

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1160538

Details

Other names EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-02-18

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE ASSOCIATION ARE TO:(A)PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF EASTCOTT AND THEIR ENVIRONS, (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'THE AREA OF BENEFIT')WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONALITY, AGE, DISABILITY, 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;(B)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;(C)PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED

Activities: Eastcott Community Organisation is a registered charity and its committee of volunteers are mostly local residents. Our objective is to increase opportunities for those living in and around Eastcott, and we do this by managing a community centre and organising events and activities. Previously registered as charity no. 1153164 prior to incorporation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Swindon

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £57,573 | £46,466 | - | - |
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| 2021-03-31 | £38,214 | £26,463 | - | - |

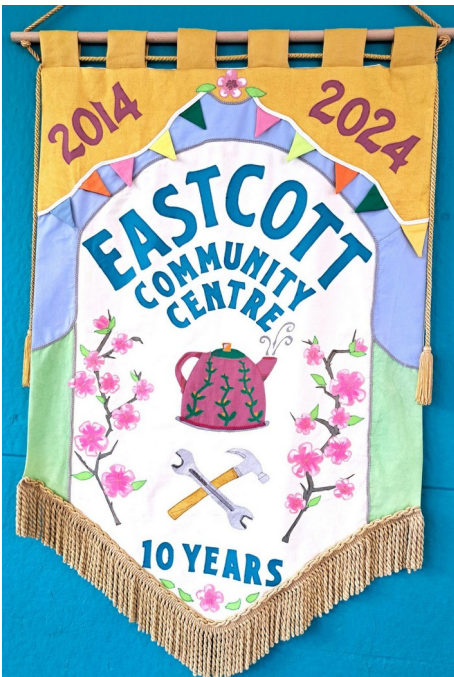
Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Stephanie Newton | Chair | 2021-06-21 |
| ANNA SMART | | 2015-03-27 |
| Anne Stone | | 2014-09-01 |
| Barrie Hudson | | 2020-11-30 |
| Dr Lauren Pamela Jessica Wallis | | 2019-10-28 |
| Sara Fluck | | 2022-10-10 |

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ANNUAL REPORT

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Reporting period April 2024-March 2025

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Eastcott Community Centre

Savernake St, Swindon SN1 3LZ, United Kingdom

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4.5 ★★★★★ 103 reviews Reviews aren't verified



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3 reviews · 3 photos

★★★★★ 5 months ago

Great place to meet and help people around Swindon. It's wonderful to have place to go like this. Keep up the amazing work you do. ❤️❤️❤️



MANAGING A COMMUNITY RESOURCE:

This was the first reporting period since 2019/2020, where Covid-19 restrictions have not featured in our primary decision making regarding the hire of the hall. This has been a welcome change and we have seen community use of the centre steadily increase, particularly in the evenings and over weekends.

Regular hire has increased from 22 hirers in April 2024 to 26 regular hirers in April 2025. There has been a steep increase in the amount of requests received for private residents' parties, having received a total of 175 requests from residents this reporting period. We were able to accommodate 40 out of these, with hall availability coupled with the availability of volunteers.

Long standing hirers such as Higashi Karate, Tai Chi, Jack and Jills Playgroup and U3A continue to thrive using the centre as a venue. Support and health groups, fitness activities and classes for children and young people further increased the range of activities available.

In **June 2024**, we recruited an experienced Community Centre Administrator to oversee the bookings and day-to-day running of the Centre. The Centre has been able to accommodate a steady increase in bookings under her supervision, providing vital income to carry out our charitable aims.

Throughout the reporting period, the trial period of moving our bookings paperwork fully electronic continued. The Community Centre Administrator will work to be as efficient with our time and resources as possible, while still meeting the needs of a diverse hirer group.

Thanks to trustee Sara Fluck, we maintained a Level 3 Advancing certificate from the Royal Horticulture Society following our entry into the In Your Neighborhood, Britain in Bloom Competition arranged by the South Swindon Parish Council.



ORGANISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Of note, the organisation in its current form celebrated its 10th Anniversary in **May 2024**. The celebration saw staff and volunteers, both past and present come together to celebrate. A commemorative pennant was made by local charity Stitch Social and hangs proudly in Raggy Powell Hall.

The Repair Cafe and Free Shop events continue to be popular and well attended. We offer our thanks to Dave Foster and the Repair Cafe and Free Shop volunteers for their commitment to these events. In September 2025, the Repair Cafe will celebrate its 10th Anniversary and plans are underway for this celebration. Open Door, a small charity based in Swindon, has been running the refreshments cafe during these events, providing opportunities for those with learning disabilities and mental health issues to build confidence through volunteering.

Our Community Inclusion Co-ordinator successfully added 3 new events to our programme of events for the reporting year:

- A sold out Sip and Paint Fundraiser
"I was dead impressed by how busy it was too so it's clearly popular! Great job and look forward to joining you again soon! ❤️"
- A successful area wide Yard Sale, with IT support from Claire Flemming
"We thought it was great! A nice social thing for the community and a chance to grab some great bargains."
- A wonderful and lively Silver Sunday event.
"Thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon"
"Very well organised, many thanks to all involved - Well done!"

This was the first Silver Sunday event hosted by Eastcott Community Organisation with support from the Wiltshire Community Foundation's Older Peoples Programme. The event saw three musical acts performing songs from the 60s, 70s and 80s.



The Community Inclusion Co-ordinator role received continued support from the Wiltshire Community Foundation (the second year of a three year grant). Further support was announced in January 2025 with funding from the National Lottery Community Fund to contribute to all community inclusion events for 2025.

We held the seventh Eastcott Window Wanderland in March 2025 involving 80 window makers creating a magical illuminated walking trail for all the community to enjoy. The theme was "Reach for the Stars" which saw Eastcott lit up with scenes of space, celebrities and inspirational images. This was the first year a fully online map was available. This received mixed feedback and next year we will have printed maps available again. There are concerns that the popularity of this event is waning across the entire network of organisers. Window Wanderland have invited the organisation to join a working group throughout 2025 to look at revitalising the Window Wanderland project nationally and it is hoped this will bring new energy and ideas to Window Wanderland 2026.

"I love art and don't really have an outlet anymore so this is a nice annual event to look forward to."

"Loved the opportunity of being part of the community, we are new to Old Town, so it was a lovely way to become involved in the community."

FINDING OUT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY WANTS

This year we have collected feedback which has directly influenced our plans for 2025/2026 and beyond:

Feedback forms are available at all community events. We have collected and reviewed over 50 feedback forms as well as received feedback through meaningful 1-2-1 conversations with our community. With events like the Big Lunch and Repair Cafes this year we've seen that attending free or low cost activities is still very important to those in our area but feedback stating this did not feature as prominently as the previous two years. Continued opportunities to come together as a community did feature in feedback received.

Feedback forms and comment books will continue to be available at events going forward.



FINANCE

Funding and support

We have two main income streams – **grant funding/fundraising** and **revenue from hiring out** the community centre.

We have generated **56% (£32270)** of our income from lettings (down from 69.8% last year.) We have received **33% (£19000)** of our income from grants. A grant for all community inclusion activities was received from the National Lottery Community Fund, this is the first time one funder has supported a year's worth of events at the centre. **Fundraising made up 2% (£1150)** of our income. Plans are underway to upgrade the equipment at the centre and maintain the appearance of the building where possible.

Grant funding:

We would like to thank our funders for 2024/25: Wiltshire Community Foundation and National Lottery Community Fund

Revenue from hirers:

We would like to thank all our regular hirers for supporting a community resource. We also thank the residents who chose to hold their private celebrations at Eastcott Community Centre.

Reserves policy

We have seen an increase in our expenditure as expected in the current economic climate. Our previous reserves policy was six months running costs for the centre (£2000 x 6). In January 2025, we increased our reserves to £18000 (£3000 x 6). Our reserves reflect six months of running costs, not including our restricted funds of £17149.

We believe that this more accurately represents the current costs associated with running Eastcott Community Centre moving forward. The Committee will review this regularly as the uncertainty of the current economic climate continues.



VOLUNTEERS, COMMITTEE AND STAFF

As always, our biggest thanks this year goes to our volunteers. The volunteers have given their time generously to the organisation.

Current Volunteer Roles include:

- Committee members (Trustees)
- Keyholders to support regular hirers and residents for their booking.
- Events volunteers
- Social Media volunteer
- Newsletter volunteers
- Repair Cafe and Free Shop volunteers
- Gardeners

32 volunteers contribute to the success of Eastcott Community Organisation. 12 operational volunteers who serve on the committee and those hold keys for the centre, supporting regular hirers. And 20 volunteers supporting community events and the delivery of the newsletter and flyers.

At our AGM in November 2024, eight trustees joined the volunteer board. Six were re-appointments. We conclude our current reporting period with seven trustees. Our trustees' experience includes finance, charity work, social work, project management, marketing, business development, administration, IT, journalism, environmental issues and engineering.

Chair: Stephanie Newton
 Secretary: Barrie Hudson
 Garden and Grounds: Sara Fluck
 Trustee: Josh Sheppard

Vice-Chair: Anna Smart
 Treasurer: Anne Stone
 Trustee: Lauren Wallis

Our committee is appointed in line with our constitution and has met monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month 7.30 – 9pm.

We have retained two part time positions.

- A Community Centre Administrator, Tracey Costello
- A Community Inclusion Co-ordinator (previously Events Co-ordinator) Jaine Blackman





THE FUTURE

We continue to learn, grow, and respond to interest within the community.

In the year ahead we plan to:

- **Celebrate the 10 year Anniversary of the Repair Cafe and Free Shop.**
- **To maximise the use of Centre** for regular hirers, community events and private parties.
- **Continue to proceed towards a mutually beneficial lease** to improve our organisational security and ability to access funding.
- **Continue discussions about improvements to the building**
- **Offer innovative community activities**
- **Continue to advertise for trustees and volunteers** as appropriate, to strengthen our skills base.
- **Buy in specialist help** where appropriate

THANK YOU to:

The **members of our community** who have participated in our activities and supported us.

The volunteers

Our hire groups

Our staff: Jaine, Tracey and Sophie

Our centre, event and newsletter volunteers

Our funders: National Lottery Community Fund and Wiltshire Community Foundation

ACRE, Community First, Voluntary Action Swindon and the Base Camp Network for their advice and support

Annual report approved by committee at a meeting held on 11th August 2025

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1160538
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2025

| INCOME | INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT | | | 2024 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED | TOTAL |
| Grants Received | 19,100 | 19,100 | | 8,415 |
| Donations Received | 27 | | 27 | 37 |
| Income from Fund Raising | 1,511 | | 1,511 | 1,725 |
| Lettings | 32,270 | | 32,270 | 34,692 |
| Sale / Hire of Equipment | 20 | | 20 | 293 |
| Book Sales | 36 | | 36 | 195 |
| Deposits | 4,125 | 4,125 | | 3,900 |
| Waste Collection/Grit | 468 | | 468 | 434 |
| Window Wanderland | 16 | | 16 | 0 |
| TOTAL | £57,573 | £23,225 | £34,348 | £49,691 |

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| | | | | 2024 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURE | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED | TOTAL |
| On Restricted Expenditure | 14,215 | 14,215 | | 9,107 |
| Expenditure on Fund Raising Events | 434 | | 434 | 504 |
| Rent | 4,125 | | 4,125 | 4,500 |
| Cleaning | 7,838 | | 7,838 | 5,396 |
| Insurance | 1,019 | | 1,019 | 948 |
| Newsletters/Flyers | 0 | | 0 | 350 |
| Waste /Sanitary Collection | 1,149 | | 1,149 | 1,055 |
| Grit Bin Re-fill | 0 | | 0 | 126 |
| Printing/Stationery/Postage | 319 | | 319 | 240 |
| Accountancy Payroll | 477 | | 477 | 459 |
| Accountancy | 180 | | 180 | 180 |
| Music / Media /Premises Licence | 528 | | 528 | 139 |
| Equipment | 1,492 | | 1,492 | 200 |
| Gardening | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Maintenance /Decorating/Repairs | 354 | | 354 | 484 |
| Neighbourhood Lunch | 105 | | 105 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 623 | | 623 | 440 |
| Subscriptions & Memberships | 390 | | 390 | 430 |
| Training | 24 | | 24 | 54 |
| Staff | 12,646 | | 12,646 | 11,641 |
| Window Wanderland | 260 | | 260 | 529 |
| Cookery Book | 0 | | 0 | 283 |
| Wi-Fi | 288 | | 288 | 288 |
| TOTAL | £46,466 | £14,215 | £32,251 | £37,353 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit for the Year) | £11,107 | £9,010 | £2,097 | £12,338 |

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BALANCE SHEET

| | | 2024 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bank & Cash | | |
| Lloyds Bank Account | 51,293 | 40,186 |
| Cash in Hand | 68 | 68 |
| | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>£51,361</u> | <u>£40,254</u> |
| | | |
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31 MARCH 2025

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Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31st March 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastcott Community Organisation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025 which are set out on pages 2 to 4

Respective responsibilities of Management committee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 "The Act" and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of The Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of The Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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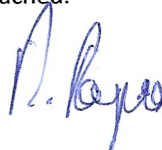
1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of The Act
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The 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.

Robert Raynes FCA
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14/7/25

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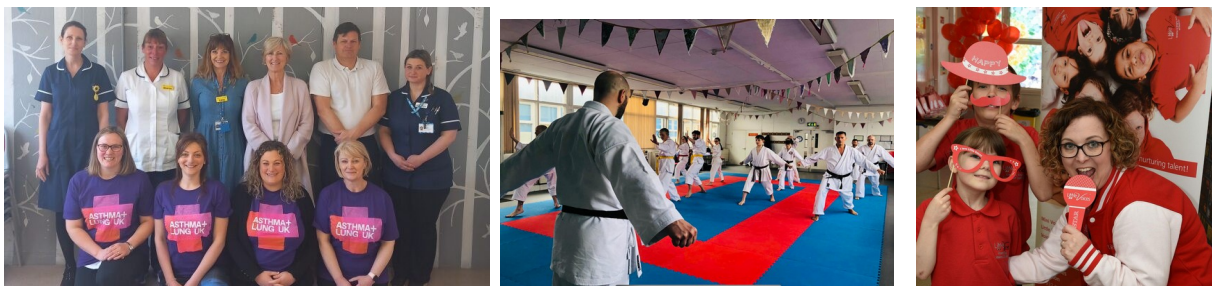
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MANAGING A COMMUNITY RESOURCE:

In **February 2023**, the committee agreed to re-introduce the hire of the hall to the residents of Eastcott for private celebrations. The previous private hire taking place in March 2020. This was a milestone in the Charity's operational recovery from Covid-19. While Covid-19 was still a factor in our risk management of the centre, it is no longer prohibitive in the letting of the centre to groups and residents.

There were 22 regular bookings in the week in which Saturday, **1st April 2023** fell. On 1st April 2022 there were 12.

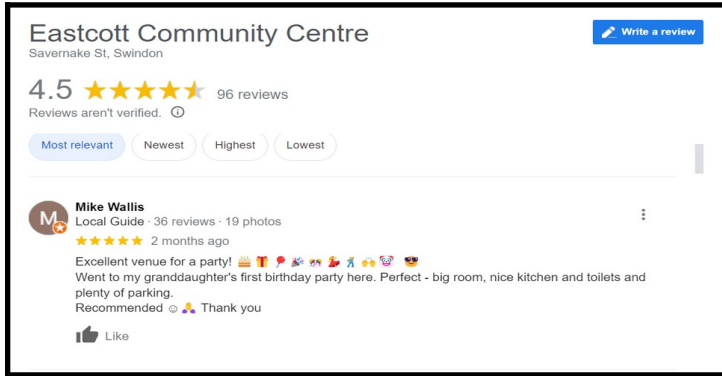
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In **June 2023**, the committee agreed to increase the hourly charge to hire the centre. This decision was made to safeguard the organisation in the midst of rising costs in centre management across the board, while remaining competitive in price in relation to other venues of similar size in Swindon.

In **March and April 2023** we recruited an experienced Community Centre Administrator to oversee the bookings for the Centre.

In **March 2024**, we began a trial period of moving our bookings paperwork fully electronic. This had mixed success and the Community Centre Administrator will work to be as efficient with our time and resources as possible, while still meeting the needs of a diverse hirer group.

Thanks to trustee Sara Fluck, we received a Level 3 Advancing certificate from the Royal Horticulture Society following our entry into the Your Neighborhood in Bloom Competition arranged by the Friends of Old Town Society/group.



ORGANISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Of note, the organisation in its current form will reach its 10th Anniversary in **May 2024** - plans are underway to celebrate this milestone with staff and volunteers, past and present.

We have seen attendance at the Repair Cafe and Free Shop events return to pre-Covid levels. We offer our thanks to Dave Foster and the Repair Cafe and Free Shop volunteers for their commitment to continuing these events following Covid-19. Open Door, a small charity based in Swindon, has been running the refreshments cafe during these events, providing opportunities for those with learning disabilities and mental health issues to build confidence through volunteering.

"Visited the repair cafe for the first time today. Lovely friendly repairers, nice to hear live music and the lady selling the cakes is an awesome baker! Thanks to all who run the events. We'll be back. 😊"

We held an ECO Fest in **June 2023**, incorporating ECO Talks from Ben Bell, Councillor Jane Milner-Barry, Scarlet Leowin and Steve Russell, covering a diverse range of topics centered around sustainability and the natural world. This event was made possible by funding from the Westmill Solar Co-op Ltd and included a lunch and market stalls selling a variety of handmade and sustainable items.

In **August 2023**, the organisation secured 3 years worth of funding for the Community Inclusion Co-ordinator role from the Wiltshire Community Foundation. This enabled the organisation to forward plans for events in a way that has not been possible before.

We held the sixth Eastcott Window Wanderland in March 2024 involving 112 window makers creating a magical illuminated walking trail for all the community to enjoy. The theme was "Favourite Book, Film or TV Programme". We are grateful for the support of Richard James Estate Agents for printing the Window Wanderland Map.

"I love the community feel and wandering around at night seeing other people's creativity. I love seeing other people enjoying it and getting out with their families."



"I like the fact it's a creative endeavour and brings the community together. It's also a nice thing to do post Christmas whilst still in Winter."

In **December 2023**, Jaine Blackman, our Community Inclusion Co-ordinator, produced a collaborative cookbook, inviting members of the community to submit their recipes. With over 30 people taking part, the "Eastcott Community Cookbook" has been well received by the community.

Clothes Swap events, hosted by Ellen Wray from Kapada, continue to be popular and well attended.

We have continued to share news and information pertaining to the centre on social media platforms. In **March 2023**, a social media volunteer joined the team with a view to create inclusive and diverse content as well as grow our following across existing platforms.

Funding has been secured for an over 60s event in October 2024 from the Wiltshire Community Foundation Older People's Programme, with a special extension to spend the funds by the end of 2024.

FINDING OUT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY WANTS

This year we have collected feedback which has directly influenced our plans for 2024/2025 and beyond:

Feedback forms are available at all community events. We have collected and reviewed over 50 feedback forms as well as received feedback through meaningful 1-2-1 conversations with our community. Throughout 23/24 the impact of the cost of living crisis can be seen in the feedback, with deep appreciation for events that are free to attend or are fairly priced, such as the clothes swap.

Feedback forms and comment books will continue to be available at events going forward.



FINANCE

Funding and support

We have two main income streams – **grant funding/fundraising** and **revenue from hiring out** the community centre.

We have generated **69.8% (£34692)** of our annual income from lettings. An increase of 15% (up from 54.4% last year). We have received **16% (£8415)** of our income from grants. This is almost a 42% decrease from the previous reporting period. A factor in this decrease is the (understandable) move from funders to prioritise activities and programmes that address the cost-of-living crisis as well as community inclusion. Even though our income from fundraising activities has remained the same it now makes up **3.9% (£1920)** of our income. With the increase in income generated by lettings, the organisation has started to invest money into community events, where it has not been possible to secure a grant e.g. Window Wanderland 2024.

Grant funding:

We would like to thank our funders for 2023/24: Wiltshire Community Foundation and Westmill Solar Co-op.

Revenue from hirers:

We would like to thank all our hirers for supporting a community resource. We recognise that this year has continued to be difficult for small businesses and organisations.

We also thank the residents who chose to hold their private celebrations at Eastcott Community Centre.

Reserves policy

We have seen an increase in our expenditure as expected in the current economic climate. Our previous reserves policy was six months running costs for the centre (£1916 x 6). For this reporting period our reserves reflect six months of running costs (£2000 x 6), not including our restricted funds of £8139.

We believe that this more accurately represents the current costs associated with running Eastcott Community Centre.



COMMITTEE AND STAFFING

At our online AGM in November 2023, six trustees joined the volunteer board. Six were re-appointments. We conclude our current reporting period with six trustees. Our trustees' experience includes finance, charity work, social work, project management, marketing, administration, IT, journalism, environmental issues and engineering.

Chair: Stephanie Newton

Vice-Chair: Anna Smart

Secretary: Barrie Hudson

Treasurer: Anne Stone

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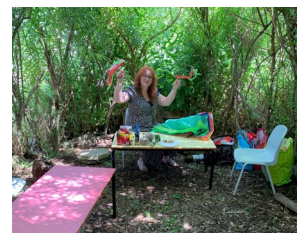
Trustee: Lauren Wallis

Our committee is appointed in line with our constitution and has met monthly on the 2nd Monday of the month 7.30 – 9pm. This is the first reporting year since 2020, that the committee has met fully in person.

We would like to thank trustee Steve Russell, who stepped down in **November 2023** after serving on the committee for 7 years overseeing Health & Safety and facilities, for his significant contribution to Eastcott Community Organisation and Centre.

We have retained two part time positions.

- A Community Centre Administrator, Sophie Ashton, who oversees the booking of the centre and daily operations.
- A Community Inclusion Co-ordinator (previously Events Co-ordinator) Jaine Blackman, who plans and delivers community events and co-ordinates community inclusion projects.



VOLUNTEERS

As always, our biggest thanks this year goes to our volunteers. The volunteers have given their time generously to the organisation.

Current Volunteer Roles include:

- Committee members (Trustees)
- Keyholders to support regular hirers and residents for their booking.
- Events volunteers
- Social Media volunteer
- Newsletter volunteers
- Repair Cafe and Free Shop volunteers
- Gardeners

Recruitment of volunteers has centered around Health and Safety, Facilities and Volunteer Management.

30 volunteers contribute to the success of Eastcott Community Organisation. 11 Operational volunteers who serve on the committee and those hold keys for the centre, supporting regular hirers. And 19 volunteers supporting community events and the delivery of the newsletter and flyers.

This year the organisation has benefitted from group volunteering, with groups from Network Rail attending to help clear the gardens and grounds.

THE FUTURE

We continue to learn, grow, and respond to interest within the community.

In the year ahead we plan to:

- **Celebrate the 10 year Anniversary of Eastcott Community Organisation in its current form.**
- **To maximise the use of Centre** for regular hirers, community events and private parties.
- **Continue to proceed towards a mutually beneficial lease** to improve our organisational security and ability to access funding.
- Continue discussions about **improvements to the building**
- Offer **innovative community activities**

- Continue to **advertise for trustees and volunteers** as appropriate, to strengthen our skills base.
- **Buy in specialist help** where appropriate



THANK YOU to the following for help this year :

The **members of our community** who have participated in our activities and supported us.

The volunteers

Our hire groups

Our staff: Sophie and Jaine

Our centre, event and newsletter volunteers

Our funders

ACRE, Community First and Voluntary Action Swindon

Annual report approved by committee at a meeting held on 09/09/2024

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1160538
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2024

| INCOME | INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT | | | 2023 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED | TOTAL |
| Grants Received | 8,415 | 8,415 | | 14,615 |
| Donations Received | 37 | | 37 | 122 |
| Income from Fund Raising | 1,725 | | 1,725 | 1,957 |
| Lettings | 34,692 | | 34,692 | 21,998 |
| Sale / Hire of Equipment | 293 | | 293 | 217 |
| Book Sales | 195 | | 195 | 5 |
| Deposits | 3,900 | 3,900 | | 1,200 |
| Waste Collection/Grit | 434 | | 434 | 360 |
| TOTAL | £49,691 | £12,315 | £37,376 | £40,474 |

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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| | | | | 2023 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURE | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED | TOTAL |
| On Restricted Expenditure | 9,107 | 9,107 | | 11,451 |
| Expenditure on Fund Raising Events | 504 | | 504 | 1,034 |
| Rent | 4,500 | | 4,500 | 4,500 |
| Cleaning | 5,396 | | 5,396 | 4,465 |
| Insurance | 948 | | 948 | 911 |
| Newsletters/Flyers | 350 | | 350 | 433 |
| Waste /Sanitary Collection | 1,055 | | 1,055 | 776 |
| Grit Bin Re-fill | 126 | | 126 | 0 |
| Printing/Stationery/Postage | 240 | | 240 | 200 |
| Accountancy Payroll | 459 | | 459 | 457 |
| Accountancy | 180 | | 180 | 175 |
| Music / Media /Premises Licence | 139 | | 139 | 289 |
| Equipment | 200 | | 200 | 812 |
| Gardening | 0 | | 0 | 63 |
| Maintenance /Decorating/Repairs | 484 | | 484 | 881 |
| Harvest Supper | 0 | | 0 | 48 |
| Miscellaneous | 440 | | 440 | 235 |
| Subscriptions & Memberships | 430 | | 430 | 430 |
| Training | 54 | | 54 | 30 |
| Staff | 11,641 | | 11,641 | 10,795 |
| Window Wanderland | 529 | | 529 | 0 |
| Cookery Book | 283 | | 283 | 0 |
| Wi-Fi | 288 | | 288 | 288 |
| TOTAL | £37,353 | £9,107 | £28,246 | £38,273 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit for the Year) | £12,338 | £3,208 | £9130 | £2,201 |

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
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BALANCE SHEET

| | | 2023 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bank & Cash | | |
| Lloyds Bank Account | 40,186 | 27,848 |
| Cash in Hand | 68 | 68 |
| | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>£40,254</u> | <u>£27,916</u> |
| | | |
| Represented By | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 32,115 | 22,985 |
| Restricted Funds | 8,139 | 4,931 |
| | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL | <u>£40,254</u> | <u>£27,916</u> |

Approved by Eastcott Community Organisation Committee on 8th July 2024

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1160538

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2024

1 Movement on Restricted Funds

| | Balance | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | At | in | in | at |
| | 31/03 /2023 | Year | Year | 31/03/2024 |
| Deposits | 1,395 | 3,900 | 3,000 | 2,295 |
| ECOFEST 2023 | 3,174 | 0 | 2,841 | 333 |
| Window W 2023 | 362 | 404 | 766 | 0 |
| WCF Grant (1) | 0 | 5,000 | 2,500 | 2,500 |
| WCF Grant (2) | 0 | 3,011 | 0 | 3,011 |
| | <u>£4,931</u> | <u>£12,315</u> | <u>£9,107</u> | <u>£8,139</u> |

2 Fundraising Even

| | Income | Expenditure | Surplus |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Repair Cafe/Freeshop | 329 | 39 | 290 |
| Clothes Swap | 398 | 83 | 315 |
| Wine Night | <u>998</u> | <u>382</u> | <u>616</u> |
| | <u>£1,725</u> | <u>£504</u> | <u>£1,221</u> |

3 Reserves

| | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED |
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| As at 31 March 2023 | 27,916 | 4,931 | 22,985 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for Year | <u>12,338</u> | <u>3,208</u> | <u>9,130</u> |
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Eastcott Community Organisation
Registered Charity Number 1160538
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31st March 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastcott Community Organisation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on pages 2 to 4

Respective responsibilities of Management committee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 "The Act" and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of The Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of The Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Act
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The 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.

Robert Raynes FCA
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Swindon
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SN4 0RL

Robert Raynes

Date

12/7/24

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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

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Eastcott Community Organisation
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EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1160538

Accounts



ANNUAL REPORT

Registered Charity
1160538

Covering the period April 2022-March 2023

Our Mission:

To enhance the life of the Eastcott Community through the provision of events, activities and opportunities.

Our Vision:

To be a successful and innovative organisation, managing a vibrant and inclusive community resource.

Our story: Since Eastcott Community Organisation became a constituted group in February 2013, we have organised hundreds of community events and activities, to bring the community together and increase opportunities for residents.

In May 2014 we took over community management of Eastcott Community Centre (formerly Savernake Street Social Hall), with the vision to create a community hub for us all to enjoy. We are a registered charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Public benefit

We are mindful of our responsibility to run our charity in a way that is beneficial to the public; and to demonstrate this in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits
2. The benefit must be to the public – or a section of the public.

Our mission and aims support our constitutional objectives to increase opportunities for people in our area of benefit, and this is a constant reference point for all our activities.

There are two aspects to our activity;

1. Managing a community resource
2. Organising community events and activities.

We believe that our activities this year have enabled us to follow our **mission**, by increasing opportunities for local residents to:

- attend a range of classes and activities close to home.
- Join community activities at low cost to participants due to grants or other funds.



MANAGING A COMMUNITY RESOURCE:

On the **24th February 2022**, the government lifted all Plan B restrictions and we adopted the key principles set out by ACRE. In our regular online covid planning meetings we updated our Covid - 19 risk assessments for the building and the Covid-19 terms and conditions, which we issued to our hire groups.

We supported the local authority's response to Covid-19 in continuing to be a lateral flow test distribution point and in the hiring of the halls for a vaccination clinic.

There were 12 regular bookings in the week in which Friday, **1st April 2022** fell. These were spaced out over the week to allow for cleaning and fogging where necessary to continue to protect vulnerable groups.

In **April 2022** the committee decided to re-open the 2nd hall for bookings, with both halls operating at reduced capacity. In October 2022 the committee voted to lift the restrictions on numbers in the hall and return to the original capacities.

Volunteer capacity to open and close the centre for bookings remains a concern and this is reviewed regularly by the committee to ensure we can deliver the service. In June 2022, the Centre Administrator resigned and there was a period of 3 months where this position was vacant while recruitment took place. The centre had several leaks during the winter, some of which were significant. These were located in the main entryway, corridor and in Raggy Powell Hall. These are the main reasons why the hire of the halls for private parties was delayed until February 23.

In **November 2022** we recruited an experienced Centre Administrator to oversee the bookings for the Centre.

During the Christmas and New Year Period of 22/23 we had notification of cancellation from 4 of our regular hirers.

In **February 2023**, the committee agreed to trial private party booking on a Sunday afternoon where our own events (Repair Cafe and Window Wanderland Workshops) were not taking place. We did not have enquiries for private parties on Sundays in February and March 2023.

We ended the reporting year with 22 regular bookings, 4 bookings for private parties from April onwards and 5 bookings for one off business and community events (City Fibre, Co-op, story telling, filming and a church event) from April onwards.



ORGANISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Following the lifting of Plan B restrictions on 24th February 2022, in April 2022 we held our 1st indoor community event. This was co-hosted by Ellen Monray from Kapada and was attended by 14 people. We were enthusiastic to pick up a regular schedule of community events, especially around the theme of community sustainability, as well as host a community Jubilee celebration and family day. We updated our events risk assessments to proceed in the safest manner possible and all of our activities this year have been organised with covid risk assessments at the forefront of our planning.

Of note, we held the first repair cafe since before the pandemic on **Sunday 1st May 2022** with the support of Dave Foster and the Repair Cafe Volunteers. These events were hugely popular before Covid-19, and it was heartening to see the community come back together.

We received funding from the National Lottery to hold a Platinum Jubilee Celebration and Family Day in **June 2022**. This included applying for use of the street outside of the Centre and the green space adjacent to the Centre. This event was a huge success, with 300 people attending the shared lunch, activities and live music.

"Great atmosphere." "What a lovely day; it would be nice to organise more community lunches."

"A lot of hard work has gone into this event and after a difficult two years is very much appreciated. Well done to everyone involved and thank you."

Further to the above in 2022/23 we have

- used our social media platforms to share news and information pertaining to the centre.
- began printing and delivering the organisation's newsletter.
- began the regular schedule of repair cafes again, the first Sunday of every other month.
- held a further clothes swap, hosted by Ellen, this was attended by 50 people.
- invited the community for a Harvest shared supper in October 22.
- held a successful Christmas Wine Tasting Fundraising event with the support of Claire Flemming - From the Grapevine, raising £500 for the Centre.
- held the fifth Eastcott Window Wanderland in March 2023 involving over 90 window makers creating a magical illuminated walking trail for all the community to enjoy. The theme was "Love the Planet". Funded by the Art Council, this was a huge success and with supportive feedback from the community.

This has been a successful year for our events, planned and organised by the Community Inclusion Co-ordinator - Jaine Blackman. In the next reporting period there are plans to continue the programme of community sustainability events (Repair Cafe, Free Shop and Clothes Swaps) as well as a large scale community event in June. This will consist of a shared lunch and ECO Fest, including ECO Talks, which were incredibly popular before the pandemic.



FINANCE

Funding and support

We have two main income streams – **grant funding/fundraising** for events, activities, training and running costs; and **revenue from hiring** out the community centre.

We have generated 54.4% (£21998) of our annual income from lettings. We have received 36% (£14615) of our income from grants. Our income from fundraising has increased to 4.8% (£1957).

Grant funding:

We would like to thank our funders for 2022/23: The National Lottery and The Arts Council.

Revenue from hirers:

We would like to thank all our hirers for supporting a community resource. We recognise that this year has continued to be difficult for small businesses and organisations.

Reserves policy

We have seen an increase in our expenditure as the use of the hall has increased. Our previous reserves policy was six months running costs for the centre (£1667 x 6). For this reporting period our reserves reflect six months of running costs (£1916 x 6), not including our restricted funds of £4931.

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VOLUNTEERS

Our biggest thanks this year goes to our volunteers. The volunteers have given their time generously to the organisation. Recruitment of volunteers has centered around the newsletter volunteers, who have delivered leaflets and newsletters to approximately 4000 homes in the Eastcott Ward.

This year the organisation has benefitted hugely from group volunteering. The 18th Swindon Scout Group, Virgin Media and Network Rail have all attended and undertaken tasks such as gardening, building a garden shed and transforming the back room into a usable space for hirers and 1st responders.

FINDING OUT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY WANTS

This year we have collected feedback which has directly influenced our plans for 2022/2023 and beyond:

Feedback forms are available at all community events. We have collected and reviewed over 50 feedback forms as well as received feedback through meaningful 1-2-1 conversations with our community. Throughout 22/23 the theme of loneliness and isolation that was experienced by the community during Covid-19 was apparent, with requests for more shared community meals to be included in our programme. We hosted a Harvest Supper in October 22, in response to these comments. There was also a request for a swimming pool to be built at the Centre (Kaleb, aged 7) which, sadly, we are unable to accommodate.

Feedback forms will continue to be available at events going forward.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

We produced our first newsletter during this reporting period since before the pandemic. We have been fortunate to be featured in the Swindon Advertiser and in the Swindon Link online on several occasions.

We maintain a Facebook page with over 2000 followers and our hirers use a joint bookings/ promotional website.



THE FUTURE

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| INCOME | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED | TOTAL |
| Grants Received | 14,615 | 14,615 | | 20,849 |
| Donations Received | 122 | | 122.00 | 205 |
| Income from Fund Raising | 1,957 | | 1,957.00 | 380 |
| Lettings | 21,998 | | 21,997.93 | 12,037 |
| Sale / Hire of Equipment | 217 | | 217.00 | 75 |
| Book Sales | 5 | | 5.00 | 0 |
| Deposits | 1,200 | 1,200 | | 75 |
| Transfer from Restricted Funds | 0 | | | 0 |
| Waste Collection/Grit | <u>360</u> | | <u>360.38</u> | <u>330</u> |
| <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>£40,474</u> | <u>£15,815</u> | <u>£24,659.31</u> | <u>£33,951</u> |

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1160538
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 MARCH 2023

| | | | | 2022 |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURE | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED | TOTAL |
| On Restricted Expenditure | 11,451 | 11,451 | | 6,303 |
| Expenditure on Fund Raising Events | 1,034 | | 1,034.00 | 264 |
| Rent | 4,500 | | 4,500.00 | 4,500 |
| Cleaning | 4,465 | | 4,465.34 | 4,595 |
| Insurance | 911 | | 910.95 | 904 |
| Newsletters/Flyers | 433 | | 433.00 | 0 |
| Waste /Sanitary Collection | 776 | | 776.11 | 744 |
| Printing/Stationery/Postage | 200 | | 199.62 | 141 |
| Accountancy Payroll | 457 | | 457.20 | 435 |
| Accountancy | 175 | | 175.00 | 175 |
| Music / Media /Premises Licence | 289 | | 288.88 | 412 |
| Equipment | 812 | | 811.89 | 100 |
| Gardening | 63 | | 63.00 | 0 |
| Maintenance,Decorating & Repairs | 881 | | 881.07 | 0 |
| Harvest Supper | 48 | | 47.92 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 235 | | 235.00 | 564 |
| Subscriptions & Memberships | 430 | | 430.00 | 430 |
| Training | 30 | | 30.00 | 0 |
| Staff | 10,795 | | 10,794.82 | 9,841 |
| National Lottery CF Grant Refund | 0 | | | 2,227 |
| Wi-Fi | 288 | | 288 .00 | 288 |
| TOTAL | £38,273 | £11,451 | £26,821.80 | £31,923 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit for the Year) | £2,202 | £4,364 | - £2,162.49 | £2,028 |

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
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BALANCE SHEET

| | | 2022 |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Bank & Cash | | |
| Lloyds Bank Account | 27,848 | 25,646 |
| Cash in Hand | 68 | 68 |
| | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>£27,916</u> | <u>£25,714</u> |
| | | |
| Represented By | | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 22,985 | 25,147 |
| Restricted Funds | 4,931 | 567 |
| | _____ | _____ |
| TOTAL | <u>£27,916</u> | <u>£25,714</u> |

EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1160538

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 MARCH 2023

1 Movement on Restricted Funds

| | Balance | Income | Expenditure | Balance |
|------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | At | in | in | at |
| | 31/03 /2022 | Year | Year | 31/03/2023 |
| Deposits | 495 | 1,200 | 300 | 1,395 |
| NL Jubilee Grant | 0 | 7,780 | 7,780 | 0 |
| ECOFEST 2023 | 0 | 3,196 | 22 | 3,174 |
| Parish Grant (WW 2022) | 67 | | 67 | 0 |
| Window W 2023 | 0 | 3,639 | 3,277 | 362 |
| Donation | 5 | | 5 | 0 |
| | £567 | £15,815 | £11,451 | £4,931 |

2 Fundraising Events

| | Income | Expenditure | Surplus |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|
| Repair Cafe/Freeshop | 303 | 76 | 227 |
| Clothes Swap | 504 | 340 | 164 |
| Wine Night | 990 | 421 | 569 |
| Jubilee Event Bar | 160 | 197 | -37 |
| | £1,957 | £1,034 | £923 |

3 Reserves

| | TOTAL | RESTRICTED | UNRESTRICTED |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| As at 31 March 2022 | 25,714 | 567 | 25,147 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for Year | <u>2,202</u> | <u>4,364</u> | <u>-2,162</u> |
| As at 31 March 2023 | £27,916 | £4,931 | £22,985 |

Eastcott Community Organisation
Registered Charity Number 1160538
Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31st March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastcott Community Organisation

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 which Are set out on pages 2 to 4

Respective responsibilities of Management committee and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 " The Act" and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of The Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of The Act; and
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Independent Examiner's Statement

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 Act
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of The 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.

Date 10/07/2023

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Eastcott Community Organisation
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Financial Statements For The Year Ended
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Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

John Stone

Eastcott Community Organisation
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Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31st March 2023

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EASTCOTT COMMUNITY ORGANISATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1160538

Accounts



Eastcott Community Organisation Annual Report 2020/21

Registered Charity 1160538

Covering the period April 2020-March 2021

Our Mission:

To enhance the life of the Eastcott Community through the provision of events, activities and opportunities.

Our Vision:

To be a successful and innovative organisation, managing a vibrant and inclusive community resource.

Our story: Since Eastcott Community Organisation became a constituted group in February 2013, we have organised hundreds of community events and activities, to bring the community together and increase opportunities for residents.

In May 2014 we took over community management of Eastcott Community Centre (formerly Savernake Street Social Hall), with the vision to create a community hub for us all to enjoy. We are a registered charity and Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Public benefit

We are mindful of our responsibility to run our charity in a way that is beneficial to the public; and to demonstrate this in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

1. There must be an identifiable benefit or benefits
2. The benefit must be to the public - or a section of the public.

Our mission and aims support our constitutional objectives to increase opportunities for people in our area of benefit, and this is a constant reference point for all our activities.

There are two aspects to our activity;

1. Managing a community resource
2. Organising community events and activities.

We believe that our activities this year have enabled us to follow our **mission**, by increasing opportunities for local residents to:

- attend a range of classes and activities close to home, where covid restrictions have permitted this.
- experience new and innovative events and activities, often at low cost to participants due to grants or other funds. Due to covid, many of these activities have included trails outside the community centre itself, to promote social distancing.

- Access information about other local resources, shared through our social media pages.

THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS

Our community centre first closed on 18 March 2020 due to government guidance around coronavirus, and remained closed until a phased re-opening in autumn 2020 for groups that were legally able to meet in community facilities, with covid risk assessments and confirmation that their insurance would cover the activity.

We closed fully during the second lockdown 5 November – 2 December 2020.

Following a period of tiered restrictions, the country entered a further period of lockdown at the start of January 2021. The community centre has been effectively closed since then apart from a support group legally allowed to meet under the regulations.

Following the government 4 step roadmap the restrictions eased from 12 April 2021, enabling the centre to re-open for broader activity.

As soon as we were aware of impending closure our aim was to ensure that we prepared financially for a period of complete or partial loss of income, and that we ensured we would be able to re-open for our community when allowed to.

Throughout the year we:

- secured a Retail, Hospitality and Leisure (RHL) grant and Local Restrictions Grants, Additional Restrictions Grants and a Closed Business grant via Swindon Borough Council in recognition of our loss of earnings,
- made use of the furlough scheme,
- carried our business planning and projection exercises to establish our financial viability,
- paused/cancelled services contracts,
- accepted a 3-month rent deferral from Swindon Borough Council,
- continued to plan for events that could be socially distanced and secured funding for Eastcott Window Wanderland 2021 from the Ashley Family Foundation,
- submitted a Serious Incident Report to the Charity Commission based on all our hire income stopping in March 2020 (this was submitted before receipt of the RHL grant, which increased our viability),
- applied for grant funding. We secured £9950 from the National Lottery to enable us to fund our running costs while adapting to new circumstances, though not all of this could be utilised due to closure,
- recalculated our energy bills and received a rebate from Swindon Borough Council,
- increased our reserves policy to £10,000 to provide a higher safety net against future loss of income,
- explored whether our insurance cover would assist with interruption of business losses but we were not eligible for this.

As this financial year concludes, provided that covid restrictions continue to ease, we are confident that we are able to move towards sustainability, and that our financial position enables us to do this.

MANAGING A COMMUNITY RESOURCE:

At the point when the centre first closed due to covid in March 2020 we had the highest ever number of regular hire groups (over 35) and frequent bookings for social gatherings and children's parties.

Following our re-opening in the autumn, there have been continued restrictions on the type of activities allowed to take place at community facilities. In addition to the government requirements, we have been mindful of our facilities and volunteer capacity. For much of the period we focused on supporting our existing hirers to return, gradually extending this to new hirers when we felt we could.

We opened only one of our two halls to promote social distancing and enable the smaller hall to be used as a quarantine space should someone fall ill. Our regular online covid planning meetings considered guidance as it emerged, prepared risk assessments for the building, and agreed the design of signage for the floor, walls and windows. We also considered guidance from professional bodies and issued covid terms and conditions to our hire groups.

Some hirers did return, and were pleased to have the opportunity to use the space. A self-help group, a prenatal group, exercise classes and several parent/baby groups met at various points throughout the year when guidance permitted this.

ORGANISING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

Our usual busy programme of events paused in March 2020 as a result of covid. Our previous annual reports described Repair Cafes, Neighbourhood Parties, and fundraisers, and it will come as no surprise that this year was very different.

However, we focused on what we could do, and our monthly online events meetings looked at the opportunities to provide socially distanced opportunities where we could.

During 2020/21 we have

- used our social media platforms to share news and information of interest to residents.
- based on levels of interest we worked with local residents Marilyn and Royston who designed a local heritage trail map/quiz which we shared on social media and through our website.
- Held a wine tasting fundraiser in October, in partnership with From the Grapevine. This was a small but enjoyable event, with several guests commenting that it was lovely to have the opportunity to do something that they'd enjoyed pre-covid.
- Supported a Halloween Window Trail, enabling residents to register on a downloadable map.
- Worked with the Old Town Library and South Swindon Parish Council to create a festive trail in Queens Park and Town Gardens, for children to find clues to solve a riddle.
- Held the third Eastcott Window Wanderland in March 2021 involving over 175 window makers creating a magical illuminated walking trail for all the community to enjoy. Our suggested theme 'Love the place you live' created some incredible, creative responses. Funded by the Ashley Family Foundation, this was a huge success, with overwhelming support, communicated via nearly 200 online surveys, for it to happen again.

All our activity this year has been organised with covid risk assessments at the forefront of our planning. For Window Wanderland we held weekly planning meetings on the run-up to the event. Special provision was made for delivery of art materials to window makers following quarantining, instead of workshops and collection. We made an event which is usually held in-person, accessible online (the WW artist workshops were done online and videos uploaded to YouTube)
Our messaging focused on this being an event for local residents only, encouraging those outside the immediate area to view the event online.

FINANCE:

Funding and support

We have two main income streams - **grant funding/fundraising** for events, activities, training and running costs; and **revenue from hiring** out the community centre.

Due to covid, the balance of hire fees and grant funding has been very different this year, with £35040 (over 91 %) coming from grants and just £1453 (3.8 %) from hire fees.

Grant funding:

We would like to thank our funders for 2020/21: National Lottery 25th anniversary fund, HM Government (coronavirus community fund, Local and Additional Restrictions Grant, Retail Hospitality and Leisure Grant) Wiltshire Community Foundation (ongoing grant till Nov 2020), and the Ashley Family Foundation.

Revenue from hirers:

We would like to thank all our hirers for supporting a community resource. We recognise that this has been a difficult period for everyone and look forward to welcoming more groups back when possible.

Reserves policy

- Our previous reserves policy was six months running costs for the centre (£1250 x 6), plus

- £1000 unrestricted funds for events/activities

Given our experience during covid we reviewed this, and have increased our reserves policy to:

- £10,000 (£1667 x 6 months running costs)

- £1000 unrestricted reserves for events/activities

We believe that this more accurately represents the risk of reduced income, and needing to open the centre with fewer hirers but increased costs (eg due to cleaning).

COMMITTEE AND STAFFING

At our online AGM in November 2020, nine trustees joined the volunteer board. Seven were re-appointments, and two new trustees. We conclude our current reporting period with eight trustees.

Our trustees' experience includes finance, charity work, social work, catering, marketing, administration, IT, journalism, environmental issues and engineering.

Chair: Caroline Davies-Khan
Vice-Chair: Anna Smart
Secretary: Lauren Wallis (Rebecca Campbell until September 2020)
Treasurer: Anne Stone
Health and Safety Officer: Steve Russell
Trustees:
Barrie Hudson
Bhawna Goyal
Laura Holmes (until March 2021)
Abigail Paginton

Our committee is appointed in line with our constitution and has met monthly on Mondays 7.30 – 9pm. Due to covid all out meetings have been held online. Following Charity Commission guidance our AGM in 2020 was held online.

We have retained two part time positions: A Community Centre Administrator and Events Coordinator.

We use a cleaning company to clean the building.

We are delighted to have increased our trustee board this year and to have added new skills and experience to our board.

We would like to thank trustees who have left the board this year – Rebecca Campbell and Laura Holmes, for their significant contributions throughout their period as trustees.

VOLUNTEERS

Pre-covid we had regular support from volunteers. During this restricted period we have still needed opening and closing volunteers and we thank our team for their support.

FINDING OUT WHAT OUR COMMUNITY WANTS

This year we have conducted surveys which have directly influenced our plans for 2021 and beyond:

- Eastcott Window Wanderland – nearly 200 survey responses to the 2020 event, with an overwhelming support for the event to happen again.
- Survey in summer 2020 to see how community responses to covid may influence our events.

PUBLICITY AND PROMOTION

We have not produced printed newsletters or leaflets during the period under review, due to covid restrictions. Instead we have used social media and printable maps. We have been fortunate to be featured in the Swindon Link magazine and the Swindon Advertiser.

We maintain a Facebook page with over 2000 followers and our hirers use a joint bookings/ promotional website. We have a Twitter account.

THE FUTURE

We continue to learn, grow, and respond to interest within the community.

In the year ahead we plan to:

- Take all possible measures to ensure that we are able to **re-open more fully as the Coronavirus restrictions are lifted.**
- **Continue to proceed towards a lease** to improve our organisational security and ability to access funding.
- Continue discussions about **improvements to the building**
- Offer **innovative community activities** when it is safe to do so, within relevant Coronavirus guidelines.
- Continue to **advertise for trustees and volunteers** as appropriate, to strengthen our skills base.
- **Buy in specialist help** where appropriate

Thank you to the following for help this year :

The **members of our community** who have participated in our activities and supported us.

Our hire groups

Our staff: Jo and Anish

Our centre and event volunteers

Our funders

ACRE and Community First - whose guidance regarding COVID regulations has been excellent.

Annual report approved by committee at a meeting held on 9/8/21

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| Income from Fund Raising Events | 155 | | 155 |
| Lettings | 1,453 | | 1,453 |
| Sale/Hire of Equipment | 0 | | |
| Deposits | 150 | 150 | |
| Transfer from Restricted Funds | 833 | | 833 |
| Waste Collection/Grit | 385 | | 385 |
| Total | £38,214 | £7,240 | £30,974 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| On Restricted Expenditure | 10,897 | 10,897 | |
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| Maintenance & Decorating | 0 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 253 | | 253 |
| Subscriptions and Memberships | 503 | | 503 |
| Training | 85 | | 85 |
| Covid 19 | 541 | | 541 |
| Staff | 5,859 | | 5,859 |
| Wi-Fi | 288 | | 288 |
| Total | £26,463 | £10,897 | £15,566 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year | £11,751 | -£3,657 | £15,408 |

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| Total Assets | <u>£23,686</u> |
| | |
| Represented By | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 21,361 |
| Restricted Funds | 2,325 |
| Total | <u>£23,686</u> |

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Eastcott Community Organisation
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31st March 2021

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| | Balance As at 03/31/2020 | Income in Year | Expenditure in Year |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Deposits | 795 | 150 | 525 |
| HMRC JRS Grant | 0 | 2,590 | 2,590 |
| Lottery Grant (Window Wanderland) | 855 | | 855 |
| WCF Grant (Events Co-ordinator) | 3,499 | | 3,499 |
| Ashley Family Grant | 0 | 4,500 | 2,595 |
| Sale of Equipment | 650 | | 650 |
| Wine Event | 183 | | 183 |
| | <u>£5,982</u> | <u>£7,240</u> | <u>£10,897</u> |

Note the expenditure of Sale of Equipment £650 and Wine Event total £183 re a transfer to Unrestricted income total £833

2 Fund Raising Events

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| Cheese & Wine Night | 155 | 74 |
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Eastcott Community Organisation
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Financial Statements For The Year Ended
31st March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Eastcott Com

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 which Are set out on page

Respective responsibilities of Management committee and exam

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's
consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the
Charities Act 2011 " The Act" and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:-

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of The Act
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by
the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5) (b) of The Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General directions given by the
Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept
by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes
consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking
explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures
undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit,
and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a
"true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the
statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 requir
-To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of The Act
-To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the
accounting requirements of The 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.

Date

Robert Raynes FCA
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Swindon
Wilts

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Income and Expenditure Account

| | Total | Restricted | Unrestricted |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Income | | | |
| Grants Received | 35,040 | 7,090 | 27,950 |
| Donations Received | 198 | | 198 |
| Income from Fund Raising Events | 155 | | 155 |
| Lettings | 1,453 | | 1,453 |
| Sale/Hire of Equipment | 0 | | |
| Deposits | 150 | 150 | |
| Transfer from Restricted Funds | 833 | | 833 |
| Waste Collection/Grit | 385 | | 385 |
| Total | £38,214 | £7,240 | £30,974 |
| Expenditure | | | |
| On Restricted Expenditure | 10,897 | 10,897 | |
| Expenditure on Fund Raising Events | 149 | | 149 |
| Rent | 3,375 | | 3,375 |
| Cleaning | 1,565 | | 1,565 |
| Insurance | 829 | | 829 |
| Newsletters/Flyers | 0 | | |
| Waste & Sanitary Collection | 529 | | 529 |
| Printing, Stationery & Telephone | 214 | | 214 |
| Accountancy Payroll | 389 | | 389 |
| Accountancy | 175 | | 175 |
| Music/ Media Licence | 597 | | 597 |
| Equipment & Repairs | 120 | | 120 |
| Gardening | 95 | | 95 |
| Maintenance & Decorating | 0 | | |
| Miscellaneous | 253 | | 253 |
| Subscriptions and Memberships | 503 | | 503 |
| Training | 85 | | 85 |
| Covid 19 | 541 | | 541 |
| Staff | 5,859 | | 5,859 |
| Wi-Fi | 288 | | 288 |
| Total | £26,463 | £10,897 | £15,566 |
| Net Surplus (Deficit) for the Year | £11,751 | -£3,657 | £15,408 |

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Balance Sheet

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|---------------------|----------------|
| Bank & Cash | |
| Lloyds Bank account | 23,618 |
| Cash in Hand | 68 |
| Total Assets | <u>£23,686</u> |
| | |
| Represented By | |
| Unrestricted Funds | 21,361 |
| Restricted Funds | 2,325 |
| Total | <u>£23,686</u> |

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf

Eastcott Community Organisation
Registered Charity Number 1160538
Notes to the Financial Statements For The Year Ende
31st March 2021

1 Movement on Restricted Funds

| | Balance As at 03/31/2020 | Income in Year | Expenditure in Year |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Deposits | 795 | 150 | 525 |
| HMRC JRS Grant | 0 | 2,590 | 2,590 |
| Lottery Grant (Window Wanderland) | 855 | | 855 |
| WCF Grant (Events Co-ordinator) | 3,499 | | 3,499 |
| Ashley Family Grant | 0 | 4,500 | 2,595 |
| Sale of Equipment | 650 | | 650 |
| Wine Event | 183 | | 183 |
| | <u>£5,982</u> | <u>£7,240</u> | <u>£10,897</u> |

Note the expenditure of Sale of Equipment £650 and Wine Event total £183 re a transfer to Unrestricted income total £833

2 Fund Raising Events

| | Income | Expenditure |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Repair Café/Freeshop | | 75 |
| Cheese & Wine Night | 155 | 74 |
| | <u>£155</u> | <u>£149</u> |

3 Reserves

| | Total | Restricted |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| As at 31st March 2020 | 11,935 | 5,982 |
| Surplus (Deficit) for year | 11,751 | -3,657 |
| As at 31st March 2021 | <u>£23,686</u> | <u>£2,325</u> |

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