

LOWER GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1159081

Details

Other names LGCA

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-11-05

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

Contact

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Centre
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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF LOWER GRANGE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (HEREINAFTER CALLED "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. ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF, A COMMUNITY CENTRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE CENTRE") AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN CO-OPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.

Activities: Lower Grange Community Association is a voluntary lead Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has the responsibility to run and manage Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre within the Bradford

West District.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£231,719	£240,517	-	-
2024-03-31	£265,243	£259,878	-	-
2023-03-31	£296,860	£294,777	-	-
2022-03-31	£171,101	£164,215	-	-
2021-03-31	£168,718	£98,136	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
G BALL	Chair	2014-07-22
Beinda Rawlinson		2023-01-28
Beverley Lister		2022-01-15
Carmen Woodley		2019-11-16
Darvis Wilkins		2025-03-01
Francis - Elizabeth Evans		2019-11-16
Kyle Whitaker		2023-12-02
Marie Bull		2019-11-16
Shantelle Wright		2023-12-02

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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2	M Bull	Treasurer		
3	F.E. Evans	Secretary		
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5	Beverley Lister			
6	B Rawlinson			
7	Shantelle Wright			
8	Kyle Whittiker			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

This year has marked a significant transition for our organisation, moving from crisis-response provision toward becoming a recognised community anchor delivering accredited vocational training and integrated creative health services. With landmark funding of £101,000 from Yorkshire Building Society's Building Bradford Skills programme, and our role as a key partner for Bradford 2025 (UK City of Culture), we have fundamentally expanded our capacity and reach while maintaining our core commitment to the Lower Grange community.

Building on the foundations of our previous Neighbourhood Action Project and the sustainable growth model we have developed over recent years, 2024-25 saw us step up from providing essential support to actively equipping residents with qualifications, coaching skills, and pathways into employment and enterprise. This represents the next phase of our journey: not just meeting immediate need, but building long-term community resilience and leadership.

The Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) programme continued to exceed all targets, with Easter, Summer and Christmas provision reaching significantly more eligible children than commissioned. These numbers exclude additional non-eligible children who also benefited, demonstrating our commitment to inclusive community support regardless of means-testing

criteria. Our multi-site delivery across Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre, Victoria Park, Lady Hill Park, and partnership work with venues including 5 Alive Bradford Adventure and Hollywood Bowl has allowed us to offer varied experiences from cooking and sports to trips including Lightwater Valley and Scarborough.

Our partnership with Bradford 2025 (UK City of Culture) enabled integration of creative approaches to health and wellbeing. The Singing for Wellbeing group has become a highlight, with participants reporting improvements across multiple life areas. Our autumn survey of 46 service users, session leaders and partners showed 80% reporting improved social connections, 63% improved overall wellbeing, 61% improved mental health, and 57% improved self-confidence. These figures evidence the genuine impact of our holistic approach combining physical activity, creative practice, skills development and social connection.

We significantly expanded into accredited vocational training this year, delivering Level 2 Food Safety, Level 2 Fire Safety, British Sign Language, South Asian Cooking (with Bradford College), and Beauty Therapy qualifications. Beyond individual employment credentials, we invested heavily in community leadership development through Solution Focused Coaching training delivered by Participate Projects/ThriveLab, and continued delivery of the Social Venture School supporting residents to develop social enterprise ideas. The September Jobs & Training Recruitment Fair brought together 19 employers and engaged over 120 jobseekers, demonstrating our growing role as an employment broker for the area.

Our food provision evolved beyond crisis response into sustainable models. The Community Cafe offers £1 breakfasts as a social hub, while Grub in the Hub operates as a social supermarket with £3 fresh produce bags. Little Chefs cooking programmes teach nutritional independence to children, and partnerships with Morrison's Gillingham, Lill Brothers, St James Market traders and FareShare Yorkshire ensure quality provision at scale. The February Energy Advice Day, featuring air fryer giveaways with Groundwork Green Doctors, addressed cost-of-living pressures directly.

Specialist youth provision developed through Aspire Judo, Bradford City Twirlers, and the Camouflage Crew leadership programme, alongside our established Open Access Youth Club and targeted SEN provision through the STAR Inclusion Group. Family and early years support grew through Stay and Play, the new Teacups & Toddlers group for ages 0-3, and continued playgroup delivery.

Our weekday calendar maintained approximately 90% capacity year-round with ESOL at multiple levels, Functional Skills in maths and English, the new Digital Cafe supporting residents with online services, Keep Fit sessions, Zumba, Beck Adventures wellness walks, and regular advice drop-ins covering benefits, housing, debt and employment. The Citizens Advice Bureau surgery provides specialist support monthly.

Physical transformation of the site in March saw 20+ volunteers repaint, garden, build planters and create new communal seating areas. This investment in our environment reflects and reinforces community pride and ownership. A notable achievement has been volunteer groups developing capacity in digital content creation, now producing their own promotional videos and social media content, representing genuine empowerment to

tell their own stories.

We worked with over 35 partner organisations this year including National Lottery Community Fund, Yorkshire Building Society, Bradford 2025, Bradford College, Shipley College, SkillsHouse Bradford, Bradford Council Neighbourhoods and Youth Services, Bradford City FC Community Foundation, West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service, West Yorkshire Police, HALE, Mind in Bradford, and multiple activity providers. These partnerships reflect our established position as a genuine community anchor trusted by statutory services, voluntary sector, private sector and residents alike.

Our reserves and financial position remain healthy, allowing us to continue exploring innovative funding streams that add value to our core offer rather than chasing inappropriate funding or experiencing mission drift. The Yorkshire Building Society grant has been transformational in enabling us to move beyond grant-dependency toward sustainable, core-funded provision with clear employment and skills outcomes.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making 2024-25 such a successful year – our volunteers, staff, trustees, partners, and most importantly, the residents of Lower Grange who continue to lead the way in building a resilient, thriving community.

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Other optional information



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Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Graham Ball	Marie Bull
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	05/01/2026	

Lower Grange Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account 31st March 2025

Unrestricted Funds

<u>Income</u>	31st March 2025	31st March 2024	<u>Expenditure</u>	31st March 2025	31st March 2024
<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>					
Room Hire	2900	3875	General Running Expenses	12,309	24,665
Fundraising etc	4105	6525	Premises Costs	22,990	15,078
Donations			Wages - LGCA	41,044	38,882
Crowdfunder	66	114	Travel	304	543
			Professional Fees	786	792
Grants etc			Deliveries		
City Of Bradford	137775	149905	Venue Hire		
			Training	144	
Other Income			Capital costs		
Community Foundation		10000	Consultancy	3,500	6,629
Places for People	20000	39700	Membership Fees	108	
Blackpool Comitty Trip			Connector Commissioning	2,578	8,172
Participate Project			Awards For All Funding		700
Dixons		250	Bradford Council ARG Funding		
Naz Shah			HAF Funding	23,508	19,281
Playspaces			Places For People Funding	22,100	
Bradford Community Play Partnership	12787	19402	Charitable Aid Foundation	3,250	3,250
BHT Early Education and Training	1400	870			
United Peoples					
Sundry Income					
Beckfoot trust	1250	3200			
	<u>180,283</u>	<u>233,841</u>			
Restricted Funds			<u>Restricted Expenses</u>		
Big Lottery Fund LG NAP			Training Costs		
Bradford Teaching Hospitals			Consultancy		
Bradford Teaching Hospitals Office Income	2578	3400	Premises Costs		
All Together Now Income		700	HAF Salary		480
HAF Project Income	23508	8893	Bradford Community Worker Salary	7,905	9,041
Bradford Council ARG Income			BCPP Project	260	2,306
HSF Project Income		13051	HAF Project	59,676	73,010
Bradford Community play Income			HSF Project	23,360	27,483
UKSPF Project Income		2109	Race Equality Funding		
Places For People	22100		Unity Builders Project	1,160	1,942
Charitable Aid Foundation	3250	3250	Additional Restrictions Grant		
	<u>51,436</u>	<u>31,403</u>	Keystone Community Project	650	1,450
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Bank Interest				<u>107,896</u>	<u>141,887</u>
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	<u>126,429</u>	<u>121,064</u>	Cash in hand	31	208
			Debtors	1,500	10,995
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	<u>117,631</u>	<u>126,429</u>	Creditors	-552	-504
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has built significantly on our previous successes, demonstrating substantial growth in both our reach and impact. The Holiday Activities with Food (HAF) programme has been particularly successful, exceeding targets across all holiday periods, which includes additional non-eligible children who also benefited from our services, showing our commitment to inclusive community support.

The first half of 2023-24 showcased our responsive programming. Our expanded Grub in the Hub food bank / pantry initiative strengthened existing partnerships with Morrison's Gillingham, Lill Brothers, St James Market traders, and FareShare Yorkshire, while incorporating successful elements from our Covid response by reintroducing family activity packs alongside food provision.

This was also supported by both the HSF and UKSPF funding programmes which contributed to meeting the demands of our community, especially when a project like ours can sometimes be the only source of nutritional foods and basic essentials individuals and families receive all week. This food sourcing and distribution engages and supports the most disadvantaged local families who we are able to identify through our trusted networks, and those who have difficulty in accessing wider services due to their vulnerability, isolation and poverty.

We've enhanced our youth engagement through innovative programs like the Under-14's sports, music, and arts sessions, and our 'World Foods' cultural exploration evenings regularly attracting a good cohorts per session. These initiatives, delivered in partnership with Bradford Youth Service, have effectively built cross-community relationships, exemplified by the successful integration of Clayton and Lower Grange Youth Groups through shared activities, new experiences and regular outings.

Our commitment to inclusive family support has grown through new initiatives including Little Chef's sessions for 8-13 year olds, family cooking combined with multi-sport activities, and expanded SEN family sessions focused on building confidence and understanding. This commitment strengthened further in early 2024 with the launch of our Play, Learn, Grow SEN inclusive family sessions, supported by Bradford Community Play Partnership. The Creative Flare project has evolved, introducing family skate days in partnership with JU:MP and Active Bradford, while maintaining popular Zumba and arts sessions that provide crucial social connections for parents.

The summer period brought vibrant, direct community engagement through events like the Allergrange Got Talent show and our Family Fun Day in Lady Hill Park, while the winter season saw successful community celebrations including our Pantomime performance and festive celebrations. We've also strengthened our educational support, both through ESOL+ programming for adults and by supporting the Clayton & Fairweather Green 'Moving Up' Project, helping Year 6 students transition to secondary schools in the local area.

The Beck Adventures initiative with the Creative Flare parents group has created new opportunities for health and wellbeing through 'walk and talk' socials in local nature spaces, complementing our existing chronic pain relief exercise sessions and demonstrating our holistic approach to community health and well-being. The outdoor engagement expanded into innovative youth programming, with initiatives like the Pot Gang project during half term holidays, teaching young people about growing plants while incorporating well-being and active life style discussions.

The expansion and variety of our activities has continued to strengthen our position with partners. Our multi-site holiday provision across Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre, Victoria Park, Lady Hill Park, and partnership work with 5 Alive has expanded our reach to more young people and families than ever before. This collaborative approach enables us to meet both our objectives and our partners' goals while providing trusted access to diverse communities of interest.

Our commitment to community safety and local governance remains strong, with regular Neighbourhood Policing Team contact points and ward surgeries hosted at the centre, providing vital connections between residents and local services. We've also enhanced our accessibility by producing promotional materials in multiple languages with assistance from our ESOL students, demonstrating our commitment to inclusive communication.

The quality of our work received external recognition, with our Play Activator being shortlisted as a finalist in the Bradford Community Star Awards for Outstanding Contribution to Earliest Years of Life, along with the Association also being runner up for the voluntary community group of the year. These recognitions reflect our ongoing commitment to excellence in early years provision and community support.

Our commitment to continuous improvement is evidenced by our comprehensive user survey and training needs consultation which was undertaken throughout the year, and has helped shape our future programming and volunteer development opportunities. The successful launch of our One Love Community Cafe has seen increasing demand, particularly for breakfast mornings, leading to the need for additional volunteer recruitment drives.

Our weekday calendar has been around 90% capacity year-round, with a good mix of physical activities (keep fit, breakfast AM's, pain relief exercise, football), arts and craft, ESOL (and now ESOL+ which extends learning English to include life skills for non-English speakers) and demographic specific interventions such as our long-standing partnership with Bradford Youth Service, Bradford Community Play Partnership and multiple partnership activities with local schools for young people.

We also now include a food offer with the majority of our activities as this serves as both a hook for people to take part in activities and also ensures they stay healthy enough to take part.

The success of this work has led to two major funding achievements for 2024-25:

1. Securing the Resilience and Core Cost Grant to enhance our digital capabilities and impact measurement
2. Winning the Building Bradford Skills Fund grant to deliver comprehensive employability programs

These new funding streams will enable us to do the following, in addition to our core provision:

- Expand our digital inclusion work
- Enhance our impact measurement capabilities
- Deliver targeted employment support programs

Section D

Achievements and performance

- Provide comprehensive skills training
- Further develop our community coaching and peer-support initiatives

Looking ahead to 2024-25, we're well-positioned to build on these successes while expanding our reach and impact through these new funded programs.

Our reserves and financial position remain healthy, allowing us to continue exploring innovative funding streams that add value to our core offer.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed to making 2023-24 such a successful year, through their time, effort, energy, and commitment to ensuring our community is served and represented for years to come.

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Graham Ball	Lynne
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	17/01/2025	

**Lower Grange Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account 31st March 2024**

Unrestricted Funds

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Places for People	39700	8200	Consultancy	6,629	7,500
Blackpool Community Trip			Membership Fees		92
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Playspaces			HAF Funding	19,281	14,969
Bradford Community Play Partnership	19402	8494	Charitable Aid Foundation	3,250	
BHT Early Education and Training	870	800			
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Bradford Teaching Hospitals		44926	Bradford Community Worker Salary	9,041	2,558
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Charitable Aid Foundation	3250		Keystone Community Project	1,450	
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2022		31	03	2023

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Other names charity is known by LGCA

Registered charity number (if any) 1159081

Charity's principal address Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre

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Bradford

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Lower Grange and the neighbourhood (hereinafter called "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.

Establish, or secure the establishment of, a community centre (hereinafter called "the centre") and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

Classification

What

- General charitable purposes
- Education / training
- Recreation

Who

- Children / young people
- Elderly / old people
- People with disabilities

How

- provides buildings / facilities / open space

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has been our most successful year to date, being the first full year after our Big Community Lottery Funding finished and also the end of our JU:MP Connectors Allergrange Pioneering Commissioning. We were able to build on the connections and learning from the previous 3 years of the Lower Grange Neighbourhood Action Project and the JU:MP project has left a legacy with the Connectors now focused on growing their Creative Flare Activities, and our Playgroup leader successfully gaining employment via the Bradford Community Play Partnership funding to deliver safe and creative play learning sessions.

These are just 2 examples of the sustainable growth of our activities and team, with our main focus around physical and mental health and wellbeing paying dividends for the community and our staff/volunteer teams' personal development (along with the growth of our sustainable income generation model of providing incubation space, equipment and support for groups to trial and embed new ideas that meet emerging community needs - these groups are proving yet again that they are the future of our work and are finding their own funding which also brings rental income to the centre).

The expansion and variety of our activities has strengthened our position with partners as we are able to help them meet their own agenda's whilst providing trusted access to the communities of interest that they also serve. This has led to continuation of our Holiday Activities with Food Programme (HAF) funding, and attracted a 3-year commitment and funding uplift from long term social housing partner, Places for People (who have also made further commitments to helping with the development of the building and facilities following a significant internal refurbishment in the 4th quarter of 2022/23).

Our aim to identify vulnerable groups, including emerging non-English speaking communities new to the area, has seen multiple smaller funding agreements being achieved (for example with CAF, Charities Aid Foundation) to work with non-English speakers to co-design engagement activities that will attract their peers to take up activities at the centre and become another asset to our growing community base of volunteers and future Community Leaders.

They, and some of our Board members and volunteers, have been exposed to and learnt user-centred Service Design tools such as Customer Journey Mapping, to help them understand the needs of those we serve and brings a fresh perspective to the design of our activities. We've moved beyond simple community consultation to actively involving and training community members in how to get the most from their time with us, and bring new people to the centres to experience and take advantage of the opportunities available to them.

Members of last year's Solution Focused coaching training cohort have gone on to secure employment in community development roles, or start their own initiatives - across our entire volunteer, staff, sessional leaders and Board team we are seeing significant personal growth in terms of confidence and inspiring others, this is something we will continue to invest in as we have the foundations in place to expand on this way of working which brings an energy, and investor commitments, into the area.

In terms of core activities, Grub in the Hub (continuation of our Covid food bank which has evolved into a pay as you feel model, supported via the HSF Program (Household Support Fund) funding and the HAF project have been the most successful for engaging the community, acting as gateways for conversations

with people who haven't accessed the centre previously. As our existing user base is so loyal, being grateful for the opportunities our work has opened up for them, many have either become formal volunteers or act informally as advocates of the centre - welcoming new visitors and advocating for them joining in and taking advantage of our activities, provisions, services and trips.

Our weekday calendar has been 90% full capacity year-round, with a good mix of physical activities (keep fit, Zumba, pain relief exercise, football), arts and craft, ESOL (and now ESOL+ which extends learning English to include life skills for non-English speakers) and demographic specific interventions such as our long-standing partnership with Bradford Youth Service, Bradford Community Play Partnership and multiple partnership activities with local schools for young people. We are also including a food offer with the majority of our activities as we know people are struggling due to the Cost-of-Living crisis - this serves as both a hook for people to take part in activities and also ensures they stay healthy enough to take part.

Seasonal events including community events and trips have again been popular and enable friendships to be created and blossom between people from different backgrounds who may not have otherwise spoken outside of the centre, or who attend different activities here. We've heard multiple accounts of people now stopping in the street to speak to familiar faces as a result of attending our events, and also know people are actively checking others are OK and signposting to us or relevant services when they are not.

We have again been recognised for our work, winning two awards: Honorary award for 'outstanding and invaluable services provided to the community' from Bradford Council, one for the Association: Legacy award for our Centre Manager. We continue to support external initiatives such as Charity Awards, events and football matches, exchanging benefits with partners so our community can access off-site activities and renewed joint initiatives and improved relationship with local organisations in the area (and surrounding areas).

External partners have also enabled members of our community to take part in residential inclusion activities. We have continued our statutory partnerships with the Council hosting regular advice drop-ins and also acting as the Neighbourhood Policing Team Contact Point. These agencies value the trusted access we have built with our community and as a result, both they and those accessing the support are able to develop and sustain more constructive dialogue around the issues affecting them.

Our reserves and financial position are healthy and continue to allow us to explore more innovative funding streams which add value to our core offer, rather than needing to chase inappropriate funding or funding which ties us to external funder impact agendas (and experiencing 'mission drift' by taking on purely project-based work which doesn't increase our unrestricted funding and ability to respond to community need from within).

We have submitted our Stage 2 Community Asset Transfer application which is now pending Stage 3 financial health checks, but expect this to progress in the coming months to allow us to gain exploring alternative finance options to expand the footprint of the building (which will allow us to generate more unrestricted income and secure our medium-term future over the next 5-10 years).

Section D

Achievements and performance

Despite significant challenges for the CVS sector and local councils nationally, we are in the strongest position possible for a centre delivering work in a deprived area. Our capacity building work is starting to show our growth potential and we wish to thank everyone who has made 2022/23 such a success, for their time, effort, energy and commitment to ensuring our community is served and represented for years to come.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In accordance with guidance from the Charity Commission, Lower Grange Community Association/Centre has a reserve policy. We aim to retain a reserve, held in cash, to provide for six months operating costs, together with a provision for winding up expenses and redundancy payments. Furthermore, it is our aim to maintain a balance within our current account roughly equivalent to six months operating costs. The amounts involved are kept under review each year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Ball	Lynne Cunningham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	13/01/2024	

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We began the year as one of the worst areas for Covid infections in Bradford, making delivery of services difficult at a time when our community needed us most. Our focus was ensuring that our food distribution initiative 'Grub In The Hub' kept running to reach those in need. We won the Telegraph and Argus 'Shared Values in Action Award', with our volunteers including local councillors receiving medals for our work.

The Pitty Beck outdoor open green space development finally began to take shape, to make it a more attractive and safe space for our community to enjoy the outdoors. It is now being used by many more people, including external provision such as the Play Bradford Mobile Adventure Play (MAP) sessions.

Our partnerships such as Bradford Community Play Partnership and the Join Us Move Play Project (JU:MP) have strengthened, increasing local physical activity. This has also linked to our growing links with local schools. Having worked with some of them during lockdowns to identify vulnerable families, providing activity packs to help with child mental health.

We employed additional staff for the first time, with 2 local residents and volunteer group leaders taking up roles as JU:MP Connectors. These roles have had a huge impact, working with young people to improve their physical and mental health through a variety of targeted, fun activities.

Many of our activities had to be run outside or with safety measures in place throughout the year, a challenge that was met by our group leaders and volunteers. Despite these challenges, we were impressed by the new and unique ways our teams found to deliver activities which responded to local needs and inspired new people to take part.

By the end of the year, there were 23 different activities, courses and events on offer. This year we have managed to run 32 separate activities which represents a 50% increase in the number of opportunities for people to get involved and find ways to improve their life opportunities and social connections. This would not have been possible without either the investments from various funders and our amazing team and community of volunteers.

Our culture of listening and consulting with both the community and partners has enabled us to continue doing this despite issues around access at various points this year. Physically reaching people has been tricky but also understanding that people haven't always had the headspace to be consulted. Reaching out informally through our activities to find out what people needed has been crucial, as has the trust we've built with partners.

Our group leaders tell us that the way we support them has inspired them to reach out and find ways of engaging with and supporting new people, many of who were not previously engaged with the community or the centre. One of things we're proudest of is working with our group leaders, volunteers and partners to not only maintain provision and reach, but to significantly expand it coming out of what has been a challenging period for everyone. They've been able to encourage them to get involved in other activities and shown them that their voice is important and can make a difference.

The foodbank, which morphed into Grub in the Hub, has also been an invaluable source of information about the challenges faced by people living on our estate. Gathering stories from families in different parts of our community, and being able to cross reference between them has meant we can identify

where best to focus our efforts. The big story this year has been the impact Grub in the Hub has had for families. Switching from the foodbank model to a pay-as you-feel option has helped restore dignity for people, whilst still ensuring those most in need can access basic supplies. Families tell us that without this they would have really struggled, and volunteers report the strengthening of networks and community relations through regular contact between people.

The other key story has been the physical and creative activities which have given children, families and older people alike the opportunity to re-engage with each other and find ways to recover from the knock-on effects of the pandemic. Much of our partnership work has focused on Play as a means of engaging children and their parents. Through our work with Bradford Community Play Partnership and JUMP (Join us Move Play) we have seen families become more empowered to support their children through difficult circumstances, with improvements to family bonding also contributing to positive mental and emotional outcomes.

Partners like JU:MP have told us they are seeing people show wider aspirations as a result of taking part in activities we have hosted, and our JU:MP Connectors are also involved in running other activities such as Creative Flair, which has enabled greater insight into how to encourage people to take part in additional provision beyond their point of entry.

We have been told by both partners and the community that the speed at which we mobilised our crisis provision, and then listened to them to develop his provision into more sustainable activity as restrictions eased, showed how rooted we are in the lives of those we support. The Allergrange Play & Learning Hub has been very responsive to the changing needs of parents, providing access to activities such as the HAF (Holiday Activity with Food) Summer Scheme and the Bradford Stories Bus.

Our work with Bradford Youth Service (BYS) has gone from strength to strength. Young people have participated in cooking sessions, sports sessions, mental wellbeing sessions, transition projects to support young people moving to secondary school and a lot more. BYS have also been running Lower Grange Young Leaders, boosting young people's confidence, self – esteem and working on their friendship skills, by giving them opportunities to and learn new skills and reflect on what they enjoy and want to do in the future.

We know that offering such a broad range of activities and opportunities for local people give them chance to try new things. It also shows we take ideas on board and actually make them happen – we encourage people to not only access support but to help shape and promote it so others can benefit from it as well. People want to give something back because they feel valued and heard. We've learnt a great deal this year about how to maximise benefits to the community through deeper partnership working. Employing the JU:MP Connectors and the Allergrange Play & Learning Hub Lead has allowed us to spend more time with partners to design and develop targeted initiatives that respond to the data we collect and reach the people who need help most.

Employing locally, and supporting local people into these roles, means they have been able to consult with and respond to community quickly in a way that others may not have been able to. Their work has been recognised by local residents and commissioners to be innovative and responsive.

Our volunteers and group leaders have fed back that they find working with us energising and inspirational. Many have benefitted from taking up the courses on offer, to help them improve the way they run activities and also to enable them to expand their offer. Some have taken on additional Volunteers or staff as a result and many continue to seek further funding, growing our incubation model and potential future rental income for the long term suitability of both the Association and community centre.

Co-production is something we have done well previously, and whilst it's been challenging to do this remotely or during periods of having to adapt operationally, the culture we have of listening to and involving our community has meant that we are planning to do more of this in the coming year. They are the drivers of change, particularly behavioural, so we need to capitalise on the energy they have created during the pandemic. Our partners and group leaders continue to be responsive to changing needs, so we are planning ways to support them to keep improving what they do. We will be running another Social Venture School to encourage new ideas and projects, but this cohort will also be supported by our previous cohort and existing group leaders who we have secured funding to train in coaching skills. This will enable them to make the most of the course but also share valuable skills and provide ongoing peer-support to each other, helping our model of incubating new projects to evolve and become an even more important part of the way we work.

As we have recently increased our staff team, our Centre Manager has had additional responsibilities for managing and steering their work. We had hoped to secure some funding to provide administrative support to the Centre Manager, to allow them to focus on more strategic activities, so this is something we are exploring.

Our hope is also that our incubation model begins to address the gap between restricted and unrestricted funding, so we can remain responsive to the needs of the community and keep building our asset based, wrap around approach to supporting people. This flexibility is key to our success in the medium to long term and whilst building our wellbeing outcomes evidence base has been challenging during the pandemic, we have a good foundation to work from and our group leaders and volunteers are becoming comfortable and more skilled in working this way.

We are about to revisit our business and action plans, including a co-production/networking event which will involve partners and the community. This will put us in a great position to build on the earlier work we did on this prior to the pandemic, and the lessons we've learnt over the last couple of years (but especially the last 12 months) will ensure that we are able to map out the best direction to meet local needs.

We continue to work closely with the Council on their Ward Plans, having played a key part in these becoming less 'top down' – our relationships with local councillors and Ward officers is key to ensuring that we make the most of their input and resources. As part of our organisation capacity building we will be delivering more training and facilitated group sessions to our Board and volunteers, to help them steer the organisation and champion us and our work with partners and funders. All of these initiatives will help us to support the community, through an even more diverse range of activities which all contribute to their development and access to life opportunities.

This year has been the most rewarding in our recent history. Despite the

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pandemic, we have been able to deliver an ever-growing range of activities and support to our community, and have seen so many people grow in confidence and ability through helping their peers and neighbours. We've been creative in how we engage with our community, in an area of Bradford where apathy is often the cause of concerns. We are incredibly grateful to all of our partners for enabling us to deliver these services, but also reflect and improve the way we do things, strategically and operationally. We are in a strong position to build for the future, proving we are a catalyst for change locally, yet know there are gaps in our provision and capacity that we are taking steps to fill.

As life begins to return to normal, we know our volunteers, group leaders, partners and Board will continue to surprise us with their resilience, tenacity and creativity. Our job is to create the conditions for them to take the lead, enabling those accessing all of our services to do the same. We know what we need to do to take our services to the next level, through incremental learning, with community-led provision at the heart of what we do. Our collaborative style, built on trust and good rapport, is our 'stock-in-trade', underpinning our values and sense of purpose.

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Financial review

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N/A

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F



Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Ball	Lynne Cunningham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	28/01/2023	

**Lower Grange Community Association
Income and Expenditure Account 31st March 2022**

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Donations	1170		Wages - LGCA	15,097	5,475
Crowdfunder	1799		Travel	4,469	593
			Professional Fees	194	146
Grants etc			Deliveries	7,746	3,849
City Of Bradford	39401	33333	Venue Hire	4,813	1,900
			Community Worker		2,733
Other Income			Training	1,857	1,193
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Places for People	4700	8420	Consultancy	1,966	550
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Participate Project		1600			
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Playspaces	5000		Restricted Expenses		
Bradford Community Play Partnership	29840	7120	Wages	19,097	27,091
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United Peoples		800	General Running Expenses	7,858	8,785
Sundry Income	591	1533	Training Costs		157
Racial Justice	1100		Travel	140	160
Integrated Youth	5890		Consultancy	2,934	4,450
Reallocated to restricted			Building Capabilities	2,602	973
			Premises Costs	6,720	8,084
	107,826	75,783	Bradford Community Worker Salary	4,358	
Restricted Funds			Bradford Youth Workers Salaries	8,867	
Big Lottery Fund LG NAP		65785	BCPP Project	3,100	
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				83,199	62,871
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LOWER GRANGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1159081

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	01	04	2020	To	31	03	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Lower Grange Community Association

Other names charity is known by LGCA

Registered charity number (if any) 1159081

Charity's principal address

Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre
Chaffinch Road
Bradford
Postcode BD8 0RF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	G Ball	Chair		
2	L Cunningham	Treasurer		
3	F.E. Evans	Secretary		
4	L Aspin			
5	C Woodley			
6	N Malik			
7	J Berry			
8	M Bull			
9	M Duffy			
10	R Tariq		01/04/20	09/09/2020
11	L McIntosh		01/04/20	11/09/2020
12				
13				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Alex Dilger

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

CIO - Association Registered 05 Nov 2014 (Constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by membership at Annual General meetings.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Throughout 2020/2021 we focused initially on increasing our crisis relief efforts which helped us put the right things in place for our community by delivering new and existing activities and services in new ways and, when possible, still on site and by undertaking regular outreach, by continuing to meet the needs of our charity objectives and to continue to meet the ongoing needs of people within our locality and surrounding areas, by adapting our service delivery whilst still having a positive impact.

We aimed to collectively work with the business community, service user volunteers, CVS and statutory services to ensure that the needs of the Lower Grange community are being met; LGCA being a catalyst for collaboration. We aimed to define local priorities to enable and empower to support preventative approaches and behavioural change, which reduced the demand on public services and produced improved outcomes for people at local level. We aimed to draw the community to into solution focused thinking and begin to reflect on their own contribution and to broker a relationship of civic responsibility to deliver better outcomes for community benefit.

This is our 'wrap around approach' which encouraged closer understanding of the issues and barriers that our community is current facing. We continued to draw on strengths and personal experiences, so together we can overcome these immediate difficulties and be ready for the opportunities and challenges ahead.

We made the Community Centre a safe space to provide essential activities for residents. We were able to adapt our Pay as you Feel Food Pantry into a remote foodbank with the support of FareShare Yorkshire. Morrisons and other local business provided us with extra food donations & emergency supplies, with local councillors helping us identify and deliver to the most vulnerable (and isolated) - many were not on the radar of social services or other agencies, particularly the elderly who had previously been more self-sufficient and managing without assistance or interventions.

Opening up new ways of working and delivering classes online enabled our volunteers and service users to become more confident using technology and this had additional benefits in that many of them began using other digital methods of staying in regular touch with each other (providing another layer of support within specific community groups who otherwise would have become even more marginalized whilst not being able to access the Centre).

Our trusted network enabled us to identify the most vulnerable elderly, disabled/medically vulnerable and at-risk families with young children. This provided us to provide appropriate support and communication to the most isolated in our community. For younger children we created & distributed activity packs to help parents/carers with home learning and mitigate mental health issues within households.

We were able to both increase and transform our engagement with the community through digital/social platforms – we had started doing more of this but recognized how crucial it was to get this right during lockdown and the collective effort of staff, sessional workers and will remain a key part of our offer moving forward.

We employed additional sessional workers, upskilling them and volunteers to deliver exercise and creative sessions using online platforms – these provisions also enabled continued communication with vulnerable people and families

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who may otherwise have dropped off our radar when unable to visit the centre in person and during lockdown.

Our links with local schools through the Bradford Community Play Partnership & JU:MP Programme enabled us to identify families where children were most at risk from a reduction of physical activity and well-being (also affecting their mental health). Our community Play Lead from BCPP created activity packs to encourage children and families to stay active through an ethos of playfulness - fun, simple and accessible to those on low incomes who may lack resources (and sharing videos of how to use them).

Seeing two of our volunteers become employed with us via the JU:MP programme has given everyone a boost in confidence and Lower Grange becoming a Pioneering Neighbourhood area. This programme will explore how we can encourage people to become active and remove barriers to participation, looking at local transport, planning and other policies, improving places where people can be active or training local people to lead. In this way we can deliver a 'Whole Systems Approach' where the conditions are created so that our children, young people and families can make the choice to be active.

Also, working with Bradford Community Play Partnership (BCPP) we still managed to leverage unused greenspaces in the locality and through our new play pod to encourage children and families to become more active. As a result, in addition of continued funding and growing our network, we have also been able to expand our offer – this included existing groups being supported to extend and improve their own offers (for example ESOL class attendees beginning to work on wider community issues and the elderly Keep Fit sessions now including Osteoporosis support), along with educational, recreational and youth provisions where people were accessing our services throughout the year.

Residents and service users told us that without our support, their experience of lockdowns would have been significantly worse. From basic practical support such as much needed food supplies, essentials and the activity packs for children, we found that having regular, purposeful contact with people through the creation and distribution of these enabled greater insight into the ongoing needs of the whole community, whilst keeping lines of communication open with the most vulnerable which they have said was invaluable to them.

We are continuing to pursue our Community Asset Transfer application to take over Lower Grange Youth & Community Centre from Bradford Council. In the mean-time we have been able to use some of our Lottery grant to make modifications to the building to increase our potential rental income and revenue for our long future, sustainability and providing a community facility for community benefit.

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Financial review

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
	Full name(s) Graham Ball	Lynne Cunningham
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	15/01/2022	

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			Professional Fees	146	225
Other Funding			Deliveries	3,849	
Trip/Playscheme Funding		850	Venue Hire	1,900	
Other Income			Community Worker	2,733	983
Community Foundation	14737		Training	1,193	
Places for People	8420	6210	Capital costs		1,000
Reimbursement		3022	Consultancy	550	700
Life Church		238	Membership Fees		15
Participate Project	1600		Connector Commissioning	2,150	
Julie Longden (Unity Builders)		10500			
Eccles Adventure Play	3381	3381			
Asda Foundation		613			
Bradford Community Play Partnership	7120				
BHT Early Education and Training	1700				
United Peoples	800				
Sundry Income	1533				
Wow Bradford		-225			
Reallocated to restricted		-7872			
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Restricted Funds			Restricted Expenses		
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Other funding reallocated		7872	Wages - Jump	13,170	
Bradford Teaching Hospitals	25000		General Running Expenses	8,785	13,265
Bradford Teaching Hospitals Office Income	2150		Training Costs	157	
	<u>92,935</u>	<u>69,718</u>	Travel	160	225
Bank Interest		2	Consultancy	4,450	4,500
	<u>168,718</u>	<u>109,936</u>	Building Capabilities	973	1,890
	<u>168,718</u>	<u>109,936</u>	Premises Costs	8,084	11,525
			Professional Fees		468
			Capital Costs		5,000
				<u>62,871</u>	<u>63,591</u>
			Surplus/Defecit for the period - Unrestricted	40,518	4,949
			Surplus for the period - Restricted	30,064	6,129
				<u>168,718</u>	<u>109,936</u>
Represented by:					
Balance forward 1/4/2020	41512	30,434	Balance at bank 31/03/2021 (Current)	111,304	39,729
	<u>41,512</u>	<u>30,434</u>		<u>111,304</u>	<u>39,729</u>
Surplus/-deficit for the period	70,582	11,078	Cash in hand	1	113
	<u>112,095</u>	<u>41,512</u>	Debtors	1,210	2,090
			Prepayments		
			Creditors	-420	-420
				<u>112,095</u>	<u>41,512</u>

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

10th November 2021
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