

WOOLTON COMMUNITY LIFE

England & Wales · Charity number 1159642

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2014-12-16

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

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN NEED IN THE WOOLTON AREA OF LIVERPOOL AND ITS SURROUNDING VICINITY WHO MAY BE SOCIALLY ISOLATED OR LONELY. IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF SUPPORT, ADVICE AND OTHER SERVICES TO ASSIST THEM IN THEIR INDEPENDENT LIVING, RELIEVE THEIR SOCIAL ISOLATION, PROMOTE THEIR GOOD HEALTH AND IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. THE PROMOTION OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROMOTING ACTIVITIES TO FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN PEOPLE FROM DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS;

Activities: BEFRIENDING SERVICE IN WOOLTON, LIVERPOOL

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Liverpool City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,220	£6,311	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,454	£5,507	-	-
2022-12-31	£22,423	£26,742	-	-
2021-12-31	£1,131	£3,355	-	-
2020-12-31	£482	£1,509	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ashton Melissa Tansey		2020-10-07
CHRISTINE HODGKINSON		2025-05-07
Derek Harold		2019-07-24
Dr GEORGE KURUVILLA		2014-12-16
Katrina Walker		2020-01-29
Pamela Cottrell		2017-04-19

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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Dr George Kuruvilla
Pam Cottrell
Stephen Harrington
Derek Harold
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Ashton Tansey

Treasurer: Pam Cottrell

Structure, Governance and Management

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Trustees: Dr George Kuruvilla(Chair), Pam Cottrell (Treasurer), Anita Lloyd, Derek Harold
Katrina Walker, Ashton Tansey, Steve Harrington.

- 1 The relief of persons in need in the Woolton area of Liverpool and its surrounding vicinity who may be socially isolated or lonely. In particular, but not exclusively by the provision of support, advice and other services to assist them in their independent living, relieve their social isolation, promote their good health and improve their quality of life.
2. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2024

Main activities and achievements

3. Volunteers

Currently there are 50 befrienders in total with 5 waiting for completion of their training. Befrienders visiting 67 beneficiaries on a weekly basis. This is a 20% increase, compared to last year. The recent campaign for new befrienders resulted in 10 new volunteer befrienders joining the Charity..

All befrienders have been through an interview process with references being taken up, and a Disclosure and Barring Service check. There is an induction procedure which includes safeguarding training, with the opportunity for first aid and moving and handling training.

In addition to the befrienders, there are a number of volunteer roles within the charity such as admin support, interviewing potential befrienders and beneficiaries, matching befrienders to beneficiaries, driving, fundraising, manning the phones, working on the website, promotion and events,

4. Beneficiaries

There are 67 beneficiaries currently registered with our Charity. Barring a few, they are being visited on a weekly basis through volunteer befrienders maintaining the continuity and forging friendship. They enjoy a variety of activities such as home visits, church visits, dancing, shopping and trips out.

5. Local activities:

Charity Events:

a. Fish and Chips: This has become a regular event when all the members of the Charity meet at St Mary's Church Hall. On the 13/04/2024, a well attended lunch event with ample opportunities to mingle and be entertained. See videos posted on our website for more details..

b. Volunteer 'thank you' event: This was organized and funded by the Charity at the Fletcher's bar, Allerton Marnor Golf Club, Liverpool on 18/07/2024. John Parry (professional magician) entertained us with plenty of buffet and refreshments. Feedback from Volunteers stated their appreciation for the care and support received from the Charity.

c. Cream tea event on Floating Grace 29/07/2024: Beneficiaries and Befrienders were taken on a cruise, historic docks and Liverpool Marina, enjoying the City's maritime heritage while enjoying the afternoon tea and cakes. Special guests were Lor Mayor Councillor Richard Kemp and Lady Mayoress, his wife Erica Kemp with Councillor Mirna Juarez. More images and videos posted on Website.

d. Cream Tea, St Mary's Hall on 10/08/2025: This was another well attended event. We bid farewell to one of our younger befriender Mr Abraham Jacob, who supported us with our website maintenance also became a befriender. He has started his new career in the NHS in Essex. We wish him well.

e. Christmas lunch originally scheduled for 06/12/2024 had to be postponed to 18/01/2025 due to extreme weather conditions. This was well attended with a record 60 attendees, with music and dance. Another very successful event.

- 6 Website re-design:** Website continues to update the images, videos and other information
(www.wooltoncommunitylife.co.uk)

7. Networking

The Trustees continue networking with four local Doctor Practices, three Churches in Woolton, Liverpool Hope University, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army at Strawberry Fields, and local businesses. Mansion House .

a. South Liverpool Pilot:

WCL has agreed to help two neighbouring communities to set up a Pilot under our umbrella, to start one to one befriending by inviting Volunteers and setting up a small hub where local GPs in the area can refer, potential beneficiaries. We have had few referrals from the GP Practices which are participating in the Pilot (Mather avenue and Storrsdale Medical Centres). The befrienders are also recruited from that Community and trained as stated in the Pilot protocol.

b.Penny Lane Project:At the request of the Lord Mayor Councillor Richard Kemp, the Charity was requested to assist in setting up a similar initiative in the Penny Lane and surrounding neighbourhood.using Social prescribing model. A meeting attended by all interested parties from NHS GP practices, PCN (Primary care Network), Local Councillors Chaired by the Lord Mayor Councillor Richard Kemp with Trustees from WCL, took place at Dovedale Towers, 60-Penny Lane, L18 1DG.

Presentations were made by Chair of WCL Dr George Kuruvilla with contributions from Christine Hodkinson as a Befriender for the Charity and Derek Harold as a Trustee/ administrator.Dr John Ashton, MBE, Former President of Rooyal College of Public Health also spoke briefly It was agreed that we will convene further meeting under the Chairmanship of Councillor Richard Kemp in 4 weeks (date to be decided) to explore this further.WCL has offered to help and guide this process as it moves forward.

8. Training

All befrienders undergo Safeguarding Training before they can be matched with a beneficiary. Befrienders are also offered Basic First Aid Awareness and moving and handling training. One volunteer has completed minibus training. project work and trustees.

Safeguarding and First-aid refresher course on 02/03/2024 by Dr Sunandini Sethuraman, former NHS Safeguarding lead with a session on First-aid was well received by the attendees .

9 Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures are in place, documented and in some cases amended.. Safeguarding training , Befriender Hand book and other relevant documents have been reviewed and updated as appropriate. DBS checking has moved to an online application which is working well. A new Admin team consist of George Kuruvilla (Chair), Derek Harold (Trustee) and Christine Hodkinson (Befriender) meet regularly to manage main administrative issues. They report to the trustees at the Trustees meeting scheduled on alternate months and also ad-hoc basis as and when necessary.

10. Funding

There have been generous donations and successful fundraising during the year, the details of which are in the financial report. Mayoral Fund was helpful in financing the cruise on Flaoting Grace and other activities including Christmas gifts for all the Beneficiaries & Befrienders at Christmas.

11 Financial Review

WCL has healthy reserves as at 31 December 2024, which are sufficient to meet the charity's objectives. We are confident therefore that we will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report and Finances

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Woolton Community Life



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Chairperson

Pam Cottrell



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Trustee

Trustees: Dr George Kuruvilla(Chair), Pam Cottrell (Treasurer), Anita Lloyd, Derek Harold
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Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 31st December 2024

	Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2024		Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Sundry Donations				
CAF Donations plus gift aid	219.84		203.74	
Donation W G Topham	-		250.00	
Liverpool City Council	4,000.00		5,000.00	
		4,219.84		5,453.74
Expenses				
Website hosting	162.50		80.25	
Insurance	540.19		491.37	
DBS	99.00		80.00	
Training	74.34		0.00	
Postage & Stationery	0.00		109.27	
Saturn Security annual maintenance	168.00		168.00	
Volunteers entertaining	823.00		180.00	
Beneficiaries entertaining	4,443.50	6,310.53	4,397.75	5,506.64
Depreciation Ipads		305.00		305.00
Net Income(Expenditure) for year		<u>(2,395.69)</u>		<u>(357.90)</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2024</u>		Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		0.00		305.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Debtors		341.00		-
Bank current account		10,166.62		13,273.31
Community account		2,500.00		-
Petty cash		67.40		67.40
		<u>13,075.02</u>		<u>13,340.71</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors		<u>4,325.00</u>		<u>2,500.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		8,750.02		10,840.71
		<u>8,750.02</u>		<u>11,145.71</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund				
Brought forward		11,145.71		11,503.61
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>(2,395.69)</u>		<u>(357.90)</u>
		<u>8,750.02</u>		<u>11,145.71</u>

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Notes to Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

IPADS FOR BENEFICIARIES

COST

Brought forward 1 January 2024	1,220.00
Additions	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward 31 December 2024	<u>1,220.00</u>

DEPRECIATION

Brought forward 1 January 2024	915.00
Charge for year	<u>305.00</u>
Carried forward 31 December 2023	<u>1,220.00</u>

Net book value 31 December 2023	<u>305.00</u>
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2022

Main activities and achievements

3. Volunteers

Currently there are 41 befrienders visiting 41 beneficiaries on a weekly basis. There are also a number of befrienders at different stages of the recruitment process.

All befrienders have been through an interview process with references being taken up, and a Disclosure and Barring Service check. There is an induction procedure which includes safeguarding training, with the opportunity for first aid and moving and handling training.

In addition to the befrienders, there are a number of volunteer roles within the charity such as admin support, interviewing potential befrienders and beneficiaries, matching befrienders to beneficiaries, driving, fundraising, manning the phones, working on the website, promotion and events,

Three of our Trustees Mr William Bethell , Mr Frank Shotter and Mr Mohan Samant have resigned from the board of Trustees for personal reasons. They will however, continue as Befrienders/friends of the Charity. Stephen Harrington has joined as a Trustee. He will continue as a befriender.

4.. Beneficiaries

There are 41 beneficiaries being visited on a weekly basis. They enjoy a variety of activities such as home visits, church visits, dancing, shopping and trips out.

5. Local activities:

b. Charity Events:

1. Fish and Chips Event on 01/04/2023: This was a lunch event and as usual, well attended by Volunteers, Beneficiaries and Trustees with, lunch music and professional entertainment. Transportation was arranged for the beneficiaries who needed them.

2. Farmers Market: Trustees attended the Woolton Village Farmer's market, raising awareness of the Charity's presence and also campaigning for new Volunteer befrienders. We had an encouraging response of several members of the Community coming forward. They will be taken through the training process to befriend.

3. Garden party- On 15/06/2023: Annual Garden party in the house of Mr Paul & Helen Ekoku. We had a bigger attendance this year. The feedback from befrienders and Beneficiaries has been fantastic.

4. Cream tea event on 05/08/2023; This was organized by the Charity for the beneficiaries and befrienders. It was well attended, live music and refreshment. Excellent feedback from the attendees.

5. Llundudno daytrip 02/09/2023: Coach Day trip with 50 of us consisting of beneficiaries, Volunteer befrienders and Trustees spend the day in Llandudno promenade enjoying the sunshine, lunch and afternoon tea at the Merion Hotel. Feedback from attendees was that it was a most enjoyable trip, well organized. Many of the beneficiaries had not been on such a trip for quite a while.

6. Christmas lunch on 09/12/2023: This was well attended with music and dance. Another very successful event.

- c. Website redesign:** Website has been completely redesigned by our Trustee Derek Harold which will enable us to be more cost efficient in the long run with more updated version and information. (www.wooltoncommunitylife.co.uk)

d. Networking

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e. South Liverpool Pilot:

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7. Training

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We have arranged a Safeguarding and First-aid refresher course for all the members of the Charity followed by time for interactive discussion, on 2nd March 2024.

8. Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures are in place, documented and in some cases amended. Safeguarding training, Befriender Hand book and other relevant documents have been reviewed and updated as appropriate. A new Admin team consist of George Kuruvilla (Chair), Derek Harold (Trustee) and Christine Hodkinson (Befriender) meet regularly to manage main administrative issues. They report to the trustees at the Trustees meeting scheduled on alternate months and also ad-hoc basis as and when necessary.

9. Funding

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10 Financial Review

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Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 31st December 2023

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	£	£	£	£
Income				
Sundry Donations				
CAF Donations plus gift aid	203.74		73.44	
Donation W G Topham	250.00		250.00	
Liverpool City Council	5,000.00		-	
Household Support Grant	-		22,100.00	
		<u>5,453.74</u>		<u>22,423.44</u>
Expenses				
Website hosting	80.25		216.00	
Insurance	491.37		434.89	
DBS	80.00		20.00	
Independent Examination	0.00		180.00	
Sundry office expenses	0.00		79.99	
Volunteers Christmas gifts	0.00		990.00	
Postage & Stationery	109.27		24.88	
Saturn Security annual maintenance	168.00		168.00	
Gifts	180.00		73.99	
Household Support Grant payments	-		22,100.00	
Beneficiaries entertaining	<u>4,397.75</u>	<u>5,506.64</u>	<u>2,454.26</u>	<u>26,742.01</u>
Depreciation Ipads		305.00		305.00
Net Income(Expenditure) for year		<u>(357.90)</u>		<u>(4,623.57)</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2023</u>		Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2022</u>	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		305.00		610.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank current account		13,273.31		13,326.21
Petty cash		67.40		67.40
		<u>13,340.71</u>		<u>13,393.61</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors		<u>2,500.00</u>		<u>2,500.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		10,840.71		10,893.61
		<u>11,145.71</u>		<u>11,503.61</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund				
Brought forward		11,503.61		16,127.18
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>(357.90)</u>		<u>(4,623.57)</u>
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4.. Beneficiaries

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Local activities

a. **Mini Bus project:** The charity organized 2 separate meetings with members and organizations such as the Churches in Woolton, WooltonTimes, Woolton Society and the local Councillors, with a view to gain agreement and commitment to support and source funding to procure a mini bus for use in the Community. After much deliberation, it was decided that this joint initiative will be difficult to justify in terms of cost effectiveness. It was decided to revisit this issue in future.

b.Charity Events:

1.Volunteer evening 11/06/2022: This was organized to continue to support encourage and thank the Befrienders for their time given to the Charity. It was led by our Trustee Miss Ashton Tansey and the feedback was excellent with the request by many Volunteers who attended, to have similar meetings in future.

2.Garden party- On 18/06/2022, we had another Garden party in the house of Mr Paul &Helen Ekoku. We had a bigger attendance this year. The feedback from befrienders and Beneficiaries has been fantastic.

3.Cream tea event; This was organized by the Charity for the beneficiaries and befrienders. It was well attended, live music and refreshment. Excellent feedback from the attendees.

4.Flute recital on 30/11/2022 by a Flute band 'Flutiful' at no cost to the Charity. It was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the attendees enjoying Christmas carol music and refreshment 'home made 'by Rebecca Traynor, one of our own Befriender working in the Charity.

5.Christmas lunch on 10/12/2022: This had to be cancelled for health and safety reasons, on the day, after the extreme weather conditions.

c. Networking

The Trustees continue networking with four local Doctor Practices, three Churches in Woolton, Liverpool Hope University, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army at Strawberry Fields, and local businesses.

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d. Household support grant: The Charity was approached by the Liverpool City Council requesting us to help in dispersing the 'Household support grant fund' for eligible residents in our Community to help with the 'Cost of living crisis'. The Charity was able to successfully oversee the distribution of the fund to 221 residents of Woolton at £100/ each. The remaining unspent fund (£2900/) was returned to the Liverpool City Council.

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Income				
Sundry Donations				
CAF Donations plus gift aid	73.44		80.67	
Donation W G Topham	250.00		-	
Making a Difference	-		1,000.00	
Bank compensation	-		50.00	
Household Support Grant	22,100.00		-	
		<u>22,423.44</u>		<u>1,130.67</u>
 Expenses				
Website hosting	216.00		192.00	
Domain renewal	0.00		25.18	
Insurance	434.89		434.89	
DBS	20.00		40.00	
Independent Examination	180.00		-	
Sundry office expenses	79.99		6.05	
Volunteers Christmas gifts	0.00		326.00	
Postage & Stationery	24.88		83.18	
SIM cards & covers for I pads	-		302.00	
Saturn Security annual maintenance	168.00		168.00	
Gifts	73.99		210.00	
Household Support Grant payments	22,100.00		-	
Beneficiaries entertaining	<u>3,444.26</u>	<u>26,742.01</u>	<u>1,567.89</u>	<u>3,355.19</u>
 Depreciation I pads		305.00		305.00
 Net Income(Expenditure) for year		<u><u>(4,623.57)</u></u>		<u><u>(2,529.52)</u></u>

Woolton Community Life

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2022</u>		Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	Page 7	610.00		915.00
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank current account		13,326.21		15,144.78
Petty cash		<u>67.40</u>		<u>67.40</u>
		<u>13,393.61</u>		<u>15,212.18</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Creditors		<u>2,500.00</u>		<u>0.00</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		10,893.61		15,212.18
		<u>11,503.61</u>		<u>16,127.18</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund				
Brought forward		16,127.18		18,656.70
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>(4,623.57)</u>		<u>(2,529.52)</u>
		<u>11,503.61</u>		<u>16,127.18</u>

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Notes to Balance sheet as at 31 December 2022

IPADS FOR BENEFICIARIES

COST

Brought forward 1 January 2022	1,220.00
Additions	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward 31 December 2022	<u><u>1,220.00</u></u>

DEPRECIATION

Brought forward 1 January 2022	305.00
Charge for year	<u>305.00</u>
Carried forward 31 December 2022	<u><u>610.00</u></u>

Net book value 31 December 2021	<u>915.00</u>
Net book value 31 December 2022	<u><u>610.00</u></u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

WOOLTON COMMUNITY LIFE

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1159642

Set out on pages

Five to Nine (including these pages)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* *Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: Darren Warren

Date: 13/03/2023

Name: Darren Warren – Paxton Independent Examiners

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

FMAAT

Address: 61a High Street South

Rushden
Northants, NN10 ORA

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Volunteer Befriending Service

Bringing people together

Registered Charity Number 1159642

Woolton Community Life,
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Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st December 2021

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021

Registered Charity Number 1159642

Address: St Mary's Presbytery,
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Liverpool,
L25 5JF

Trustees: Anita Lloyd
Dr George Kuruvilla
Pam Cottrell
Sally Loveridge
Mohan Samant
Frank Shotter
Derek Harold
Katrina Walker
William Bethell
Ashton Tansey

Treasurer: Pam Cottrell

Structure, governance and management

Woolton Community Life is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its constitution adopted on 1.5.14 and is a registered charity number 1159642

Trustees: Dr George Kuruvilla(Chair), Pam Cottrell (Treasurer), Anita Lloyd, Derek Harold
Frank Shotter, Mohan Samant, Sally Loveridge, Bill Bethell, Katrina Walker, Ashton Tansey.

Objects

The objects of Woolton Community Life are:

- 1 The relief of persons in need in the Woolton area of Liverpool and its surrounding vicinity who may be socially isolated or lonely. In particular, but not exclusively by the provision of support, advice and other services to assist them in their independent living, relieve their social isolation, promote their good health and improve their quality of life.
2. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

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Main activities and achievements

1 Volunteers

Currently there are 40 befrienders visiting beneficiaries on a weekly basis. In addition there are 4 on standby or waiting to be paired.. There are also a number of befrienders at different stages of the recruitment process.

All befrienders have been through an interview process with references being taken up, and a Disclosure and Barring Service check. There is an induction procedure which includes safeguarding training, with the opportunity for first aid and moving and handling training.

In addition to the befrienders, there are a number of volunteer roles within the charity such as admin support, interviewing potential befrienders and beneficiaries, matching befrienders to beneficiaries, driving, fundraising, manning the phones, working on the website, promotion and events, project work and trustees.

2 Beneficiaries

There are 37 beneficiaries being visited on a weekly basis. They enjoy a variety of activities such as home visits, church visits, dancing, shopping and trips out.

In addition ,there are 4 beneficiaries who are awaiting befrienders for a variety of reasons eg: recovering from illness or awaiting reports.

3 Local activities

The current Covid Pandemic severely constrained the normal social activities at WCL. Despite these restrictions, we have been able to organize several events

Images captured during these events have been uploaded on our Website.

1. **Garden party**- On 26-06-2021, we had another Garden party in the Garden of Mr Paul and Helen Ekoku.

2. **Wellbeing event**- 28-08-2021 by Maria Bird at St Mary's Church Hall.

3. **Flute recital** on 19-11-2021, by a Flute band 'Flutiful' at no cost to the Charity.

4. **Christmas lunch** on 5-12-2021.

4 Networking

The Trustees continue networking with four local Doctor Practices, three Churches in Woolton, Liverpool Hope University, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army at Strawberry Fields, and local businesses..

WCL has now signed up to the SALA scheme (Service and Leadership Award) in collaboration with Hope University. This will enable the students from Hope University to work as volunteers alongside our Volunteers in visiting the Beneficiaries and gain credits for the Scheme. We Have been able to create several Videos with the help of Mr. Stephen Hargreaves, Hope University Technology Department. One of those Videos will be uploaded on our Website. We have also created Videos for the NHS organizations to work closely with the Social prescribing and one to encourage students from HOPE university & SALA scheme.

Dr George Kuruvilla (Chair) and Ms Jayne McCagh on 01-12-2021, have had a Video conference with Professor Mark Gabbay (Department of General Practice) and his Team from NHS to set up a Research project looking into the benefit of 'one to one' befriending on the health and wellbeing in our Communities and through that how similar Charities and organizations can be created for the benefit of the Communities elsewhere.

5 Training

All befrienders undergo Safeguarding Training before they can be matched with a beneficiary. Befrienders are also offered Basic First Aid Awareness and moving and handling training. One volunteer has completed minibus training.

Trustees and beneficiaries have had the opportunity to attend a Dementia Awareness evening Level -1 training by Gill Penderton, MerseyCare on 25-08-2021. A Level-2 Training is being planned for those Befrienders interested in upskilling to a higher level.

6. Reflective Template.

All the Trustees have been requested to complete a Reflective template (in confidence). George Kuruvilla (Chair) will discuss this with the individual Trustees as part of their Appraisal discussion and feedback.

7. Policies and Procedures

All policies and procedures are in place, documented and in some cases amended.

8. Funding

There have been generous donations and successful fundraising during the year, the details of which are in the financial report.

9. Financial Review

WCL has healthy reserves as at 31 December 2021, which are sufficient to meet the charity's objectives. We are confident therefore that we will continue to operate for the foreseeable future.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report and Finances

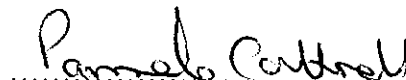
Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Woolton Community Life

George Kuruvilla



Chairperson

Pam Cottrell



Trustee

Woolton Community Life

Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2021		Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2020	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Sundry Donations				
CAF Donations plus gift aid	80.67		330.14	
Woolton Village Residents Association	-		151.57	
Making a Difference	1,000.00		-	
Bank compensation	50.00		-	
		1,130.67		481.71
Expenses				
Website hosting	192.00		192.00	
Domain renewal	25.18		-	
Insurance	434.89		423.28	
DBS	40.00		30.00	
Sundry office expenses	6.05		14.99	
Volunteers Christmas gifts	326.00		-	
Postage & Stationery	83.18		3.90	
SIM cards & covers for I pads	302.00		-	
Saturn Security annual maintenance	168.00		168.00	
Gifts	210.00		214.99	
Beneficiaries entertaining	1,567.89	3,355.19	462.18	1,509.34
Depreciation I pads		305.00		-
Net Income(Expenditure) for year		<u>(2,529.52)</u>		<u>(1,027.63)</u>

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Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2021</u>		Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2020</u>	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	Page 7	915.00	-	
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank current account		15,144.78	18,577.30	
Petty cash		67.40	79.40	
		<u>15,212.18</u>	<u>18,656.70</u>	
		<u>16,127.18</u>	<u>18,656.70</u>	
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund				
Brought forward		18,656.70	19,684.33	
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>(2,529.52)</u>	<u>(1,027.63)</u>	
		<u>16,127.18</u>	<u>18,656.70</u>	

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Notes to Balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

IPADS FOR BENEFICIARIES

Cost	1,220.00
Depreciation	305.00
Net book value	<u>915.00</u>

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- 2 The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds.

Main activities and achievements

1. Trustees:

Dr George Kuruvilla was unanimously elected as the Chair of the Trustees after Mrs. Catherine Higgins resigned as the Chair and Trustee on 7th October 2020
Mr William Bethell and Miss Ashton Tansey joined our Board of Trustees during the last year

2. Volunteers

Currently there are befrienders visiting beneficiaries on a weekly basis. In addition, there are 7 waiting to be paired. There are also a number of befrienders at different stages of the recruitment process.

All befrienders have been through an interview process with references being taken up, and a Disclosure and Barring Service check. There is an induction procedure which includes safeguarding training, with the opportunity for first aid and moving and handling training.

In addition to the befrienders, there are a number of volunteer roles within the charity such as admin support, interviewing potential befrienders and beneficiaries, matching befrienders to beneficiaries, driving, fundraising, manning the phones, working on the website, promotion and events, project work and trustees.

3. Beneficiaries

There are 42 beneficiaries being visited on a weekly basis. They enjoy a variety of activities such as home visits, church visits, dancing, shopping and trips out.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

4. Social activities

Due to the current Pandemic and the 3 Lockdowns over the last year, the Charity has not been able to undertake any of the social activities. The Befrienders have been given regular guidelines in line with the Government's. This meant restricted contact of the Befrienders to only telephone, mostly. Although in between the Lockdowns, there were periods, when the Befrienders were allowed to meet with their Beneficiaries, in the Garden and or in public spaces. This has been extremely difficult for them.

5 Networking

The Trustees continue networking with four local Doctor Practices, three Churches in Woolton, Liverpool, Life Rooms, (MOU) Citizens Advice Liverpool (MOU), Hope University, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, the Salvation Army at Strawberry Fields. They are working on new links with the Salvation Army. They have met with representatives from Merseycare, and Emma Lord from Capacity in relation to an increased interest in social prescribing, Primary care Network Leaders, Citizens Advice Liverpool with whom we have a 'fast track' process of facilitating Attendance Allowance for our Beneficiaries, using the Social Prescribing route. This has already helped few of our Beneficiaries.

All befrienders undergo Safeguarding Training before they can be matched with a beneficiary. Befrienders are also offered Basic First Aid Awareness and moving and handling training. One volunteer has completed minibus training. Trustees and beneficiaries have had the opportunity to attend a Dementia Awareness evening.

5. Activities and projects leading into 2021

We have embarked on an ambitious programme of equipping and training a cohort of beneficiaries to connect with their Befrienders using I-pad built-sim card. After the trial period, this will gradually be extended to other Beneficiaries. It is hoped that this will provide a way of alleviating the loneliness which sadly, became worse, for our Beneficiaries. The Charity works collaboratively with Life Rooms, Strawberry fields (Salvation Army), Citizens Advice, Liverpool.

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2020

7 Policies and Procedures

During the last 12 months, the Charity, following lengthy consultation amongst the Trustees, been able to adopt following;

1. Conflict of interest policy
2. New Trustees Recruitment policy
3. Complaints Procedure
4. Bereavement support

All policies and procedures are in place, documented and in some cases amended.

8. Funding

There have been generous donations during the year, the details of which are in the financial report.

9. Finance

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The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees Report and Finances

Signed on behalf of the Trustees of Woolton Community Life

George Kuruvilla



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Chairperson

Pam Cottrell



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Treasurer

Woolton Community Life

Receipts and Payment Account for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2020</u>		Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Sundry Donations				
CAF Donations plus gift aid	330.14		167.40	
Woolton Village Residents Association	151.57			
LCC Neighbourhood Award			2,000.00	
LCC Neighbourhood Award Special projects			1,900.00	
St Peter's Woolton			500.00	
Sundry < £100		481.71	143.53	4,710.93
Expenses				
Website hosting	192.00		186.00	
Domain renewal	-		23.98	
Insurance	423.28		417.68	
DBS	30.00		94.00	
Sundry office expenses	14.99		-	
Refreshments			9.65	
Postage & Stationery	3.90		114.79	
Office phone	-		146.90	
Saturn Security annual maintenance	168.00		168.00	
Lapel pins	-		192.60	
Gifts	214.99		149.34	
Beneficiaries entertaining	462.18	1,509.34	1,333.69	2,836.63
Net Income(Expenditure) for year		<u>(1,027.63)</u>	<u>1,874.30</u>	

Woolton Community Life

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2020</u>		Unrestricted Year ended <u>31 December 2019</u>	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank current account		18,577.30		19,558.77
Petty cash		79.40		125.56
		<u>18,656.70</u>		<u>19,684.33</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Accumulated Fund				
Brought forward		19,684.33		17,810.03
Surplus (Deficit) for the year		<u>(1,027.63)</u>		<u>1,874.30</u>
		<u>18,656.70</u>		<u>19,684.33</u>