

Woolton Community Life

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

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Woolton Community Life **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 2023

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered Charity Number 1159642

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

Trustees: Anita Lloyd
Dr George Kuruvilla
Pam Cottrell
Stephen Harrington
Derek Harold
Katrina Walker
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

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

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. Llandudno 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

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.

e. 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.

7. 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.

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 Hodgkinson (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

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 day trip to Llandudno.

10 Financial Review

WCL has healthy reserves as at 31 December 2023, 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

Pam Cottrell

George Kuruvilla



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Chairperson

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Trustee

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

	Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2023		Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2022	
	£	£	£	£
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	
		5,453.74		22,423.44
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	4,397.75	5,506.64	2,454.26	26,742.01
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 31 December 2023		Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2022	
	£	£	£	£
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>
		<u>11,145.71</u>		<u>11,503.61</u>

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Notes to Balance sheet as at 31 December 2023

IPADS FOR BENEFICIARIES

COST

Brought forward 1 January 2023	1,220.00
Additions	<u>0.00</u>
Carried forward 31 December 2023	<u><u>1,220.00</u></u>

DEPRECIATION

Brought forward 1 January 2023	610.00
Charge for year	<u>305.00</u>
Carried forward 31 December 2023	<u><u>915.00</u></u>

Net book value 31 December 2022	<u><u>610.00</u></u>
Net book value 31 December 2023	<u><u>305.00</u></u>

