



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

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	M Bull			
5	C Woodley			
6	Beverley Lister			
7	B Rawlinson			
8	Shantelle Wright		02/12/2023 – 31/03/2024	
9	Kyle Whittiker		02/12/2023 – 31/03/2024	
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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

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;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

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

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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

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- 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.

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
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	17/01/2025	

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

Unrestricted Funds

Income	31st March 2024	31st March 2023	Expenditure	31st March 2024	31st March 2023
Unrestricted Funds			Unrestricted Expenses		
Room Hire	3875	11105	General Running Expenses	24,655	40,498
Fundraising etc	6525	6120	Premises Costs	15,078	18,173
Donations		2000	Wages - LGCA	38,882	34,350
Crowdfunder	114	469	Travel	543	2,709
			Professional Fees	792	711
Grants etc			Deliveries		6,231
City Of Bradford	149905	166285	Venue Hire		
			Community Worker		
Other Income			Training		858
Community Foundation	10000		Capital costs		
Places for People	39700	8200	Consultancy	6,629	7,500
Blackpool Community Trip			Membership Fees		92
Camouflage Crew			Connector Commissioning	8,172	15,992
Participate Project			BCPP Commissioning		150
Dixons	250	1000	Awards For All Funding	700	400
Naz Shah		1000	Bradford Council ARG Funding		2,000
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			
United Peoples				117,991	144,633
Sundry Income		1250	Restricted Expenses		
Racial Justice		1800	Wages		
Integrated Youth			Wages - Jump		25,086
Reallocated to restricted			General Running Expenses		
Beckfoot trust	3200		Training Costs		
			Travel		
	233,841	208,523	Consultancy		
Restricted Funds			Building Capabilities		
Big Lottery Fund LG NAP		9900	Premises Costs		
Other funding reallocated			HAF Salary	480	
Bradford Teaching Hospitals		44926	Bradford Community Worker Salary	9,041	2,558
Bradford Teaching Hospitals Office Income	3400	13317	Bradford Youth Workers Salaries		
All Together Now Income	700	400	BCPP Project	2,306	
HAF Project Income	8893	14,969	HAF Project	73,010	87,029
Bradford Council ARG Income		2,000	HSF Project	27,483	23,758
HSF Project Income	13051	2675	Race Equality Funding		1,800
Bradford Community play Income		150	Unity Builders Project	1,942	5,113
UKSPF Project Income	2109		Additional Restrictions Grant		4,800
Charitable Aid Foundation	3250		Keystone Community Project	1,450	
	31,403	88,337	UKSPF Project	18,627	
			Allergrange Play Project	7,548	
				141,887	150,144
Bank Interest					
	265,243	296,860	Surplus/Deficit for the period - Unrestricted	115,849	63,890
			Surplus for the period - Restricted	-110,484	-61,807
	265,243	296,860		265,243	296,860
Represented by:					
Balance forward 1/4/2023	121064	118981	Balance at bank 31/03/2024 (Current)	115,730	118,742
	121,064	118,981		115,730	118,742
			Cash in hand	208	-10
			Debtors	10,995	2,775
			Prepayments		
			Creditors	-504	-444
Surplus/-deficit for the period	5,365	2,083		126,429	121,064
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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.

21st November 2024
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