farr Trust: to provide a free monthly community get together free refreshments from our Community Café and volunteer expenses.

Lidl Fundraising: is for fundraising costs.

Garden Waste: is for garden clearing.

Near Neighbours Fund: a small grants programme, administered by the Church Urban Fund that supported projects in diverse neighbourhoods across England to bring together people from different faiths and ethnicities.

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4. Creditors

	£
HMRC	104
Pensions	524
Independent Examination fee	846
	<u>1474</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

It is the policy of the charity to offer room rent at a reduced rates to affiliated groups. Jill Mee, as a Trustee, is a part of an affiliated group.

Sam Holland, who is the son of Tracey Holland, received £2,045 in wages.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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Registered Charity 1158333

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

2023-2024

**Sherwood Community Association CIO
is the Registered Charity which runs**



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TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023-24

ABOUT SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

The Sherwood Community Association CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (Reg. No.1158333), a voluntary organisation which was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd August 2014. From 1st April 2015, this charity took over the running of the Sherwood Community Centre, and all the monies, assets, contracts etc. of the former Sherwood Community Association which was then closed.

Full SCA CIO Membership is open to anyone living, working or-volunteering in the area of benefit, which is Sherwood and the surrounding area.

The Association is managed by The Trustees' Committee who meet monthly, assisted by two Administrative Assistants. The Trustees are elected annually by the members at an AGM and operate as per the adopted Constitution of 2014. The Trustees consult with the Members' Support Group, which is made up of representatives from Affiliated Groups and other interested Members, who also meet regularly. It is a condition of Affiliation that representatives support the Association by attending meetings and providing assistance at events or helping in areas of their expertise.

Various sub-groups (comprising of Trustees and representatives of the Members' Support Group) carry out research, planning and other work and report back to the Trustees' Committee and Members' Support Group.

The building and grounds are owned by Nottingham City Council, who are responsible for repairs to the structure and services of the building.

The current Trustees' Committee has endeavoured to be in contact with and work with other organisations and charities to enhance provision for all who live in the area of benefit. We regularly use Social media to promote our activities, user groups and events on Facebook and Instagram and also have a page for the cafe Sherwood Community Cafe.

Through the democratic process, a wide range of views and opinions have been expressed, debated and decisions made accordingly.

Present provision and services continue to be utilised and we have had some success in responding to identified needs.

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2024

Chair	Jill Gregory (<i>also known as Jill Mee</i>)
Treasurer	Margaret Hilton
Secretary	Hannah Fries (<i>also known as Hannah Malhotra</i>)
Membership Secretary	Valerie Hunter
Trustees	Louise Holland
	Dawn Evans
	Matthew Bunn

MEMBERS OF STAFF 2023/24

Administrative Assistants	Sue Packman Karen Southam (until 28.2.24) Meily Cheung (from 12.3.24) Adam Cliff (Compliance/Website etc)
Training/Support	Alison Manifold (until 31.01.24)
Caretakers	Adam Cliff Sam Holland (from 8/1/23) Julie Fairholm (until 30.6.23) Joe Stevens (from 29.8.23)
Café Employee	Jayne Marriott (term time only)

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Resident Development Officer (Nottingham City Council)
Castle Cavendish

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Centre is becoming more and more busy during the day, although we would welcome more evening bookings. Weekends are busy with regular bookings, including Elevation Dance, Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society and a Turkish School. There is an increasing number of weekend party bookings.

We have a considerable number of charities and support groups using the building, as well as many other groups providing activities for health, well-

being, fitness, dance, education, arts and crafts. There is an increasing diversity in bookings.

Thank you to all staff and trustees who have worked hard to rebuild the wide variety of use of the Centre after the pandemic and staff changes.

Jill Gregory
Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the Year: 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

C A Plus continues to cover our book-keeping and invoicing work and also our payroll. We will continue to use their services for the near future.

I would like to thank Dawn Evans, Vice Treasurer, for her help and support over the year, and a big thank you to Sue Packman for all her hard work taking over the liaising with C A Plus over invoices and overdue payments after Karen left earlier in the year.

For the year ended 31st March 2024

Total Income: £102533

Total Expenditure: £99961

Net Surplus: £2572

Although this would appear to be a very modest profit over the year, it is quite a significant improvement on the same period the previous year, which showed a deficit of £16702.

Although price increases have contributed to the higher figure for room and office rental, a significant amount is due to the extra bookings throughout the year. This is mainly down to the hard work of the Admin team. Other increases are due to the fundraising events, the sale of items donated to the centre, such as bric-a-brac and books, and surplus items of furniture.

We have kept a close eye on our spending, but certain areas of expenditure have necessarily increased, such as Wages, National Insurance and Pensions. As the City Council has been unable to carry out many of the repair works needed for the Centre building, we have had to cover important ones for the safety of staff and users ourselves.

Energy costs have increased but, through the City Council, we changed supplier and had a discount during the summer months of 2023, which has helped with the annual utility costs.

Challenges and Looking Ahead:

While we had a good year, we need to think about how to keep our income steady. We're considering ways to boost rental income and keep our finances stable.

We know that the City Council Grant will be significantly lower this year or discontinued completely. We need to focus on applying for multi-year grants that offer more stability, so we're not always worried about where the next round of funding will come from.

Higher utility bills and unexpected maintenance issues are tough to manage. We'll need to plan better for these kinds of expenses. We are hoping to be able to set aside some of our income into a maintenance fund to help cover future repairs.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, especially the Office and Caretaking staff often going "the extra mile" especially for fundraising events.

We've had a solid year financially, but we need to stay focused on keeping our income steady and managing our expenses carefully. With continued support from our members, donors, and volunteers, I'm confident we can meet the challenges ahead and keep our Community Centre thriving.

Margaret Hilton
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

The 5 Affiliated groups from last renewal period of April 2023 have continued to use the Centre: NBLS, Jill Gregory School of Dancing, Yoga Village, Elevation Dance, Sherwood Playgroup CIO.

From within these groups, there was a total of 38 listed members, and with 22 further Individual memberships and 1 Life member, the total membership is listed as 61 for the Membership year ending 31.03.24.

This is an increase from 50 individual memberships during the previous reporting period.

Several User groups were unable to return as we recovered from the pandemic closures, and though MSG has not resumed, the majority of Representatives from Affiliated Groups have continued as full and active Trustees. If MSG is to re-start, new individual members who are able to commit to the Centre's Sub-groups and support activities will need to be recruited.

Prior to the new membership year starting in April 2024, it was suggested that there should be a Membership Review, both of benefits and fees. To this end, all current individual memberships registered at the end of the Membership year (March 2024) have had their membership extended to the new period, without further charge. Affiliated Groups were asked to

continue their annual fee to maintain their status and benefits. New applications for individual membership will still be welcomed, with complementary membership offered until such time as the Review can establish new criteria and fee levels. It was also agreed that group leaders of Tenants could also be given free membership, should they request it.

Group	Full Members
Sherwood Playgroup CIO	4
Elevation Dance	7
NBLS	24
Jill Gregory School of Dancing	1
The Yoga Village	2
Individual Members	22
Life Member	1
TOTAL	61

Valerie Hunter
Membership Secretary

FUNDRAISING/EVENT REPORT

Margaret and I have been leading the fundraising events over the last 12 months.

Building on the success of the events during the previous year, for the year ended 31st March 2024 we have held 4 Tabletop sales, and a Christmas Craft Fair. All these Events were successful, and all made a profit varying between £300 and £650.

The café was open for every one of them, and thanks again to Jayne who worked on a voluntary basis, together with her daughter Beth. Thanks also to Valerie Hunter one of our Trustees who regularly bakes cakes for sale in the café, and who not only bakes extra for the events but volunteers her time in the café on the actual day as well.

We were encouraged by the fact that many of the stallholders and crafts people returned repeatedly, and we had people enquiring the date of the next ones and booking where possible in advance.

Together with Louise, another Trustee, a Forum was organised for the local Community, (including businesses, charities, community and social groups, churches interested members of the local community etc). This was well attended and allowed people to learn more about each other make connections for the future.

Louise also organised and ran some crafting days.

The main difficulty has been that the Centre is in full use on Saturdays by the Dance school, and on Sundays by an education group so we have had to limit availability of events to weekends in school holidays. However, we plan to continue working round this and hold more Table Top Sales and also a major Summer Event on a much bigger scale than has been held in years at the Centre, with indoor and outdoor space used, a DJ to coordinate things, demonstrations by groups who meet or rent rooms in the Centre as well as a craft fair, children's activities, singing groups, ice cream van plus any other item brought to our notice, with the intention of appealing more to the local Community as well as raise funds.

Although we have had a regular band of volunteers to help at these past events, we have had fewer volunteers than we need, which has limited how many events we can run. This is something we really need to address.

More are needed, with differing skills, whether it is with finance, catering, selling raffle tickets, manning a bric-a-brac stall, helping to put up a gazebo, delivering posters/flyers around the community, helping to set up or clear up, every little bit of help is a massive boost to our fundraising.

A big thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, especially all our volunteers who have given up their time so far; you have been essential for helping us run the events and keep costs down.

We would also like to thank all the local businesses who have donated raffle prizes and displayed posters, and members of the Community Centre who have donated items for the Tombola or for our bric-a-brac tables. Your contributions make a huge difference.

And finally, a big thank you to Lidl, for their generous donation of £999 towards our future fundraising efforts.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Dawn Evans and
Margaret Hilton

STAFFING

Alison, who had been Administrator from 2008 to 2022 had continued to work for us until the end of January 2024 on a zero-hours contract for a few hours most week, to provide training and continuation of some tasks pending transfer of some specific activities. This was very much appreciated, as Centre Administration covers a wide range of tasks, some of which only occur very occasionally, and cannot be trained for in

advance. Karen left at the end of February and was replaced by Meily Cheung. Bookings, Correspondence and general administration have therefore been carried out by Sue and Karen, and now Meily, with Adam covering designated tasks such as designing a new website, plus tasks previously carried out by Kevin who had been Site Maintenance Co-ordinator, such as PAT Testing, Compliance and technical matters which also tie in with his Caretaking Role.

Thank you to Sue and Karen for their success in building up the daytime and weekend bookings.

Julie retired in June 2023, after working for us since December 2017. She was replaced by Joe Stevens who brought additional maintenance skills to the role. Due to Sam Holland working at the weekends, it has been possible for the Turkish School to run on Sundays, and caretakers have provided additional cover for parties and other casual bookings.

THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Sherwood Community Centre (Woodthorpe House) is owned by Nottingham City Council, who are responsible for repairs to the building, although the Association is permitted to make minor repairs, or arrange for work to be carried out by approved contractors, and is responsible for painting and decorating the interior. The Association relies on rents to pay the Centre's running costs and minor repairs.

Room 2 has been redecorated and carpet tiles have been replaced. However there have been quite a few repairs needed, which would normally have been carried out by the Council, which caretakers have worked hard to remedy. Unfortunately, there are other repairs which need to be carried out by the Council, when the money is available.

Although the Council are no longer cutting grass or doing other work on the grounds, we have been able to arrange for a small group of volunteer gardeners to work on grounds maintenance, which has considerably improved the appearance of the beautiful surroundings, which had previously become very neglected. Disposal of garden waste is a major problem, as this cannot be put in normal bins and the Council only operates a garden waste collection for residential properties.

We are also fortunate to be adjacent to a Wildlife Trust Nature Reserve and are very grateful to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust and the Keeping it Wild Team who maintain that area.

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE & THE ENVIRONMENT

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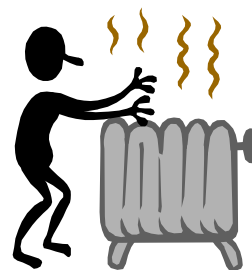
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BOOKS and BRIC-A-BRAC

Books and Bric-a-Brac are on sale in the Foyer/Reception area to raise funds for the Community Centre.

Donations of good quality bric-a-brac and books are always appreciated.

BOOK SHARING



Books displayed in the cafe can be borrowed and returned or passed on to friends. If you don't return the book, we ask that you replace it with another book that you have read to enable the shelves to stay stocked.

AFFILIATED GROUPS' REPORTS

Sherwood Playgroup CIO

Sherwood Playgroup has been running for 63 Years at Sherwood Community Centre. Since the pandemic we have moved to a Tuesday – Friday Term Time pattern where children can attend between the hours of 9.15am and 4pm for up to 38 weeks of the year. Many families now choose to do three full days to complete their allocated funded entitlement. We have a settled, well qualified and experienced staff team who attend regular training and professional development sessions. We continue to offer placements to students from NTU Nottingham Trent University who we have a strong link working with the Education and Psychology departments as well as students who wish to have experience of working with a range of children including those with Special Educational Needs. We also began linking with The Best Practice Network in January to support Training for

an additional Early Years Teacher through their Initial Teacher Training Scheme. We also offer work experience to local Secondary schools which are supervised by our staff team and we also have two volunteers who attend regularly who are a fantastic support. We work closely with Nottingham City Council's Early Years team and follow guidelines set by the Department of Education alongside OFSTED Registration and following the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework. We have children who benefit from funded places due to the Two-Year-Old Early Learning Programme alongside the Universal Entitlements for children following the term of their third birthday.

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Louise Holland / Jayne Lowe – Co Managers Sherwood Playgroup CIO

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Jill Gregory School of Dancing

Over the last year, the Advanced Ladies Ballet class has grown in size and I feel privileged to have such a large group of advanced dancers. The Advanced Adult Tap class is small, however very few dancers who return to tap as adults have reached this standard. The Advanced classes, which take place on Tuesdays, consist mostly of dancers who had danced as children/teenagers. The Wednesday Adult Tap Class for those who have danced as adults for several years now has a viable number of people in the class. In September 2023, I had considered closing it as few were attending. However, several regulars from pre-pandemic, plus others who had been absent for a few terms, returned in September and January. Several members of the group are mums of dancers who were, or still are, in the Saturday classes I used to teach before the main part of the school became Elevation Dance. Unfortunately, I have had to close the Beginners Adult Ballet, due to my knee problems, making it difficult to demonstrate Classical Ballet Technique to beginners and to perform in front of the class for the duration. This is not a problem when teaching the other classes. The Wednesday tap class will now be able to resume socialising after the class, as we did pre-pandemic and before the Adult Ballet class followed on from it.

Members of the Wednesday class participated in the Tapathon in November along with Elevation Dance, to raise money for Children in Need.



The Advanced Ballet and Tap groups were to perform in the Elevation Dance show in March, unfortunately, this was postponed to May due to a power failure at Djanogly Theatre.

Jill Gregory

Elevation Dance

The end of our 2022-2023 academic year was a busy one for us as we focused on community events and exams. We had lots of fun at our annual dance school picnic, danced at a charity event for Maggie's Nottingham, and performed as part of Sherwood Art Week at the beautiful St Martin's Church.

We finished off the year with some British Theatre of Dance Association (BTDA) exams in July. Our students worked very hard, and we had 72 examinations take place across two sessions with 100% pass rate.

In August, we put on our first Elevation Dance summer school, with the theme of Around the World. Over the course of three days, we had great fun leading dance workshops, arts and craft sessions and games with the children who signed up. We rounded off our summer school with a small showcase of what had been learnt in the week, inviting parents and family members in to watch. Our summer school received great feedback from both children and parents, and helped to further develop a sense of community within Elevation Dance. It's safe to say that our summer school will be making a return in future years!

We also turned 3 years old in August, and then started our new academic year in September, welcoming new members, and expanding our timetable with a couple of extra classes.

In November, we took part in the annual Tapathon for Children In Need along with the Jill Gregory School of Dancing. We had 52 dancers taking part, raising £520 from entry fees, and £170.91 from selling homemade cakes and bows on the day. We had another exam session in November, with 21 examinations and 100% pass rate.

With exams and the Tapathon completed, we could turn our attention fully to preparations for our March 2024 show, Going Global! Our dancers enjoyed learning new choreography and working together as a team on their performance pieces. Tickets went on sale, costumes were ordered, and excitement mounted in the run up to the show! We had a fantastic dress rehearsal on the 16th March, and spent the week buzzing ready for the performances the following weekend. However, unfortunately, just hours before the first performance, we were told that the show had to be cancelled due to a serious water leak in the theatre that had caused a power outage. We were all incredibly disappointed and heartbroken.

But all was not lost... after processing the news, we pulled together and preparations for a rearranged show began!

Yasmin Sidery

Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society (NBLS)

From March 2023, NBLS has continued to get back to normal. Unfortunately, our membership figures have fallen again and at the end of this reporting period, there are 118 members of the Society. However, 10 of these are new memberships. Sadly, we have lost several of our older members during the past year.

Regular classes and self-help groups around the county, the seasonal Lace Days and Pop-ins were almost back to normal, though attendances were generally down overall, in part due to the fall in membership. The AGM in November 2023 went ahead, and the Committee for 2023 – 24 was established, with some new Committee members. In a change to our customary practice in previous years, we had voted at the previous AGM to give support to 4 chosen charities over a period of 2 years: Hayward House, Motor Neurone Disease Research, Parkinsons UK Research and baby Anayah Israel (a personal link to the Society, in need of specialist medical treatment abroad.) All were worthy nominations, with close links to NBLS members. Into the second year now, and so far we have raised approximately £1,000.00 for these charities, from equipment sales, cake sales, raffles and direct donations, and interim payments of £200.00 have been sent to each.

The Spring Lace Course, including 3 of our own teachers and one other who has previously worked with NBLS, was moved to September this year. It was thought this is a more suitable time of year to avoid any late bad winter weather, which is always a concern, and has affected plans before. The

annual Residential Weekend Lace Course returned to Eastwood Hall in June, where four nationally known tutors offered tuition in a variety of types of lace, and was fully booked. Regular Spring, Summer and Autumn Lace Days went ahead at the usual venues around the county, including the AGM in November and the Anniversary Lace Day in January. Though neither of these events have continued with the traditional buffet lunch in order to keep costs down, there is a Speaker, which always adds to the attraction of the day, as well as the opportunity to buy equipment from the visiting suppliers.

Several Self-help groups and classes are run elsewhere in the county, though Pop-ins, a monthly Lace Class and a weekly Self-help group run at Sherwood Community Centre. In general, Pop-in attendances continued to be on the lower side, possibly due in some part to the lack of availability of the Hall and Coffee Bar spaces, which are so important to the social side and sense of togetherness of these gatherings. This is lost to some extent, when we are moved to the 3 separate rooms instead. Sales of members'



equipment at Pop-ins continue to raise funds for our chosen charities and for our own funds. It is necessary to book a slot in advance, to ensure there is both space and opportunity to sell the goods. This will often depend on whether we have use of the Hall or the Rooms, which are more confining and so lacking in space to display the goods, and whether or not there is a Committee meeting to accommodate.

We now have a newly re-designed and colourful logo, see above, and the website is being updated. Fledgling plans for a social media outlet are also evolving. Looking ahead, 2025, will be our Golden Anniversary, and the Committee is also in the throes of planning for that, and Golden Bookmarks will likely be figuring in the celebrations.

Valerie Hunter.
NBLS Representative to SCA CIO
May 2024.

The Yoga Village

We have had a busy year, with an increase in general yoga students and weekend events, particularly our monthly full day of yoga on a Saturday. Our pregnancy and family classes continue to thrive, with our teacher Beth continuing to run one of our three postnatal groups. Hannah continues to teach the other classes, except for Kids' Yoga which Helen facilitates.

We continue to partner with Zephyr's, the bereavement charity, holding regular workshops over the year.

During Sherwood Arts Week 2023, we ran a yoga relaxation and art class, which was very enjoyable and marks a continuation of participation in Arts Week annually.

Hannah Malhotra

OTHER USER GROUPS' REPORTS

Chair Based Zumba Gold Social

This fun, friendly seated class & social is run in conjunction with the Centre's on-site cafe, on behalf of the Association.

It is voluntarily led by one of the Association's Trustees, who is a fully qualified fitness instructor. Proceeds from these weekly sessions are reinvested back into the Community Centre.

The class is gently-paced and low-impact. It can be done seated or standing and is wheelchair friendly. It primarily caters to those who tend to face physical, mental, or emotional barriers when accessing mainstream fitness sessions.

Sadly, a common experience for many, within these demographics, is loneliness and social isolation. To tackle this within the local community, a social element is included as part of the session and each participant gets a free tea/coffee and cake or biscuits. The Centre's Cafe provides a safe, warm place, before and after class, for them to chat, build confidence and form new friendships.

It's a fun, relaxed environment with no judgement and lots of support. Everyone goes at their own pace and laughter and singing is very much encouraged throughout the class.

Since launching in [2016], this session has continued to grow and thrive. Class attendance has steadily increased throughout this year with many former participants returning and many new class members being welcomed too.

As well as our own marketing efforts, through social media, leaflets and posters, we are now also getting referrals coming in from organisations like Age UK and from various physios and social prescribers. We have regular participants from two different organisations who work with adults with learning difficulties. This increase in class members has led to the creation of a second class in order to manage the numbers safely and to enable all

participants to see the instructor and fully take part. It also means we have two social sessions.

A strong sense of community and friendship has developed from these sessions over the years. Quite a few class participants have become members of the Association and many of them volunteer to help at our various fundraising events throughout the year.

We look forward to continuing to develop this fantastic community session and witnessing the achievements of all our class members.

Margaret Hilton
Trustee and Zumba instructor

Appendix

Accounts as prepared by CA Plus – are available on the website as a separate pdf.

Accounts

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

Registered Charity 1158333

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

2022-2023

**Sherwood Community Association CIO
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TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022-23

ABOUT SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

The Sherwood Community Association CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (Reg. No.1158333), a voluntary organisation which was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd August 2014. From 1st April 2015, this charity took over the running of the Sherwood Community Centre, and all the monies, assets, contracts etc. of the former Sherwood Community Association which was then closed.

Full SCA CIO Membership is open to anyone living, working or-volunteering in the area of benefit, which is Sherwood and the surrounding area.

The Association is managed by The Trustees' Committee who meet monthly, assisted by two Administrative Assistants. The Trustees are elected annually by the members at an AGM and operate as per the adopted Constitution of 2014. The Trustees consult with the Members' Support Group, which is made up of representatives from Affiliated Groups and other interested Members, who also meet regularly. It is a condition of Affiliation that representatives support the Association by attending meetings and providing assistance at events or helping in areas of their expertise.

Various sub-groups (comprising of Trustees and representatives of the Members' Support Group) carry out research, planning and other work and report back to the Trustees' Committee and Members' Support Group.

The building and grounds are owned by Nottingham City Council, who are responsible for repairs to the structure and services of the building. The Association receives an Area Based Grant from the Council. In order to receive the grant, the Association has had to provide quarterly monitoring, as proof that the Association is providing the services expected by the Area Based Grant Agreement, which is, in effect a type of Service Level Agreement.

The current Trustees' Committee has endeavoured to be in contact with and work with other organisations and charities to enhance provision for all who live in the area of benefit.

Through the democratic process, a wide range of views and opinions have been expressed, debated and decisions made accordingly.

Present provision and services continue to be utilised and we have had some success in responding to identified needs.

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2023

Chair	Jill Gregory (<i>also known as Jill Mee</i>)
Treasurer	Margaret Hilton
Secretary	Hannah Fries (<i>also known as Hannah Malhotra</i>)
Membership Secretary	Valerie Hunter
Trustees	Louise Holland
	Sally Hilton
	Dawn Evans
	Wayne Barton (co-opted)

MEMBERS OF STAFF AT 31 MARCH 2023

Administrative Assistants	Karen Southam
	Sue Packman
	Adam Cliff
Admin Training	Alison Manifold
Caretaker/Cleaners	Julie Fairholm
	Adam Cliff
	Sam Holland
Community Café	Jayne Marriott

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Resident Development Officer (Nottingham City Council)
Castle Cavendish

CHAIR'S REPORT

During the last year, use of the Centre has increased, several new groups adding to the range of activities and providing important services to the Community. Karen and Sue have now been with us for a year or more, and have worked hard to boost bookings. Trustees have provided cover and enabled bookings to take place, when Caretakers were unavailable during a period of illness and a staff shortage. We have also welcomed back groups who had been hesitant to return after the pandemic. The Community Café has also been reopened during term-time.

We were sorry that Debbie Seaborn stepped down as Treasurer at last AGM. Her experience, understanding and advice has been a great asset to the

Association during her time as Treasurer, and this was particularly important in respect of budgeting during the Pandemic and during the difficult period which followed, when use of the Centre was lower than pre-Pandemic.

Jill Gregory
Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the year April 2022 – March 2023.

I succeeded Debbie Seaborn as Treasurer at the AGM in January 2023 when she resigned as both Treasurer and Trustee. As vice Treasurer I had worked closely with Debbie and would like to thank her for the work she has done to help us to recover financially after the Covid pandemic, although we have a way to go yet.

CA Plus have been covering our book-keeping and invoicing work and we will continue to use their services for the near future.

I would like to thank Dawn Evans, Vice Treasurer, for her help and support over this last year, and also a big thank you to Karen Southam for all her hard work and support with work both before and after the monthly Finance Meetings, and liaising with CA Plus over invoices and overdue payments. Her input has been invaluable.

For the year ended 31 March 2023, income was £81,539 and expenditure £98,241. However, we are working hard to cut back our expenditure where possible and increase income.

We have also worked hard to increase room hire, not only to get back to pre-Covid levels but increase the range and number of bookings and of course boost income. Many thanks must go to Karen and Sue, from our Admin team, for the amount of work they have put into this. We have a new weekend regular booking which started recently, many thanks to Louise, one of our Trustees, for ensuring it all went smoothly.

There have been a lot of challenges this year, such as the drop in the Grant from the City Council, and services that were done by the Council in the past now have to be arranged and paid for by ourselves. Utility bills have trebled, maintenance work not covered by the Council needs to be done, changes in staffing have made budgeting for payroll more difficult, and

many other expenses have increased, so we are keeping a close watch on expenditure, and working on getting the best value we can.

One big success this year is the re-opening of the Café, which is now being run by the Centre once again. Thanks to Jayne, who runs the Café, it is becoming more popular with both Centre users and outsiders who are discovering how friendly and welcoming it is. It's a huge benefit to the Centre so its continued success is important.

Dawn and I have been leading the Fundraising/Event group, and we held a very successful Outdoor/Indoor Car Boot Sale in October, and a Table-top sale in February. The Café was open for both events, which added enormously to the appeal of the event, and the events raised around £550 and £450. Thanks to the band of volunteers who assisted at both events to help make them so successful. Depending on how many more volunteers can help, we plan to hold more in the future, hopefully one every month or bi-monthly, and there are plans to hold some evening events which will be social events as well as raising money for the Centre.

Margaret Hilton
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

This report covers the period 01.4.22. – 31.3.23.

As Users gradually returned to the Centre after prolonged Lockdown closures, a continued Affiliation was offered to all 7 groups from 2021 – 22.

Only 5 groups took up the offer: NBLS, Jill Gregory School of Dancing, Yoga Village, Elevation Dance, Sherwood Playgroup CIO.

From within these groups, there was a total of 37 listed members, and with 12 further Individual memberships and 1 Life member, the total membership is listed as 50 for the Membership year ending 31.03.23.

This is a fall from 7 Affiliations and 52 memberships during the previous reporting period.

MSG has not resumed since the return from Lockdown, but many of those who attended have now moved on; either because their group has left the Centre, or the majority of Group Representatives are already full and active Trustees. If MSG is to continue, new individual members who are able to commit to the Centre's Sub-groups and activities will need to be recruited.

Group	Full Members
Sherwood Playgroup CIO	4

Elevation Dance	7
NBLS	23
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Individual Members	12
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TOTAL	50

Valerie Hunter
Membership Secretary

STAFFING

Sue joined us in April 2022 to join Karen in the Office and the staff have now settled in and are working well, getting in new bookings. Although Alison had retired at the end of the 2021-22 Financial Year, she has continued to give support in respect of training and banking. We were sorry to lose Geeth Malinda as Caretaker in January 2023. Adam Cliff took his place in February 2023. Sam Holland also joined us in January 2023 as an additional Caretaker to cover the new weekend term-time bookings.

TRAINING

Sue and Karen attended Fire Induction Training.

THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

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Whereas the grassed areas around the Community Centre were previously mowed by the City Council, who also cut back trees and bushes, they are no longer carrying out this work. This led to the grounds becoming overgrown during 2022. However, thanks to Sue instigating and following through on a project to counteract this, we now have a team of unpaid gardeners who have been working hard to cut the grass and clear paths and borders of leaves, weeds and straying trees/branches. Sue continues

to liaise with the Team Leader to ensure that essential jobs are carried out. Unfortunately, disposal of the garden waste is a problem, as, although this is a Charity run Community Centre, it is classed as commercial premises for which there is no garden waste collection. This means that bags of waste have to be stored, until a skip can be hired to take the waste away.

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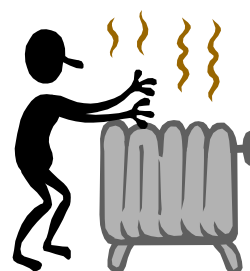
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For more information, see: www.bookcrossing.com

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Sherwood Playgroup

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Jayne Lowe / Louise Holland – Co Managers

Jill Gregory School of Dancing

I currently teach Advanced Adult Tap and Advanced Ladies Ballet on Tuesdays. Members of these groups mostly danced as children, and had achieved Advanced exam levels. I feel really lucky, and actually quite surprised, to have been able to bring together so many advanced dancers – sometimes as many as 8-12 being present in the ballet class. Some have had a significant amount of dance training in other parts of the country,

and also abroad. When I first began teaching Ladies Ballet, most attendees were either beginners or had only had a few years' experience. Over the last 30 years of teaching Ladies Ballet, the Tuesday classes evolved to become Advanced standard, and other classes had to be created, for beginners and those with less experience.

On Wednesdays, the Adult Tap Class is of a general level with members either having started as beginners with me 5-8 years ago, or of a similar level who have joined in the last two years. This class is not suitable for beginners – the beginners Tap Class I previously ran is still being taught by Elevation Dance (partner school). Some members of my tap classes took part in the Tapathon for Children in Need, in November 2022, along with Elevation Dance.

The Ladies Ballet Class, which is also on Wednesdays, is suitable for beginners and those with several years-experience. It is often attended by those with more experience, but who wish to get back into dance, and feel they would like to work at a lower level at first. Those who are capable, then transfer to the Advanced group

After running the Dancing School for 44 years, eventually teaching 5-6 days/evenings per week, I am enjoying just teaching for 4 hours per week, and so much less admin needed. It's also a fun way to keep myself fit and great stress relief. Class members also tell me how important it is to their well-being and that they really miss it during holiday closures.

Jill Gregory

Elevation Dance

April 2022 saw us continuing preparations for our first ever Elevation Dance show, Turn It Up. Our dancers enjoyed learning new choreography and working together as a team on their performance pieces. Tickets went on sale, costumes were ordered, and excitement mounted in the run up to the show!

We performed our show Turn It Up on the 9th, 10th and 17th July at Djanogly School Theatre. Despite a few dancers and backstage helpers getting struck down by Covid and unable to perform/ support for the full run, the show was a huge success! For lots of our dancers, it was their first experience of performing to an audience, and we couldn't have been prouder of how they conducted themselves both on and off stage. Our long term dancers relished being back on stage, and myself and the rest of the Elevation Dance teaching team were bursting with pride each time we reached the finale. It was such a valuable experience for our dancers, and they can't wait until our 2024 show!

From our show proceeds, we raised and donated £3,252.25 for Rainbows Hospice for Young Children and Adults (our dancers' choice of charity), and

also were able to buy some new ballet barres to be used by our dancers and the Jill Gregory School of Dancing, along with some mats. We were thrilled with this amount, and so thankful for everyone involved in making our dance show possible!

We turned 2 years old in August, and then started our new academic year in September, welcoming new members, and further expanding our Tuesday timetable with a couple of extra classes.

We took part in a small charity fundraiser event for families of children with SEND in October, and then in November, we took part in the annual Tapathon for Children In Need along with the Jill Gregory School of Dancing. We had 58 dancers taking part, raising £590 from entry fees, and a further £108.10 from selling homemade cakes and bows on the day. We enjoyed being able to do this event in person and dance together in the hall, as we hadn't been able to run a regular Tapathon since 2019!

From September, our dancers were working hard towards exams, and we held a BTDA exam session in December, and another in March. Between these two sessions, we entered a total of 63 exams, maintaining our 100% pass rate, with 94% of exam entries gaining a Merit/ Highly Commended or higher. Bronwyn Stevens, one of our Elevation Dance teachers, was successful in her final teacher's exam in our December exam session. We were thrilled to celebrate both the successes of our students, and our colleague!

Over the year, our membership has remained consistent, and we continue to welcome both children and adults to our dancing community!

Yasmin Sidery

Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society (NBLS)

From April 2022 – March 2023, NBLS has continued to be able to get back to some normality. Unfortunately our membership figures have fallen and at the end of this reporting period, there are 133 members of the Society, a significant fall from pre-lockdown numbers. However, 8 of these are new memberships, plus 1 junior membership.

Regular classes and self-help groups around the county, the seasonal Lace Days and Pop-ins were almost back to normal, though attendances were generally down overall. The AGM in November 2022 went ahead, and the Committee for 2022 – 23 was established. In a change to our previous habit, we voted to give support to 4 chosen charities over a period of 2 years: Hayward House, Motor Neurone Disease Research and Parkinsons UK Research, and Anya Israel (a personal link to the Society.) All were worthy nominations, with close links to NBLS members. It was also reported that over the previous year, we had raised £1,500.00 to be shared between Brain Tumour Research and Pancreatic Cancer.

The Spring Lace Course was deferred this year, but the annual Residential Weekend Lace Course made a return to its most recent venue, Eastwood Hall in June, where three nationally known tutors offered various types of lace tuition. Regular Spring, Summer and Autumn Lace days went ahead at the usual venues around the county, and also the Anniversary Lace Day in January, and the AGM in November. Both of these events have a buffet lunch provided and a Speaker, which always adds to the attraction of the day, as well as the opportunity to buy equipment from the visiting suppliers.

Pop-ins, a weekly Lace Class and a weekly Self-help group continued at Sherwood Community Centre though Pop-in attendances were down, possibly due in some part to the lack of availability of the Hall and Coffee Bar spaces, which are so important to the social side and sense of togetherness of these gatherings. This is lost to some extent, when we are moved to the 3 separate rooms instead. Sales of members' equipment at Pop-ins continue to raise funds for our chosen charities and for our own funds. It is necessary to book a slot in advance, to ensure there is both space and opportunity to sell the goods. This will often depend on whether we have use of the Hall or the Rooms, which are more confining and so lacking in space to display the goods.

Valerie Hunter
NBLs Representative to SCA CIO

The Yoga Village

We have had a busy year, with an increase in pregnancy students that has taken us to three evening classes per week. Our teacher Beth ran one for a while, and also took over one of our three postnatal groups. Hannah continues to teach the other classes, except for Kids' Yoga which Helen facilitates.

One of our aims going forward is to encourage more local people to enjoy adult yoga classes and to this end Hannah ran two four month Saturday courses in 2022/3. These offer a deeper or broader exploration of classical yoga.

We have also partnered with other organisations to offer specialist therapeutic sessions. With Zephyr's, the bereavement charity, The Yoga Village has held regular workshops over the year. Some private sessions were also funded by mental health services (Trent PTS).

During Sherwood Arts Week 2022, we ran a yoga relaxation and art class, which was very enjoyable and marks we hope the beginning of participation in Arts Week annually.

Hannah Malhotra

OTHER USER GROUPS' REPORTS

Chair Based Zumba Gold Social

This fun, friendly seated class & social is run in conjunction with the Centre's on-site cafe, on behalf of the Association.

It is voluntarily led by one of the Association's trustees, who is a fully qualified fitness instructor. All proceeds from these weekly sessions are reinvested back into the Community Centre.

The class is gently-paced and low-impact. It can be done seated or standing and primarily caters to those who tend to face physical, mental or emotional barriers when accessing mainstream fitness sessions.

Sadly, a common experience for many, within these demographics, is loneliness and social isolation. In an effort to tackle this, within the local community, a social element is included as part of the session and each participant gets a free tea/coffee and cake or biscuits. The Centre's cafe provides a safe, warm place, before and after class, for them to chat, build confidence and form new friendships.

It's a fun, relaxed environment with no judgement and lots of support. Everyone goes at their own pace and laughter and singing is very much encouraged throughout the class.

Since launching in [2016], this session has continued to grow and thrive. Despite experiencing a substantial drop in attendance for much of the previous year, due to the Global Pandemic, class attendance has steadily increased throughout this year with many former, pre-covid participants gradually returning and many new class members being welcomed too.

As well as our own marketing efforts, through social media, leaflets and posters, we are now also getting referrals coming in from organisations like Age UK and from various physios and social prescribers.

A strong sense of community and friendship has developed from these sessions over the years. Quite a few class participants have become members of the Association and many of them volunteer to help at our various fundraising events throughout the year.

We look forward to continuing to develop this fantastic community session and witnessing the achievements of all our class members.

Margaret Hilton
Trustee and Zumba Instructor

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We will have a deficit budget next year. Thanks to the hard work of our admin staff, bookings are continually increasing. The Administrators, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, are chasing late payments, advertising rooms/offices for hire to increase rental income to rectify the position.

We are investigating as many grant opportunities that we may be eligible for, and the Fundraising group have have introduced a yearly programme of events to bring in more regular income from these events.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signed V. Hunter
Valerie Hunter, Trustee

Date 30.8.23

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Sherwood Community Association CIO
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Association CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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.

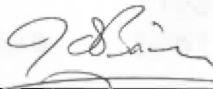
Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed



Date

31/8/2023

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

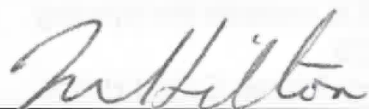
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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022				2023	
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds	
£	Note	£	£	£	
Receipts					
29672	Grants & donations	2	1809	8259	10068
37	Fundraising		1668	-	1668
516	Membership		380	-	380
29902	Room hire		59450	-	59450
-	Sales & fees		9375	-	9375
17	Bank interest		598	-	598
117	Equipment hire		-	-	-
60261	Total receipts		73280	8259	81539
Payments					
41204	Wages, NI & pension		37307	-	37307
-	Hospitality		212	-	212
5763	Equipment, repairs & renewals		2938	2804	5742
3396	Office costs		4374	-	4374
1300	Insurance		-	1347	1347
	Subscriptions		299		299
2220	Legal & professional fees		4842	-	4842
-	Fundraising		79	-	79
8892	Utilities		25577	-	25577
3250	Premises maintenance		1453	4108	5561
1	Bank charges		-	-	-
50	Charitable donations		-	-	-
63	Sundry payments		407	-	407
-	Café		7494	5000	12494
66139	Total payments		84982	13259	98241
(5878)	Net receipts/(payments)		(11702)	(5000)	(16702)
63024	Cash funds at start of this period		52146	5000	57146
57146	Cash funds at end of this period		40444	-	40444

Sherwood Community Association CIO
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2023

2022			2023
£	Cash assets	Note	£
56839	Bank accounts		39971
307	Cash in hand		473
<u>57146</u>			<u>40444</u>
	Other monetary assets		
6336	Debtors: room hire		4380
<u>6336</u>			<u>4380</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Cooker purchased in 2019 at a cost of £899		
	Liabilities		
(1522)	Creditors	4	(1819)
<u>(1522)</u>			<u>(1819)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 31/8/23
Margaret Hilton, Trustee

Sherwood Community Association CIO
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Nottingham City Council		5455	5455
Sundry grants & donations	1809	2804	4613
	<u>1809</u>	<u>8259</u>	<u>10068</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
NCC Block Grant	-	5455	(5455)	-
Café Project (Lottery)	5000	-	(5000)	-
Flooring Fund	-	2804	(2804)	-
	<u>5000</u>	<u>5455</u>	<u>(10455)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	52146	73280	(84982)	40444
	<u>52146</u>	<u>73280</u>	<u>(84982)</u>	<u>40444</u>

The block grant funding from Nottingham City Council is towards the running costs of the centre, for the year ending 31st March 2023.

The restricted grant of £5,000 from the National Lottery Places Called Home funding was used to re-open the Community Café, which happened in 2023

The flooring Fund replaced old flooring.

4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	732
Bookkeeping fees	126
Payroll fees	230
Wages, NI & pension (HMRC)	719
Wages, NI & pension (pension)	12
	<u>1819</u>

Sherwood Community Association CIO

5. Premises & staff

The premises are provided by the local authority.

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

8. Glossary of terms

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We will have a deficit budget next year. Thanks to the hard work of our admin staff, bookings are continually increasing. The Administrators, in conjunction with the Finance Committee, are chasing late payments, advertising rooms/offices for hire to increase rental income to rectify the position.

We are investigating as many grant opportunities that we may be eligible for, and the Fundraising group have have introduced a yearly programme of events to bring in more regular income from these events.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees:

Signed V. Hunter
Valerie Hunter, Trustee

Date 30.8.23

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Sherwood Community Association CIO
for the year ended 31 March 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Association CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity'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.

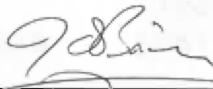
Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed



Date

31/8/2023

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

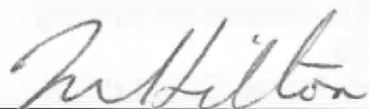
Sherwood Community Association CIO
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022				2023	
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds	
£	Note	£	£	£	
Receipts					
29672	Grants & donations	2	1809	8259	10068
37	Fundraising		1668	-	1668
516	Membership		380	-	380
29902	Room hire		59450	-	59450
-	Sales & fees		9375	-	9375
17	Bank interest		598	-	598
117	Equipment hire		-	-	-
60261	Total receipts		73280	8259	81539
Payments					
41204	Wages, NI & pension		37307	-	37307
-	Hospitality		212	-	212
5763	Equipment, repairs & renewals		2938	2804	5742
3396	Office costs		4374	-	4374
1300	Insurance		-	1347	1347
	Subscriptions		299		299
2220	Legal & professional fees		4842	-	4842
-	Fundraising		79	-	79
8892	Utilities		25577	-	25577
3250	Premises maintenance		1453	4108	5561
1	Bank charges		-	-	-
50	Charitable donations		-	-	-
63	Sundry payments		407	-	407
-	Café		7494	5000	12494
66139	Total payments		84982	13259	98241
(5878)	Net receipts/(payments)		(11702)	(5000)	(16702)
63024	Cash funds at start of this period		52146	5000	57146
57146	Cash funds at end of this period		40444	-	40444

Sherwood Community Association CIO
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2023

2022			2023
£	Cash assets	Note	£
56839	Bank accounts		39971
307	Cash in hand		473
<u>57146</u>			<u>40444</u>
	Other monetary assets		
6336	Debtors: room hire		4380
<u>6336</u>			<u>4380</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Cooker purchased in 2019 at a cost of £899		
	Liabilities		
<u>(1522)</u>	Creditors	4	<u>(1819)</u>
<u>(1522)</u>			<u>(1819)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed  Dated 31/8/23
Margaret Hilton, Trustee

Sherwood Community Association CIO
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Nottingham City Council		5455	5455
Sundry grants & donations	1809	2804	4613
	<u>1809</u>	<u>8259</u>	<u>10068</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	(Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
NCC Block Grant	-	5455	(5455)	-
Café Project (Lottery)	5000	-	(5000)	-
Flooring Fund	-	2804	(2804)	-
	<u>5000</u>	<u>5455</u>	<u>(10455)</u>	<u>-</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	52146	73280	(84982)	40444
	<u>52146</u>	<u>73280</u>	<u>(84982)</u>	<u>40444</u>

The block grant funding from Nottingham City Council is towards the running costs of the centre, for the year ending 31st March 2023.

The restricted grant of £5,000 from the National Lottery Places Called Home funding was used to re-open the Community Café, which happened in 2023

The flooring Fund replaced old flooring.

4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	732
Bookkeeping fees	126
Payroll fees	230
Wages, NI & pension (HMRC)	719
Wages, NI & pension (pension)	12
	<u>1819</u>

Sherwood Community Association CIO

5. Premises & staff

The premises are provided by the local authority.

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions.

8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Accounts

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

Registered Charity 1158333

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

2021-2022

Sherwood Community Association CIO is the
Registered Charity which runs



Grant aided by Nottingham City Council

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TRUSTEES' REPORT 2021-22

ABOUT SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

The Sherwood Community Association CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (Reg. No.1158333), a voluntary organisation which was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd August 2014. From 1st April 2015, this charity took over the running of the Sherwood Community Centre, and all the monies, assets, contracts etc. of the former Sherwood Community Association which was then closed.

Full SCA CIO Membership is open to anyone living, working or-volunteering in the area of benefit, which is Sherwood and the surrounding area.

The Association is managed by The Trustees' Committee who meet monthly, assisted by two Administrators. The Trustees are elected annually by the members at an AGM and operate as per the adopted Constitution of 2014. The Trustees consult with the Members' Support Group, which is made up of Representatives from Affiliated Groups and other interested Members, who also meet regularly. It is a condition of Affiliation that Representatives support the Association by attending meetings and providing assistance at events or helping in areas of their expertise.

Various sub-groups (comprising of Trustees and Representatives of the Members' Support Group) carry out research, planning and other work and report back to the Trustees' Committee and Members' Support Group, with recommendations for action.

The building and grounds are owned by Nottingham City Council, who are responsible for repairs to the structure and services of the building. The Association receives an Area Based Grant from the Council. In order to receive the grant, the Association has had to provide quarterly monitoring, as proof that the Association is providing the services expected by the Area Based Grant Agreement, which is, in effect a type of Service Level Agreement.

The current Trustees' Committee has endeavoured to be in contact with and work with other organisations and charities to enhance provision for all who live in the area of benefit.

Through the democratic process, a wide range of views and opinions have been expressed, debated and decisions made accordingly.

Present provision and services continue to be utilised and we have had some success in responding to identified needs.

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2022

Chair	Jill Gregory (<i>also known as Jill Mee</i>)
Vice Chair	Maxine Leigh
Treasurer	Debbie Seaborn
Vice Treasurer	Margaret Hilton
Secretary	Hannah Fries (<i>also known as Hannah Malhotra</i>)
Membership Secretary	Valerie Hunter
Trustees	Louise Holland
	Sally Hilton
	Dawn Evans

MEMBERS OF STAFF AT 31 MARCH 2022

Administrator	Alison Manifold
Administrative Assistants	Karen Southam
	Adam Cliff
Caretaker/Cleaners	Julie Fairholm
	Geeth Malinda

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Nottingham City Council
Castle Cavendish

CHAIR'S REPORT/GENERAL REPORT

It has been another difficult year for Sherwood Community Association CIO – but this has been the case for the entire World. When the new Financial Year began, the Covid-19 pandemic was still (and continues to be) a matter for concern. We were still in a second lockdown, although Playgroup and Support groups were allowed to operate, and offices were allowed to open – although it was still advised to work from home where possible. From 12 April, children's activities were permitted, so some groups resumed after Easter. From mid-May, Adult exercise and some other groups were allowed to return, but other groups were not able to return until July. However, some chose to wait until September. There are still groups who have not returned, but who have said they may return. Unfortunately, during the winter, cases of Covid 19 were rife, which caused further delays in groups returning or in individual members returning. However, we do have quite a few new regular groups, and we wish these and our long-standing groups, every success in growth and stability as we come out of the pandemic. It is expected that there will be an increase in Covid next winter, and we hope that this will not be detrimental to our groups.

We have had several staff changes during the last year, these are reported in the Staffing Section.

Jill Gregory
Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the year April 2021 – March 2022, and I am sorry to acknowledge that during this period we lost Kevin McDonnell, the centre's long-serving finance worker. Kevin died on 20 October 2021. I record here our gratitude to Kevin for all the work he did, his support to me as Treasurer and his commitment to the Centre and its work.

For the year ended 31 March 2022, income was £60,261 and expenditure £66,139 – a very different position from the year before COVID, 2019 – 2020, when income was £91,449 and expenditure was £87,123. This drop in income is due to the loss of room hire payments with the closure of the centre during lockdowns, and it shows the challenge that the pandemic has been for the Sherwood Community Centre.

It is thanks to all the fundraising work by Trustees, members and supporters in previous years that the centre has been able to survive, keep its staff in employment, and re-open. In the financial year covered by these accounts, we also benefitted from grants from Nottingham City Council and from the HMRC Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and these have meant that the year ended with a deficit (£5878) much lower than we had feared. We are grateful as well for a grant of £5000 from the National Lottery Places Called Home scheme, which we are using to support the re-opening of our cafe this year.

At the end of the year, our funds stood at £57,146, a healthy amount which has enabled us to run a deficit budget again this year – necessary in order to keep the centre open and staffed, and to meet the huge increase in utilities costs (we expect to pay three times more this year than last for gas and electricity). We are optimistic that with all offices rented and with room hire building back up to pre-pandemic levels, the centre is well-placed to go forward as the resource for Sherwood residents and community groups that it has been for over 70 years.

Following Kevin's death, CA Plus took over our book keeping and invoicing work and we thank Michael Fisher for his support with this and with financial management. I am grateful also to Karen Southam for the work she does each month to provide the information for CA Plus, and of course my thanks as well to Margaret Hilton, vice treasurer, for the work she did with me throughout the year.

Debbie Seaborn
Treasurer
December 2022

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Trustees' Lockdown decision to extend the previous year's registered membership until further notice, remained in place until the beginning of the new Membership year starting 01.04.21.

As Users gradually returned to the Centre from mid-2021, a continued Affiliation was offered to all 14 previous groups, at a reduced rate for the shorter period from September 2021 – March 2022.

Several such groups were unable to return to use the Centre after Lockdown, for a variety of reasons, and as a result only 7 groups took up the offer: NBLS, Jill Gregory School of Dancing, Self-help Group for People who Stammer, Sprouts, Yoga Village, Elevation Dance, Sherwood Playgroup CIO.

One further group did return to the Centre, but did not chose to re-affiliate; Woodthorpe Model Railway Club.

From within these groups, there was a total of 38 listed members, and with 13 further Individual memberships and 1 Life member, the total membership is listed as 52 for the Membership year ending 31.03.22.

This is a fall from 14 Affiliations and 95 memberships during the previous reporting period, prior to Lockdown.

Valerie Hunter
Membership Secretary

STAFFING

This has been a year of change in Staffing. Following the sad death of our Site Maintenance Co-ordinator/Administrator, Kevin McDonnell, in October 2021, we were pleased to be able to recruit Karen Southam as Administrative Assistant, to work in the office with Alison from late December 2021. We were also sorry, when Alison decided to take early retirement, officially leaving us on 31 March after 14 years as Administrator. While with us, Alison introduced the Book Crossing and the Bric-a-Brac stall, which has been an excellent fundraiser to help towards decorating costs. She has been the Lead on organisation of many Community Centre events. She also used her artistic skills with flower loom and other yarn craft workshops and yarn bombing for Sherwood Art Week. We were able to recruit a new Administrative Assistant, Sue Packman, during March 2022, and Alison continues to come in for training and continuity purposes, for one day, most weeks.

Our morning caretaker resigned in October 2021. Although we tried to recruit a new caretaker, there were few applicants. Our main need is for a caretaker who is available for opening/closing for weekend bookings and covering staff absences.

TRAINING

Due to staff changes and the pandemic, it has been difficult to fit in training, other than on-site training during the last year.

FUNDRAISING/EVENTS

Due to the continuation of the Covid-19 Pandemic it has not been possible to organise events between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022. The lockdown was gradually lifted between April and July, but many people still did not feel safe to gather with other people. During the winter months cases of Covid rose again. With so much uncertainty, it was therefore not possible to make any plans. We hope to be able to start putting on events again in the future.

A fundraising Committee is being formed who intend to have a fundraising calendar in place for the next financial year, with dates of specific events to be held and their dates, so that planning and publicity will be easier.

We hope that different people will organise different events according to their skills, knowledge and expertise, (but will be able to report and liaise with the main Fundraising Co-ordinators, so that the organisation is shared).

As more groups return, we hope to run a small lottery scheme for members, which we intended to launch before the Covid pandemic struck.

Margaret Hilton and Dawn Evans

Fundraising Sub-Group

THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Essential repairs continue to be carried out by the Council, but due to funding cuts, some minor repairs cannot be carried out.

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Please help us to do our bit for the planet! We would like to continue our work on reducing our energy consumption of:



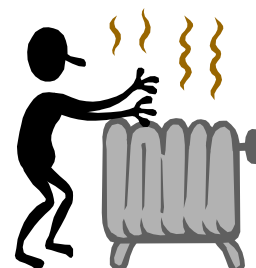
Water

Check that non-automatic taps are off after use.



Light

Please turn off lights if you leave a room. Don't put them on if it is a bright day and you can manage without.



Heat

Turn room thermostats down a degree or two, or to zero when you leave a room, as hot water in the pipes helps to maintain warmth in the rooms.

The high increase in gas and electricity charges, as well as the need to protect the environment, please consider turning the thermostats down and wearing warmer clothes on cold days.

If you live too far away to walk, then perhaps you may be able to cycle to the Centre and take advantage of our bike bins to lock away your bike whilst using the Centre. Alternatively, you could make use of our bike planter to secure your bike. There are also buses running past the Centre regularly, with bus stops within 2 minutes' walk. If, however, you do have to use your car to visit the Centre, please respect the car park markings and blue badge parking spaces, and park considerately. If the car park is busy and you have difficulty parking, there is space on Woodthorpe Drive, opposite the Community Centre, which is well-lit and wide. Alternatively, car parks are available a short walk away in Sherwood.



The little things we do can make a big difference, so please continue with your efforts helping us to reduce our carbon foot print.

BOOKCROSSING



The “Bookcrossing Zone” is situated in the Café. We have had a ‘BookCrossing Zone’ since 2010 and this is always popular. The books can be borrowed and returned or passed on to friends. If you don’t return the book, we ask that you replace it with another book that you have read to enable the shelves to stay stocked. Each book is given a unique ID number and registered on the BookCrossing website, this enables the book to be tracked by its readers; it is interesting to discover how far some books actually travel!

Donations of books are always appreciated, whether for the BookCrossing or the book stall.

For more information, see: www.bookcrossing.com

World Book Night

We were successful with an application to World Book Night 2021. We received 160 copies of *The Kiss* by Santa Montefiore.

These were distributed to Centre Users who matched the world Book Night criteria:

- Adults/ Young People who don’t read regularly for pleasure
- Isolated and vulnerable adults
- Parents and vulnerable pregnant women
- Those with mental health needs
- Parents of School age Children
- New or expectant parents
- Students or secondary

Affiliated Groups' Reports **and Community Association Reports**

Sherwood Playgroup CIO

We have maintained our Covid procedures throughout the last year, Parents have continued to support us in not coming into setting and wearing masks on arrival and collection. Our thorough cleaning procedures have continued and staff and Parents are enjoying the Tuesday – Friday pattern that we have continued to run. This has given Parents a lot more flexibility and many now choose to do three full days to complete their allocated funded hours that their children are entitled too.

We now have a stable staff team, we welcomed a new member of staff in September 2021 on a temporary contract, who will become a permanent staff member in April 2022, we also said goodbye to a staff member at the end of 2021. We continue to offer placements to students from NTU who we have a strong link with.

We have some children who benefit from free places due to the 2 year early learning programme, children who stay with us at 3 years old who qualify for Nursery Education Funding, or qualify for 30 hours and children that pay the normal playgroup fees. We continue to be a fully inclusive setting and take children from a range of ethnic backgrounds and children who have additional needs. Increasingly more Parents are choosing to let their child stay with us until they now start full time education, instead of moving them to a school nursery. We continue to have a waiting list and continue to receive telephone enquiries and also enquiries from our Facebook group, we have also just recently got our new website up and running.
www.sherwoodplaygroup.co.uk

We continue to also use Lauren from Into the Wildwood who comes in to do Forest School once a week, this is an outdoor activity that the children love and look forward to each week, being outside in the wood and meadow taking part in what Lauren has planned. The sessions are very beneficial for their learning and development. These sessions have been paid for using pupil premium money and also money from a grant.

Sherwood Playgroup celebrated 60 years of being open in November 2021, we hope to have a bigger celebration later in 2022. Due to Covid still being prevalent in November we decided just to keep celebrations low key with the children. We have sent out a sponsor form to all our families to try and find 60 things to represent each year playgroup has been opened and at the same time hopefully raise some funds for us as well.

Our Parents have been fantastic in the support for us and continue to donate items that we use on a regular basis, such as wet wipes, cleaning materials, play dough ingredients etc.

Our finances are satisfactory at the moment but we rely heavily on donations and funding from various sources.

Chair Based Zumba Gold Social – run by The Community Association

This fun and friendly, non-profit making class has been running since 2016, even during Covid lock downs when it was taught via Zoom. It is run by Margaret on behalf of the SCACIO in conjunction with the Sherwood Community Café, for the benefit of members of the Community.

It is open to all but was originally aimed at the elderly and those with physical limitations or mobility problems. It has grown to include those with mental health and anxiety issues, those who feel isolated or lonely, and those who simply love the music and the friendliness of the class. A group who teach skills to adults with learning difficulties attend most weeks, we have had members of an arthritis group who also come along, and we have some who come with a carer, (carers are not charged).

Age UK pass on our details and we have had enquiries about the class from local retirement homes. Wheelchair users are welcome, and we have some who come to the Centre on their mobility scooters. We have a set of ramps in the café area to make access easier if necessary. When the Zumba Gold Chair class has finished, everyone joins in the social part of the class with tea/coffee and cake provided by the Community Café.

The class is great for improving mental health, such as combatting anxiety and depression, cognitive benefits such as improved memory, balance, and co-ordination, as well as physical health benefits and improved fitness levels.

It is taking time to build up to pre-Covid levels, as many attendees are classed vulnerable, and are being very cautious, but we are slowly but surely building back the numbers. There are around twenty members with at least fifteen attending most weeks. Several have become members of the Community Centre and have said they would be willing to assist at any fundraising events we may hold in the future.

I have been so pleased to see the support members have for each other and many new friendships have been formed during these times.

Margaret Hilton

Trustee and Zumba Instructor

Jill Gregory School of Dancing

The Advanced Adult Ballet and Tap classes (Tuesday evenings) were keen to return as soon as the lockdown on exercise classes were lifted, mid-May 2021. The Wednesday Tap Class for those with a few years Tap experience, resumed after the May half term holiday and we have had new members join us. We have also had many join the Wednesday Beginners Adult Ballet Class. The Advanced classes had been in the Hall for many years, but due to social distancing, it wasn't possible to resume the Wednesday classes in the Annex –luckily the Hall was available, so we transferred there. Sadly, I was not able to restart the Monday group, as the Hall was not available on Mondays. Members of that class had been with me for between 11 and 20 years, plus one who had been with me 1984-7 both as assistant teacher and

student. I therefore transferred that group to Elevation Dance, taught by my niece, Dianna who had been teaching with me for well over 30 years. My adult classes were going to be performing in Elevation Dances first show, but those with children who are performing in the show preferred to be able to watch, and others felt it was too much of a commitment especially as it is in July, rather than February/March, which they had been used to.

Adult Ballet, as well as being good exercise, for suppleness, strength and toning, is also excellent for mental health, due to the exercise and music used.

Adult Tap strengthens the ankles and with the correct posture can be beneficial to take pressure off the lower spine, easing back pain. It is also good stress relief. It is great fun and a wide variety of music can be used, from Folk through to Hip Hop. It isn't just about musicals.

25 September 2021 was the 45th Anniversary of me teaching at Sherwood Community Centre, but also one year since I passed the school to my great-niece, Yasmin Stevens.

Jill Gregory

Elevation Dance

April 2021 saw us being able to return to face to face teaching for our children's classes, and we were able to have our first full term of face to face classes since Elevation Dance launched! It was wonderful to be able to dance together again, with Covid safe measures in place of course, and we were able to welcome some new members to the school too. In April, we also launched a new weekday online class called Stretch and Strength, designed to complement dancers' other disciplines of dance and help them to build full body strength and flexibility.

In June and July, we were able to reintroduce British Theatre of Dance Association (BTDA) exams. These were the first exams we conducted as Elevation Dance, and the first time exams had taken place at the school since 2019. Our students worked incredibly hard, and we had 29 examinations take place across two sessions with 100% pass rate. Two of our students also achieved an extra Platinum Award, which is granted for achieving over 90%.

We took some time off over August, in line with the school holidays, and celebrated Elevation Dance's first birthday! We had a staff social and reflected on the rollercoaster that was the previous year!

Our Introduction to Dance class for 3-5 year olds had proved to be very popular over our first year, so we launched a new Tuesday class for this age group when began our new academic year in September. We also transferred our other Tuesday classes into the studio, as these had previously been running online.

In November, we took part in the annual Tapathon for Children In Need along with the Jill Gregory School of Dancing. We had 54 dancers taking part, raising £540 from entry fees, and £117.50 from selling homemade cakes and bows on the day. We enjoyed being able to do this event in person, spread across three different areas of the Community Centre, as the previous year's event had been an online one from our own homes during the lockdown.

We put on three more BTDA exam sessions between December and March. Over the year, we had entered a total of 161 exams, maintaining our 100% pass rate with 88% of exam entries gaining a Merit/ Highly Commended or higher. We were so proud of our dancers considering how uncertain and disrupted the previous year had been.

We finished March by beginning work on our first dance school show, Turn It Up, that would be performed in July to raise money for charity - another exciting milestone for us! By the end of March, we were on our highest membership so far, experiencing a 25% increase since April 2021

Yasmin Stevens

Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society (NBLS)

From April 2021 – March 2022, NBLS has gradually been able to resume “normal activities.” Following the Lockdown hiatus, regular classes and self-help groups around the county, the seasonal Lace Days and Pop-ins were able to be arranged - though not the two annual courses. The AGM in November 2021 went ahead, and a new Committee was established, with several new members and a new Chair. We voted to give ongoing support to the previous chosen charity, Brain Tumour Research, and to also support Pancreatic Cancer until the end of August 2022. At the AGM, members displayed samples of their many other craft activities produced during Lockdown, and there was a wide range of creativity on show, with all types of lace, knitting, crotcheting, patchwork and painting.

The annual weekend Lace Course is planned for a return to its most recent venue, Eastwood Hall during the summer of 2022, having been cancelled over the Lockdown period. The return of the Spring Lace Course had to be delayed another year.

Pop-ins, a weekly Lace Class and a weekly Self-help group returned to Sherwood Community Centre, and everyone seemed glad to be back. Sales of members' equipment at Pop-ins continue to raise funds for our chosen charities and for our own funds. Unfortunately, over Lockdown we have lost several members, so there is more equipment than usual offered for sale, and it is necessary to book a slot in advance, to ensure there is both space and opportunity to sell the goods. This will often depend on whether we have use of the Hall or the Rooms, which are more confining and lacking in space to display the goods.

Valerie Hunter. (NBLS Rep to SCA)

The Yoga Village

The Yoga Village was able to continue through lockdowns with online classes, and when support groups were given permission to return, at the community centre. Our postnatal and toddler classes were classed as support groups and provided a valuable space for mothers during Covid, including single and isolated parents, some children with disabilities, and mothers with mental health issues exacerbated by isolation. After Easter 2021 when more groups were permitted to return, our classes

spread out to other locations to allow for distancing. A group of pregnancy students and general yoga students met in the Sherwood Community Centre large hall every Monday evening, and many other classes ran weekly upstairs in our “yoga room”, Room 5. Hannah resumed running regular weekend sessions too, for her experienced students and for the baby loss charity Zephyrs. Our classes include specialised groups for pregnancy, postnatal and kids, as well as general classes.

Our students are an active local community, and use the Community Centre in other ways, such as appreciating the Bookwise scheme, and enjoying the natural setting of the centre (its grounds) with their children for walks, picnics and the occasional yoga session. Through 21-22 the students were enthusiastically awaiting a reopening of the community café.

Hannah Malhotra

Woodthorpe Model Railway Club

No report submitted

Nottingham Self Help For People Who Stammer

Have paid affiliation, but have not returned

Sprouts

Sprouts ran children’s drama classes at Sherwood Community Centre during this time period, but are no longer in business.

Testimonial from Prior User Group:

Zumba with Charm

I miss the Community Centre and have fond memories having grown my existing Zumba community out of this place. The 2 classes I held there really did serve the community and meet community needs for many reasons: Making exercise more affordable and accessible to those who cannot afford a gym membership, serving the well being of ladies who use exercise to serve their well being as a result of mental health issues and providing a consistent safe space in the community to make meaningful friendships and escape the chaos of the world. I am confident without these classes that many ladies would have not otherwise engaged in exercise or their local community.

Charmaine Daley

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for the year ended 31 March 2022**

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Other names by which the charity is known Sherwood Community Centre

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John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

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The charity's policy on reserves

Sufficient reserves are held in a charity savings account to ensure the safe running of the Centre for a period of at least 3 months, and to cover any redundancies, including pension contributions, should the need arise. This is reviewed every quarter by the Finance Sub-Committee.

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The two main risks we face are if the council were to stop its grant; and if we are not able to build back rental income.

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Another risk we may face is the rising cost of fuel bills. Signs show that there will be a marked increase in gas and electricity, but no reliable figures as yet, making it difficult to budget for these.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 30.11.22.
Valarie Hunter, Trustee

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for the year ended 31 March 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Association CIO (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

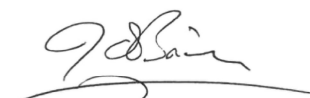
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed  Date 1/12/2022
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2022

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Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
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£			£	£	£
	Receipts				
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111	Membership		516	-	516
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80	Bank interest		17	-	17
-	Equipment hire		117	-	117
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	Payments				
44266	Wages, NI & pension		38315	2889	41204
33	Staff expenses		-	-	-
1586	Cleaning		2293	-	2293
4382	Equipment, repairs & renewals		5763	-	5763
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1298	Insurance		1300	-	1300
1628	Legal & professional fees		2220	-	2220
680	Trustee & AGM expenses		-	-	-
6304	Utilities		2429	6463	8892
1020	Premises maintenance		957	-	957
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£		Note	£
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	Other monetary assets		
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	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	Closing balance £
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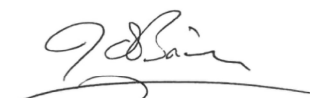
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Registered Charity 1158333

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2020-2021

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TRUSTEES' REPORT 2020-21

ABOUT SHERWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION CIO

The Sherwood Community Association CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, (Reg. No.1158333), a voluntary organisation which was first registered with the Charity Commission on 22nd August 2014. From 1st April 2015, this charity took over the running of the Sherwood Community Centre, and all the monies, assets, contracts etc. of the former Sherwood Community Association which was then closed.

Full SCA CIO Membership is open to anyone living, working or-volunteering in the area of benefit, which is Sherwood and the surrounding area.

The Association is managed by The Trustees' Committee who meet monthly, assisted by two Administrators. The Trustees are elected annually by the members at an AGM and operate as per the adopted Constitution of 2014. The Trustees consult with the Members' Support Group, which is made up of Representatives from Affiliated Groups and other interested Members, who also meet regularly. It is a condition of Affiliation that Representatives support the Association by attending meetings and providing assistance at events or helping in areas of their expertise.

Various sub-groups (comprising of Trustees and Representatives of the Members' Support Group) carry out research, planning and other work and report back to the Trustees' Committee and Members' Support Group, with recommendations for action.

The building and grounds are owned by Nottingham City Council, who are responsible for repairs to the structure and services of the building. The Association receives an Area Based Grant from the Council. In order to receive the grant, the Association has had to provide quarterly monitoring, as proof that the Association is providing the services expected by the Area Based Grant Agreement, which is, in effect a type of Service Level Agreement.

The current Trustees' Committee has endeavoured to be in contact with and work with other organisations and charities to enhance provision for all who live in the area of benefit.

Through the democratic process, a wide range of views and opinions have been expressed, debated and decisions made accordingly.

Present provision and services continue to be utilised and we have had some success in responding to identified needs.

TRUSTEES AT 31 MARCH 2021

Chair	Jill Gregory (<i>also known as Jill Mee</i>)
Vice Chair	Maxine Leigh
Treasurer	Debbie Seaborn
Vice Treasurer	Margaret Hilton
Secretary	Hannah Fries (<i>also known as Hannah Malhotra</i>)
Membership Secretary	Valerie Hunter
Trustees	Louise Holland
	Sally Hilton
	Dawn Evans

MEMBERS OF STAFF AT 31 MARCH 2021

Administrators	Alison Manifold
	Kevin McDonnell
Administrative Assistant	Adam Cliff
Site/Maintenance Co-ordinator	Kevin McDonnell
Caretaker/Cleaners	Michael Carlisle
	Robert Soar (until October 2020)
	Julie Fairholm
	Geeth Malinda (from November 2020)

STATUTORY AUTHORITIES

Neighbourhood Development Officers (Nottingham City Council)	Leigh Plant
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CHAIR'S REPORT/GENERAL REPORT

Trustees and Staff have worked together throughout the year to make Sherwood Community Centre as resilient as possible, during a period which no one could have imagined possible. Thank you to everyone who has given continued support during this difficult period. Our caretaking staff were furloughed throughout the first lockdown, until 1 September 2020. Alison and Kevin worked from home. Trustees held Zoom meetings and some Trustees went to the building to carry out security and compliance checks such as legionella, fire safety etc to ensure that the building would be able to open quickly when lockdown ended. Soon, it was allowed for Kevin to go on-site to carry out the compliance work, and from June, Alison took over checks. At the end of June, the Council sent information in respect of re-opening preparations which were complicated and required a great deal of paperwork, including a long risk assessment and draft documents for rigorous checking of sanitising procedures. All booking documents had to be amended to cover Covid-safety procedures. Valerie, Alison, Louise and I discussed how we would make the building safe, and a decision was made to divide the building into three self-contained units to avoid cross-contamination. Each area had its own entrance and early in July, Valerie, my husband and I came in to work out room capacities and lay out the one-way system. The building felt sad and lonely, and it can't have been pleasant for Alison and Kevin to be there, alone, to do the checks. Signage was prepared and we were able to open for Sherwood Community Playgroup and some other groups from the beginning of September 2020, but we could not open to the public as caretakers were on flexible furlough, only working hours when they were needed to let groups in and do some other essential work, Kevin was working from home and Alison was working on the premises some days and at home on others. Sherwood Community Centre was one of the first community centres to be able to re-open due to Playgroup being a Statutory Childcare Facility. At last life was rebuilding in the Centre, more groups were planning to return in November – but LOCKDOWN 2! There was a limited return in December, but from January until April, only offices essential groups were allowed to return. Before the end of the Financial Year, bookings were coming in ready for the expected gradual re-opening of all things from April 2021. Special thanks this year must go to Alison who has worked on site throughout the year, dealing with visits from Council, Contractors and had a huge amount of work and pressure to deal with and has taken on additional responsibilities.

Jill Gregory
Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

I am sorry to start this report with the acknowledgement of the death on 20 October 2021 of Kevin McDonnell, the centre's finance worker. Kevin has worked with me the whole time I have been treasurer, and for years before that, on the day to day detail of invoicing, paying bills and wages, and tracking and reporting on income and expenditure. His work has been crucial to the financial management of the Centre and we could not have done it without him. Thank you Kevin for your humour, your sarcasm, and your commitment to the Centre and its work.

During 2020 – 2021 we moved the book keeping to Quickbooks Online, which makes things more efficient for producing reports and accounts.

We are grateful for the financial help the Centre received from the furlough scheme and also from COVID support grants from Nottingham City Council, as well as for the council's grant. Nevertheless. the accounts show a very different position at the end of 2020 – 2021 from the year before. For the year ended 31 March 2021, income was £33,174 (2019 – 2020: £91,449) and expenditure was £64,747 (2019 – 2020: £87,123). We have ended the year with a deficit of £31,573, covered from reserves. The deficit is due to the loss of room hire income with the closure of the centre during lockdowns. It leaves us with cash funds at 31 March 2021 of £63,024. This has reduced from £94,597 at 31 March 2020.

It is thanks to all the fundraising work by Trustees, members and supporters in previous years that the centre has been able to survive the periods of lockdown which began in March 2020 and have continued throughout the whole period of these accounts. This financial cushion has meant that Trustees have been able to keep staff in employment (with help from the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme – the furlough scheme) and keep the centre maintained and cared for. My job as Treasurer has been to track income and expenditure to make sure we are managing things in the most economical way possible. I am very grateful to Margaret Hilton, vice treasurer, and Kevin McDonnell, finance worker, for the work they did with me throughout the year.

Debbie Seaborn
Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

After the rapid first Lockdown, it was not possible to implement the new Membership Year with notifications and registrations. Trustees agreed to extend the previous year's registered membership until further notice. That decision remained in place for the full Membership Year, up to 31.3.21.

Therefore, all Affiliations and Memberships were continuous from the previous year. At that point there were 12 Affiliated Groups and 2 Affiliated Charities with 82 individual members between them

A further 12 Individual Members and 1 Life Member makes a total of 95 members, carried forward.

Valerie Hunter
Membership Secretary

STAFFING

Caretaking Staff were on Furlough from March 2020 to August 2020 and returned on Flexible Furlough from 1 September. Robert retired at the end of October, and was replaced by Geeth from November. Kevin worked from home throughout the year, except for during April and May when he came in once a week to do compliance checks, but was diagnosed with cancer in May and unable to work on the premises due to his treatment and the necessity for shielding. Alison has combined working on the premises and working at home throughout the year. In November 2020, Adam joined the staff as a part time Administrative Assistant to support Alison and carry out tasks which Kevin would have done had he been working on the premises. It had not been expected that the Pandemic would last so long, and it was decided to put Kevin and Alison on flexible furlough, working reduced hours.

TRAINING

Adam did an on-line PAT Testing course to enable him to do PAT testing for the Centre's equipment and that of Centre Users wishing to use our PAT Testing service.

FUNDRAISING/EVENTS

It had been our intention to hold a celebration of Sherwood Community Centre's 70th Anniversary on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the opening, which was 8 July 1950. Unfortunately, this was not possible.

Christmas Boxes

In December 2020 the Community Centre Office was contacted to see if we were able to distribute Christmas boxes to local families. These were from Costa Coffee in partnership with the Reading Agency, inspired by the Icelandic tradition of gifting a book to friends and family on Christmas Eve.

The boxes contained:

- A bag of Costa Coffee and/or a can of Costa Coffee drink
- A book suitable for an adult
- A book suitable for a child/young adult
- A bag of chocolate coins
- A children's activity sheet



We received 80 boxes, these were given to parents attending Sherwood Playgroup, members attending Open Wings and other users of groups using the Centre at the time. As many groups weren't meeting due to the pandemic, we still had a quantity of boxes left. Hannah took these to Highwood House in St Ann's, which is a hostel for homeless families.

THE BUILDING AND GROUNDS

Caretakers returned to work in September to provide essential cleaning and sanitising as well as being available to let groups into the building. When the second lockdown started in November, there was little cleaning to be done, so the opportunity was taken to organise some repair and decorating work. Areas painted were Room 1, the Small Hall and the Disabled Toilet by the Hall. Unfortunately, we have not been able to complete the painting of windows due to ventilation work and Fire Regulation work which needs to be carried out. There was a Fire Risk Assessment carried out by the Fire

Service in December and by the City Council's Fire Officer in January. We were informed that we could not use some of the areas for storage, therefore there has been a huge amount of sorting out of cupboards and a skip was necessary. Organisation of storage is on-going.

SHERWOOD COMMUNITY CENTRE & THE ENVIRONMENT

Please help us to do our bit for the planet! We would like to continue our work on reducing our energy consumption of:



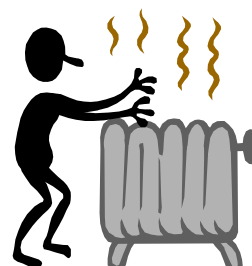
Water

Check that non-automatic taps are off after use.



Light

Please turn off lights if you leave a room. Don't put them on if it is a bright day and you can manage without.



Heat

Turn room thermostats down a degree or two, or to zero when you leave a room, as hot water in the pipes helps to maintain warmth in the rooms.

As ventilation is so important during the Covid-19 Pandemic, the cost of heating the building is going to rise considerably, and the cost of utilities is also rising. For this reason, we hope everyone will dress warmly, so that windows can be open to reduce risk of Covid-19.

If you live too far away to walk, then perhaps you may be able to cycle to the Centre and take advantage of our bike bins to lock away your bike whilst using the Centre. Alternatively, you could make use of our bike planter to secure your bike. There are also buses running past the Centre regularly, with bus stops within 2 minutes' walk. If, however, you do have to use your car to visit the Centre, please respect the car park markings and blue badge parking spaces, and park considerately. If the car park is busy and you have difficulty parking, there is space on Woodthorpe Drive, opposite the Community Centre, which is well-lit and wide. Alternatively, car parks are available a short walk away in Sherwood.



The little things we do can make a big difference, so please continue with your efforts helping us to reduce our carbon foot print.

BOOKCROSSING



The "Bookcrossing Zone" is situated in the Café. We have had a 'BookCrossing Zone' since 2010 and this is always popular. The books can be borrowed and returned or passed on to friends. If you don't return the book, we ask that you replace it with another book that you have read to enable the shelves to stay stocked. Each book is given a unique ID number and registered on the BookCrossing website, this enables the book to be tracked by its readers; it is interesting to discover how far some books actually travel!

Donations of books are always appreciated, whether for the BookCrossing or the book stall.

For more information, see: www.bookcrossing.com

AFFILIATED GROUPS' REPORTS **and Community Association reports**

Unfortunately, some groups were not able to return to the Community Centre during the 2020-2021 Financial Year due to Covid-19 Regulations, the restriction on room capacities due to social distancing and concerns over risks to their members, particularly the older generation and those with health risks.

Sherwood Playgroup CIO

The Playgroup was closed from April 2020 until September 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We reopened in September 2020 and were one of the first groups back at the centre due to us being a statutory provision, we are currently operating on a Tuesday to Friday pattern. During closure staff continued to work from home, visited families at a safe distance, took part in zoom staff meetings and school transition meetings. We continued to support families of children with additional needs and continued to work in a very different way to before. These were very unprecedented times both for our families and for staff members, this ultimately had an impact on our finances and potentially the long term sustainability if we had to enter another lockdown situation.

On return we still had lots of risk assessments to do around keeping children and adults safe, implementing a one way flow and separate entrance and exits. We still are not allowing Parents into setting, Parents of new starters have spent a little time indoors but we respectfully ask that a mask is worn. To date we have been really lucky that we have not had any positive Covid cases, staff are doing lateral flow tests twice weekly.

Despite the Covid – 19 pandemic numbers of children returning to us in September were healthy and numbers have continued to increase at every session. We have some children who benefit from free places due to the 2 year early learning programme, children who stay with us at 3 years old who qualify for Nursery Education Funding, or qualify for 30 hours and children that pay the normal playgroup fees. We continue to be a fully inclusive setting and take children from a range of ethnic backgrounds and children who have additional needs. Increasingly more Parents are choosing to let their child stay with us until they now start full time education, instead of moving them to a school nursery. We continue to have a waiting list and continue to receive telephone enquiries and also enquiries from our Facebook group, currently we are in the process of developing our new website.

We have a stable staff team, because of Covid we suspended all student placements, volunteers but we hope to be able to link up again with NTU after April 2021.

We continue to also use Lauren from into the Wildwood who comes in to do Forest School once a week, as this is an outdoor activity we felt the risk was minimal and the children love being outside and taking part in what Lauren has planned. The sessions are very beneficial for their learning and development. These sessions have been paid for using pupil premium money and also money from a grant.

Our finances are satisfactory at the moment but we rely heavily on donations and funding from various sources

Jill Gregory School of Dancing

At the time of the lockdown, Jill had been ill and was awaiting further treatment. The classes were therefore being taught by the other teachers. These are all former pupils who had grown up with the dancing school including Jill's niece, Dianna and her daughters, and others who have trained with the school. Some of these had already qualified as teachers with the school, and others continued to submit teaching modules to the exam board and take practical exams, in non-lockdown periods gaining Distinctions.

Virtual Dance during lockdown

From April 2020 to July 2020, we continued to offer online provision to our dancers. Teachers had quickly adapted to the lockdown and come up with a plan at the end of March, which consisted of weekly pre-recorded dance lessons for individual groups, along with fun dance related challenges and activities, and recommendations of performances to watch. We were able to stay connected with our dancers through setting these weekly resources, and our dancers were able to gain feedback by sharing videos of themselves dancing and taking part in the challenges. Our dancers could also show us their completed written activities, ask us questions and comment with how they got on with a task.

Yasmin and Jill both prepared videos of Adult Ballet classes and Adult Tap dances for adult students to continue to practise during the lockdown.

While the engagement rate fluctuated a little, overall, we had around half of our dancers signed up to use the online resources between April and July.

To wrap up our academic year and online term, teachers ran a free live class for members via Zoom, where dances of all ages across the dance school came together to learn a dance. It was lovely to be able to see and interact with our dancers in this way, and we enjoyed having a couple of parents take part too!

As in other years, we took part in the Tapathon to raise money for Children in Needs, and this was also by video.

Semi-Retirement

Back in 2018, Yasmin had expressed an interest in taking over the dancing school at some stage, but this had needed forward planning. Jill was relieved to be able to pass the dancing school to a family member. Having taught dance at Sherwood Community Centre since September 1976, (as well as Awsorth, Bulwell, Langley Mill/Heanor and Hucknall until 1989), she had reached the stage of feeling less inspired in respect of show planning as well as having back and knee problems. However, Jill always intended to continue to teach the Adult Classes, Seniors/Teachers' classes, cover teacher and act as a consultant. More definite preparations for Yasmin to take over the School began in February 2020, and Yasmin took over in September 2020 and has renamed it "Elevation Dance" (See separate report). Adult Classes are still advertised as the Jill Gregory School of Dancing with reference to Elevation Dance Classes with each of us passing enquiries to each other. After 45 years in Sherwood, the Gregory name is well-known and former pupils still pass the name to those who show an interest in dance classes. Although Covid-19 has made things difficult for everyone across the world, the strong relationships teachers have developed with pupils and parents over the years, has meant that although some dancers did not remain with the school throughout the pandemic, the dancing school passed to Yasmin was stronger than it might have been. It is also due to the hard work put in by teachers during the lockdowns with Virtual Dance.

Adult classes didn't resume in September 2020, even though it would have been allowed under the Covid-19 rules. This was for several reasons. As a Trustee of Sherwood Community Centre, Jill had been working with Staff and other Trustees to re-open the Centre and continue to work with them to get things back to normal, for reasons of Covid Social distancing (3m for dance/exercise), it was not possible to use the Annex, and for Covid Safety, Hall use was restricted to one group from Tuesday to Friday during term time. However, as some Adult Classes had been cancelled in March 2020 it was arranged to teach these during the October half term, to see how it went, with a view to starting regularly in November.

Then the second lockdown struck and Adult Exercise classes were not able to restart until May/June 2021

Jill Gregory and Yasmin Stevens

Elevation Dance

Elevation Dance launched in August 2020, taking over most classes from the Jill Gregory School of Dancing... what a time to embark on a new venture! Nevertheless, I was excited to be taking over the dance school that I had grown up with both as a student and teacher, and excited to see our dancers face to face again. We returned to the Community Centre for our first day of classes as Elevation Dance on the 19th September, equipped with Covid safe measures. 80% of our dancers who had been with us pre-pandemic returned, and we also welcomed new members. Teachers and students alike were both thrilled to be dancing together again, and there was a definite buzz on the first day back!

Throughout November when the 2nd lockdown was introduced, we delivered live Zoom lessons every Saturday for our members to keep up their fitness, technique and engagement with dance. Around 70% of our members took part in these. Along with the Jill Gregory School of Dancing, we joined the annual Tapathon for Children in Need - a virtual event this year! We had 41 dancers taking part, and raised £450.

In December, we returned to the Community Centre. We held in class assessments with some dancers in place of the exams that were still outstanding from March 2020. These allowed dancers to continue their progression, and receive feedback and a sense of achievement. In place of our usual end of term watching week, we filmed dances to share with family members. Myself and Bronwyn Stevens (fellow Elevation Dance teacher, and sister!) were able to take Programme of Study Technical Assessments at the British Theatre of Dance Head Office in Leicester, both gaining Distinction. This marked my final teacher's exam.

From January to March, of course, we found ourselves back in lockdown, so delivered online lessons via Zoom as we had in November, and again had around 70% of members taking part. All teachers recognised that many of our dancers and their families were finding this lockdown particularly challenging, and we were dedicated to supporting them. We knew that the exercise from dancing, being able to keep some routine and see their friends would benefit dancers' wellbeing. We held regular staff meetings to discuss how our classes were going and share ideas for engaging online

classes, as well as planning opportunities for our members. We had a guest teacher, a former Jill Gregory School of Dancing student, deliver online modern jazz workshops in February, and held another round of in class assessments over Zoom in March.

During this time, we also launched two new classes online: a teenage beginners ballet class and an alumni class. The alumni class brought together adult dancers in their 20s who had previously been members of the Jill Gregory School of Dancing. It was wonderful to dance together again after several years apart. In this case, we chose to see the necessity to run online classes as a positive, as it meant that dancers who now lived in other parts of the country were able to join.

Despite the uncertainty of the past year, by the end of March, we had seen a 20% increase in Elevation Dance's membership since we launched in August.

Yasmin Stevens

Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society (NBLS)

Following on from the beginning of Lockdown in early March 2020, NBLS was unable to meet in any face-to-face format.

Classes, Pop-ins and all Courses were cancelled, and members kept in touch via email, phone and video conferencing.

The Committee, many of which were due for retirement under the Constitution, agreed to "caretake" the Society for another year, through to the planned AGM in November 2021.

The quarterly Newsletters continued to be published, and was full of members' "Lockdown Lace" projects, photographs and snippets of news. The year's chosen charity, Brain Tumour Research still benefitted from the Society's planned Wear a Hat Day, and the photos showed members' individuality.

Everyone looks forward to being able to resume classes, Pop-ins and Lace Days later in 2021, when vaccinations and venues allow a carefully planned and socially distanced safe return.

Valerie Hunter. (NBLS Rep to SCA)

The Yoga Village

Over the past year we have continued to provide yoga classes to local adults and children. Our classes include specialised groups for pregnancy, postnatal and kids, as well as general classes. The disruption of lockdown and continued restrictions continued through 2021, and for the majority of the year our classes were a mix of very small groups and Zoom sessions. After the summer we more or less ceased teaching in Room 5 and expanded into larger venues, chiefly the main hall at Sherwood Community Centre. In this way we have been able to continue some viable yoga classes while offering social distancing to our students. There seems to be a sea change, at least now while the pandemic continues, in that our smaller space is not appropriate for larger groups. This will be reviewed during 2022, as we continue to hire Room 5.

Supporting our community of students is thoroughly enjoyable and motivating, and is so far balanced alongside the need to keep the Yoga Village going through the challenges of the past two years. Lately, we have witnessed an increase in numbers of people wishing to return to yoga, and are optimistic for The Yoga Village in 2022.

Hannah Malhotra

Buena Vida Health and Fitness

We normally run a Zumba Chair class but, due to social distancing, this has not been possible even when lock-down was eased.

Chair Based Zumba Gold Social – run by SCACIO

This is a fun and friendly, non-profit making class which was started 5 years ago with the intention of providing exercise and an opportunity for social interaction. It was originally aimed at the elderly and those with physical limitations, but also included those with mental health and anxiety issues. It was run by the SCACIO, in conjunction with Christine's Community Café before the pandemic, but when classes were allowed to re-start after lock-down, the café was closed and we could not provide refreshments due to social distancing.

To keep contact with all the class members especially those who lived alone and had to isolate due to age or vulnerability, Margaret took the class online and provided classes and an opportunity to chat with other members on

Zoom. Several members said that during the first lockdown it was the only contact they had had with anyone else, and helped them get through it.

Margaret Hilton
Trustee and Zumba Instructor

Woodthorpe Model Railway Club

No report submitted

Nottingham Self Help For People Who Stammer

No report submitted

Sprouts

No report submitted

Little Legs

No report submitted

OTHER USER GROUPS' REPORTS

Support for Survivors (S4S)

We provide support to male and female victims & survivors aged 18 plus, who have suffered from a multitude of several types of childhood abuse & experiences.

We actively reduce the distress of victims & survivors aged 18 plus of childhood non-recent abuse through a range of 'Peer' led interventions. Our successful 'Support for Survivors Personal Development & Recovery Program has been phenomenal and life changing, with some moving forward to our Volunteer Program, but we have co-piloted with those attending and shall be looking to have this program accredited.

We had seven active volunteers, who worked over & beyond as always, their inner passion giving back from their own recovery journeys, and succeeding with our mentoring, coaching, and training programmes. To date we have no paid staff on our books.

We are now supporting 332 male & female victims & survivors, up 16 men and 27 women (43 in total for the year ending). This figure should have been higher, receiving less referrals throughout the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Throughout Covid-19 we were unable to support our services users in person, although we did still support with front line services and outreach. This was mainly delivery of prescriptions, food parcels, shopping, and clothing, or just socially distancing from their front door, many struggled with isolation.

We are delivering services from the Sherwood Community Centre, and what a wonderful experience it still is, being community orientated. We would like to say a massive thank you to the admin and Trustees of the Community Centre. They have been very supportive, it is a warm community centre and one where we are all supportive of one another to ensure all who access our Centre are within a safe and non-judgmental environment, obviously throughout the lockdown our centre was closed, with all working from home.

We closed our offices March 13th, 2020, because of lockdown, it was a very hectic time for us all, daunting not knowing how this would impact us not only as a Charity but individually. We were able to change our practices of support and adult educational programs via Zoom digital facetime and more so via telephone support. We were able to access much online training courses, this has saved travel time and has been cost effective.

I nominated two volunteers throughout the pandemic for their outstanding work, one received gift vouchers from TKMaxx Hero's, and our other volunteer was hand delivered a case of wines from Naked Wines.

Digital facetime support included either Skype or Zoom with 24 female and 15 men supported online. Many did not like using this method, with this in mind our telephone befriending support in place of face-to-face skyrocketed.

We would like to thank all our partners who we refer to, and who refer to 'Support for Survivors'. There are some remarkable people in our communities working over and beyond, Thank You, and most of all and not forgetting our remarkable male and female survivors of childhood abuse, and their families.

You are surviving and thriving!

Maxi Leigh
Founder Care Services Director

Sherwood Community Association CIO
(Registered charity, number 1158333)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

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**Sherwood Community Association CIO
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Full name Sherwood Community Association CIO

Other names by which the charity is known Sherwood Community Centre

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1158333

Principal address Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road, NOTTINGHAM, NG5 3FN

Trustees

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Hannah Malhotra
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Dawn Evans

Independent examiner

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Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of the CIO Association constitution adopted 22/08/14.

Overall management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected annually at an AGM, or co-opted under terms of the constitution. They are advised by the Members Support Group, made up of affiliated groups and other interested members who meet regularly. Day to day project activity is managed & carried out by volunteers & paid staff.

Objectives and activities

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same.

To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

Sherwood Community Association CIO

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

As the Centre closed to the General Public for most of the year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, most activities were not allowed under lockdown. Some such as Playgroup, and some health and exercise activities were allowed for part of the year and some of the offices were functioning. Most were unable to meet, many because of the restraints of social distancing and providing adequate ventilation.

The usual activities of the Centre, which would have taken place in 2020/2021, are listed below;

The Centre, together with various groups who hire our rooms and offices, run several sessions open to the public.

There are a variety of Dance and Drama classes for children and adults including Ballet, Tap and Zumba. There are several Yoga sessions including Pregnancy Yoga and Post Natal Yoga classes and Nottingham Osteoporosis Group run a weekly Tea Dance.

We run a weekly chair-based exercise class, combined with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise afterwards, for the elderly, people with mental health issues, and people with disabilities or limited mobility, a second class was added due to its popularity.

A Seniors' Group for the over 60's meets once a week. There is a respite care day centre for the elderly run weekdays.

A Playgroup is held each weekday for children aged 2-5 years. There is a Mini Music session for 0-3 year olds once a week.

Several Self Help Groups meet in the Centre including: Aphasia, Alcoholics Anonymous, Coping with Anxiety, Nottingham Self Help Group for People who Stammer and Versus Arthritis.

There are many classes meeting at the Centre catering for special leisure interests, including Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society, The Sherwood Art Class, Woodthorpe Model Railway, Singing tuition and Stained Glass.

The garden to the rear of the Community Centre is a Community Garden run by Transition Sherwood Garden Group. Members of the public are able to rent a mini plot of garden for a minimal fee.

We have a reduced rental rate for charities making the building more accessible for their use.

Sherwood Community Association CIO

All offices are now rented out to organisations who provide education and services in health, education, fitness etc. e.g.;

APT Care, who provide Home Care Services - rent an office at the centre. Their trained carers, a workforce able to speak a number of languages, provide a variety of personal services to a high standard of care to those that are in need.

Open Wings Adult Learning, based at the Centre, work with adults with learning disabilities and other disadvantaged groups and offer workshops to colleges and day centres.

Support For Survivors, a charity supporting male and female victims and survivors of non-recent childhood abuse with a wide range of holistic interventions.

Christine's Community Café runs as a social enterprise at the Centre. She provides a very warm welcome to all, including those with disabilities, and serves a variety of home-made meals, snacks, cakes and biscuits at reasonable prices. She has hosted some events for children and adults, and is part of the Safe Places scheme.

Sprouts, a children's drama group, has held drama sessions and some storytelling sessions for children in the school holidays.

We plan to convene an annual forum of representatives from groups, organisations, and agencies which use the Centre or are active within the community to discuss ways of co-operating and working together in ways to benefit the community.

We are part of a breastfeeding friendly scheme in Nottingham.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

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This is reviewed every quarter by the Finance Sub-Committee.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____

Jill Gregory, Trustee

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Date 13/1/2022

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Sherwood Community Association CIO
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sherwood Community Centre CIO for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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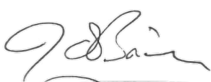
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Independent examiner's statement

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:

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Signed  Date 13/1/22
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Sherwood Community Association CIO
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for the year ended 31 March 2021

2020				2021	
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1869	Legal & professional fees		1628	-	1628
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427	Bank charges		14	-	14
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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2021

<i>2020</i>			<i>2021</i>
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2. Grants & donations

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3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
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	-	14103	(14103)	-
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	94597	19071	(50644)	63024
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4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	678
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5. Premises

The premises are provided by the local authority.

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During this period, a total of £680 was reimbursed to 3 trustees for expenses incurred.

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There were no related party transactions.

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Sherwood Community Association CIO
(Registered charity, number 1158333)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 March 2021

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**Sherwood Community Association CIO
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 31 March 2021**

Full name Sherwood Community Association CIO

Other names by which the charity is known Sherwood Community Centre

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1158333

Principal address Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road, NOTTINGHAM, NG5 3FN

Trustees

Jill Gregory, Chair
Sally Hilton
Margaret Hilton
Louise Holland
Valarie Hunter

Maxine Leigh
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Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of the CIO Association constitution adopted 22/08/14.

Overall management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected annually at an AGM, or co-opted under terms of the constitution. They are advised by the Members Support Group, made up of affiliated groups and other interested members who meet regularly. Day to day project activity is managed & carried out by volunteers & paid staff.

Objectives and activities

To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain and manage the same.

To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

As the Centre closed to the General Public for most of the year due to the Coronavirus pandemic, most activities were not allowed under lockdown. Some such as Playgroup, and some health and exercise activities were allowed for part of the year and some of the offices were functioning. Most were unable to meet, many because of the restraints of social distancing and providing adequate ventilation.

The usual activities of the Centre, which would have taken place in 2020/2021, are listed below;

The Centre, together with various groups who hire our rooms and offices, run several sessions open to the public.

There are a variety of Dance and Drama classes for children and adults including Ballet, Tap and Zumba. There are several Yoga sessions including Pregnancy Yoga and Post Natal Yoga classes and Nottingham Osteoporosis Group run a weekly Tea Dance.

We run a weekly chair-based exercise class, combined with refreshments and an opportunity to socialise afterwards, for the elderly, people with mental health issues, and people with disabilities or limited mobility, a second class was added due to its popularity.

A Seniors' Group for the over 60's meets once a week. There is a respite care day centre for the elderly run weekdays.

A Playgroup is held each weekday for children aged 2-5 years. There is a Mini Music session for 0-3 year olds once a week.

Several Self Help Groups meet in the Centre including: Aphasia, Alcoholics Anonymous, Coping with Anxiety, Nottingham Self Help Group for People who Stammer and Versus Arthritis.

There are many classes meeting at the Centre catering for special leisure interests, including Nottinghamshire Bobbin Lace Society, The Sherwood Art Class, Woodthorpe Model Railway, Singing tuition and Stained Glass.

The garden to the rear of the Community Centre is a Community Garden run by Transition Sherwood Garden Group. Members of the public are able to rent a mini plot of garden for a minimal fee.

We have a reduced rental rate for charities making the building more accessible for their use.

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All offices are now rented out to organisations who provide education and services in health, education, fitness etc. e.g.;

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Open Wings Adult Learning, based at the Centre, work with adults with learning disabilities and other disadvantaged groups and offer workshops to colleges and day centres.

Support For Survivors, a charity supporting male and female victims and survivors of non-recent childhood abuse with a wide range of holistic interventions.

Christine's Community Café runs as a social enterprise at the Centre. She provides a very warm welcome to all, including those with disabilities, and serves a variety of home-made meals, snacks, cakes and biscuits at reasonable prices. She has hosted some events for children and adults, and is part of the Safe Places scheme.

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We plan to convene an annual forum of representatives from groups, organisations, and agencies which use the Centre or are active within the community to discuss ways of co-operating and working together in ways to benefit the community.

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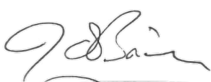
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