

Woolton Community Life

Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

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Woolton Community Life
Volunteer Befriending Service

Bringing people together
Registered Charity Number 1159642

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

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2024

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:

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- 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 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..

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b. Volunteer 'thank you' event: This was organized and funded by the Charity at the Fletcher's bar, Allerton Mamnor 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 Hodgkinson 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 Safegaurding 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 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.

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



George Kuruvilla

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Chairperson

Pam Cottrell



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Trustee

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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 31 December 2024		Unrestricted Year ended 31 December 2023	
	£	£	£	£
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><u>1,220.00</u></u>

DEPRECIATION

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

Net book value 31 December 2023	<u><u>305.00</u></u>
Net book value 31 December 2024	<u><u>0.00</u></u>

