

# NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1161174

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2015-04-07

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO RELIEVE CHILD POVERTY IN THE NORTH EAST OF ENGLAND FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT BY:A) RAISING AWARENESS OF THE ISSUE OF CHILD POVERTY AMONGST THE PUBLIC, EMPLOYERS AND ORGANISATIONS PROVIDING SERVICES TO YOUNG PEOPLEB) IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF, AND SOLUTIONS TO, CHILD POVERTYC) WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH PUBLIC SERVICE PROVIDERS, VOLUNTARY BODIES, EMPLOYERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE TO ADDRESS CHILD POVERTY

**Activities:** TheTrust:1. Research the nature, causes and consequences of child poverty and disseminate findings on what works 2. Work with young people to help them to engage with and influence policy makers within and beyond the region. 3. Shape services for families in poverty to shape the provision of public services for children to better address the impacts and causes of child poverty.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People

## Geography

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- Throughout England

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£0	£13,982	-	-
2024-03-31	£130,174	£125,145	-	-
2023-03-31	£94,895	£120,739	-	-
2022-03-31	£100,500	£161,684	-	-
2020-10-31	£95,870	£5,039	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Amy Richardson		2019-10-04
John Robert Downes		2025-03-24
Karen Deen		2023-02-10
Lewis Roberts		2019-10-04
SATTY RAI		2015-04-07
Thomas Sutton		2025-03-25

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report (including Directors' report) for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

Registered address  
c/o Northern Housing Consortium, Hope Street Xchange,  
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### Introduction

This Report and Accounts covers the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

### Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Trust are as set out in the governing document to mitigate and relieve child poverty in the North- East of England by

- Raising awareness of the issue of child poverty.
- Improving knowledge and understanding of the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, child poverty.
- Working collaboratively with public services, voluntary bodies, employers, and young people to address child poverty.

Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

As noted in last year's report, Trustees undertook a review to produce a new strategy. This work was completed in March 2024. **Ambitious for our children and young people** confirmed the Trust's core objectives should remain unchanged. In delivering the Trust's mission the following strategic objectives were set:

- Alignment of activities with the regional strategy on tackling child poverty published in February 2024 by the North East Child Poverty Commission under the title **No Time to Wait: an ambitious blueprint for tackling child poverty in the North East**.
- Raise funds to support community based, practical activities to address child poverty.
- Work in partnership as a facilitator and enabler and deliver activities through others rather than become a direct service provider.

Trustees have developed an Action Plan to implement the new strategy.

### Activities in 2024-25

During the financial year 2024–2025, the North East Child Poverty Trust did not receive any income. This marks a significant change from the previous reporting year, when NECPT received £130,174 in funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

The result of the absence of new income was a reliance on prior year reserves, using them to complete or maintain commitments related to prior funding programmes.

Most of this year's expenditure was covered using restricted funds, which were fully utilised by year-end.

NECPT now operates with a modest unrestricted cash reserve of £2,421, but without any new income, its ability to fund future operations is significantly limited. Unless new grant funding or donations are secured, the Trust may face difficulty maintaining or initiating projects in the upcoming year.

### **Financial review**

On 31 March 2025 the Trust had a bank balance of £2,421 which is fully unrestricted reserves.

The financial position reflects a transitional year for the Trust. As a result of the financial position, NECPT is actively engaged in seeking new funding, especially grant opportunities aligned with the charity's objectives. An obvious source for us is to re-engage with past funders such as the National Lottery Community Fund. In the short term we may look to strengthen fundraising efforts including donations, partnerships, or community engagement initiatives.

There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The Trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is suitable for the charity at this time and will continue to hold small unrestricted reserves pot with most of the reserves specifically allocated to relieve child poverty.

The trustees would like to acknowledge and thank Home Group for the use of One Strawberry Lane for all trustee meetings throughout the year.

### **Structure, governance, and management**

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is governed by its Constitution. There were no significant changes to governance arrangements. One Trustee resigned and was replaced following a recruitment process.

#### **The Trustees during the period were:**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Sean Laws	Chair (apptd. May 204)
Satty Rai	Secretary
Jane Streather	(Resigned June 2025)
Philippa Gardiner	Treasurer
Amy Richardson	
John Downes	(Apptd. March 2025)
Thomas Sutton	(Apptd, March 2025)
Lewis Roberts	
Jim Coulter	Chair (resigned May 2024)
Jackie McHanwell	(Resigned September 2024)
Karen Deen	

Trustees reviewed the skills matrix used to assess learning and development needs and individual Trustees updated their profiles. The findings will be used to assist future recruitment to ensure the Trust continues to have a diverse, skilled and experienced Board.

**Funds held as custodian**

No funds were held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

**Plans for future periods**

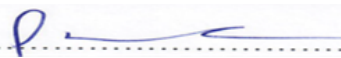
The trust is actively seeking funding opportunities for future activities and will maintain the themes it articulated in the last Annual Report as it goes forward:

- To work in partnership and deliver through others with emphasis on supporting and enabling local communities.
- To strengthen the relationship with the North East Child Poverty Commission in fulfilment of our shared aim to tackle and eliminate child poverty.
- To emphasise the importance of communicating and sharing learning and emphasise the importance of impact for people.
- To explore gaps in provision and opportunities to promote innovative practice.
- To develop initiatives in the region acknowledging the widespread existence of child poverty.
- To identify funding sources to enable the Trust’s support work to continue and secure delivery through partnerships based on a shared vision.

Approved by the Board on 08/08/2025 and signed on their behalf by the trustees:



..... Sean Laws (Chair)



..... Philippa Gardiner (Treasurer)

**Notes to the Accounts**

**Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis of accounting due to the size of the charity.

**Income Recognition**

There was no income received in year.

Grants received are recognised fully on date of receipt into bank account.

Donations received during the year are recognised when received.

**Donated Goods, Facilities and Services**

The charity received free office space during the year to hold trustee meetings.

**Activity Related Expenditure**

The above SOFA splits out the expenditure in the year.

**Apportionment of costs**

There has been no apportionment of costs between funds. All expenditure was directly attributable to either unrestricted or restricted activities.

**Trustee Remuneration and Benefits**

During the year one trustee received reimbursement for payment of internet charges on behalf of the charity totalling £57.40.

**Trustee expenses**

A total of £125.44 has been paid for an insurance policy with Zurich Insurance plc – part of this amount is to cover Trustees' Liability Insurance.


**Examiners' Remuneration**

There has been no independent examination of the accounts due to the income dropping under the de-minimus threshold.

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-		-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	-	-	-	-	130,174
Unrestricted donation	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	-	-	-	130,174
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	-	-	-	130,174
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grant Leading Link National Lottery Community Fund programme					
		12,554	-	12,554	123,608
Grant to Northumberland County Council for summer National Lottery programme					
Evaluation	-	960	-	960	-
Administration costs	468	-	-	468	1,537
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	468	13,514	-	13,982	125,145
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	468	13,514	-	13,982	125,145
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 468	- 13,514	-	- 13,982	5,029
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,889	13,514	-	16,403	11,374
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	2,421	-	-	2,421	16,403

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restrict ed funds to nearest £	Endowm ent funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current bank account	2,421	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,421</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restrict ed funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowm ent funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Philippa Gardiner	08/08/2025	
		Sean Laws	08/08/2025	

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This Report and Accounts covers the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) awarded North East Child Poverty Trust (NECPT) a £300,000 grant over three years in March 2021 covering the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. In December 2022 NLCF agreed an additional grant of £25,000 in view of demand and cost increases driven by the 'cost of living crisis' experienced across communities.

The grant funds the partnership between NECPT, Northumberland County Council (NCC) and Leading Link (LL). The aim is to offer a community and youth led programme building local partnerships and capacity and support for local organisations. The project aims to maximise impact and add value to the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme delivered through the local authority which now delegates programme oversight and management to Leading Link.

### Objectives and activities

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As noted in last year's report, Trustees undertook a review to produce a new strategy. This work was completed in March 2024. **Ambitious for our children and young people** confirmed the Trust's core objectives should remain unchanged. In delivering the Trust's mission the following strategic objectives were set:

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Trustees have developed an Action Plan to implement the new strategy.

## **Activities in 2023-24**

The Northumberland Holiday Programme grew substantially in 2023. The number of holiday clubs grew to 178 from 42 in the previous year. The number of children served more than doubled to 5,264 and there were 108,520 hours of provision with 27,130 meals being served. The family and teenage offer was supported by 31 partner organisations with 17,152 hours of activities involving 2,170 children and young people and 2,101 adults. Clubs were run by a mixture of community organisations, leisure centres, youth services, children's services and schools. There was a 16 per cent increase in engaging with the programme.

Three initiatives during the year were particularly important:

- The growth of Leading Link's Young Leaders Programme was able to expand with funding for learning and development through residential courses aiming to support personal and team development; gain skills and experience through practical exercises as well as developing monitoring and evaluation and review skills. These so called 'soft skills' enhance personal capability and were put to great use in support of delivery of holiday camps and after school clubs, including in the wider North of Tyne Combined Authority area. The YL programme now has over 140 participants and helps embed sustainability of activity across local areas.
- A programme known as 'HAF plus' was developed in partnership between DfE, Northumbria University and Leading Link, Northumberland County Council plus Gateshead Council, The Mayor of London's Fund and Birmingham Council/Street Games through a range of events involving 500 young people. The focus was on design of programmes by young people and negotiation of possible future support from business representatives. This activity culminated in a conference held in February 2024 at the Baltic in Gateshead and organised and managed by Leading Link Young Leaders. This will be followed up through future collaborations.
- The establishment of a 'family offer' to engage parents and carers as well as children and young people in shared activity. This has emphasised the importance of community support for activity and is critical to building cross generational relationships in neighbourhoods.

As well as these direct activities Trustees have focussed on ensuring dissemination to promote knowledge of good practice. In September 2023, the Trust published a report incorporating the Northumbria University independent assessment of the HAF programme and secured wide circulation via social media. A further report for 2024 will be published in May 2024. The NECPT website is being overhauled through an arrangement with Accenture which provides free support to charities to improve their service. That work began in August 2023 and will conclude early in the 2024-25 year for a Spring launch.

In seeking to spread learning and best practice, NECPT, with support from Voluntary Organisations Network North East (VONNE) has held two briefing sessions with the Tees Valley infrastructure partnership (TVIP) highlighting the added value of NLCF funding with a focus on the importance of the Young Leaders programme.

## **Impact and added value**

In summary the added value gained from the Lottery grant via NECPT

- Enabled a flexible approach to provision encouraging innovation in developing community resources.

- Developed local partnerships with anchor organisations ensuring that a place-based approach has greater impact because of enhanced local knowledge.
- Allowed more inclusive approaches to move beyond the original 4X4X4 construct of HAF in terms of hours per day, days per week and weeks per summer provision.
- Supported the expansion of opportunities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities – in year 1 there were 332 SEND children engaged and by year 3 this had quadrupled to 1,391.

The Northumbria University evaluation is based on parent/carer and provider surveys so represents an extensive data set. The report highlights the very rapid year on year growth of participants, ie users and providers, as well as the increase in hours of provision. Of particular importance is the qualitative feedback demonstrating positive outcomes for children and young people in health and wellbeing (including parents and carers), confidence levels among children and young people as well as impact on social isolation, anti-social behaviour and school readiness. The information on physical activity and its benefits is an important indicator of the need for a comprehensive approach to the offers in the HAF arrangements. The data also demonstrates an increase in household food insecurity, reflecting inflation pressures but also reinforcing the importance of quality food offerings as part of the HAF programme.

### **Financial review**

On 31 March 2024 the Trust had a bank balance of £16,403. The NLCF grant received in 2023-24 was £130,174 which included underspend from the previous financial year plus the additional £25,000 grant agreed in December 2022. The charity spent £125,145 during the period which was largely made up of grants to Leading Link.

At the period end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £2,889 and restricted reserves of £13,514 totalling £16,403 of reserves. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The Trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is suitable for the charity at this time and will continue to hold small unrestricted reserves pot with most of the reserves specifically allocated to relieve child poverty.

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### **Structure, governance, and management**

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#### **The Trustees during the period were:**

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Satty Rai	Secretary
Jane Streater	
Philippa Gardiner	Treasurer
Amy Richardson	
Siobhan O'Neill	resigned September 2023
Lewis Roberts	
Jim Coulter	Chair

Thomas Monaghan      resigned March 2024  
Jackie McHanwell  
Karen Deen

During the year the Trust embarked on the recruitment of a Vice Chair who would assume the Chair role when the current incumbent stands down in Autumn 2024. The process was completed after the end of the reporting year and Sean Laws was appointed to the role.

Trustees reviewed the skills matrix used to assess learning and development needs and individual Trustees updated their profiles. The findings will be used to assist future recruitment to ensure the Trust continues to have a diverse, skilled and experienced Board.

Trustees also noted that the Charity Governance Code Steering Group commenced a consultation to update the Code. The Board will consider any recommendations in 2024-25.

### **Funds held as custodian**

No funds were held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

### **Plans for future periods**

The expiry of the three-year National Lottery Community Fund grant means the Trust has no new funding to hand. Trustees are reviewing the recommendations of the NECPC regional strategy to assess what priorities to pursue in future. This will focus on the priority 'the best start in life for the next generation' highlighted in the Commission's report.

In doing so, the Trust will maintain the themes it articulated in the last Annual Report as it goes forward:

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- To identify funding sources to enable the Trust's support work to continue and secure delivery through partnerships based on a shared vision.

Approved by the Board on 26th July 2024 and signed on their behalf by the trustees:



Jim Coulter (Chair)



Philippa Gardiner (Treasurer)



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

North East Child Poverty Trust

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
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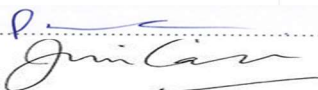
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-		-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	-	130,174	-	130,174	94,826
Unrestricted donation	-	-	-	-	69
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	130,174	-	130,174	94,895
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	130,174	-	130,174	94,895
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grant Leading Link National Lottery Community Fund programme		123,608	-	123,608	98,224
Grant to Northumberland County Council for summer National Lottery programme		-	-	-	14,425
Evaluation	-	-	-	-	7,500
Administration costs	-	1,537	-	1,537	590
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	125,145	-	125,145	120,739
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	-	125,145	-	125,145	120,739
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	-	5,029	-	5,029	- 25,844
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	2,889	8,485	-	11,374	37,218
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	2,889	13,514	-	16,403	11,374

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current bank account		2,889	13,514	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>			<b>2,889</b>	<b>13,514</b>
	payments account(s))		OK	OK	OK
			<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details		-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
			-	-	-
	Details		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
				-	-
	Details		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
			Philippa Gardiner		
			Jim Coulter		

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis of accounting due to the size of the charity.

### **Income Recognition**

The main source of income received during the year was through grant funding from the National Lottery Community Foundation.

Grants received of £130,174 have been recognised in full at point of receipt into the bank. This income is restricted in accordance with the NLCF terms.

Donations received during the year are recognised when received.

### **Donated Goods, Facilities and Services**

The charity received free office space during the year to hold trustee meetings.

### **Activity Related Expenditure**

The above SOFA splits out the expenditure in the year.

### **Apportionment of costs**

There has been no apportionment of costs between funds. All expenditure was directly attributable to either unrestricted or restricted activities.

### **Trustee Remuneration and Benefits**

There were no payments made to trustees or connected organisations during the year.

### **Trustee expenses**

A total of £116 has been paid for an insurance policy with Zurich Insurance plc – part of this amount is to cover Trustees' Liability Insurance.

### **Examiners' Remuneration**

The examination this year has been provided pro-bono.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Child Poverty**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 Examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records.

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 financial statements to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "G Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gillian Benjamin ACA

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26/07/2024

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## **NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY TRUST**

**Charity registration number 1161174**

**Trustees' Annual Report (including Directors' report) for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

### **Registered address**

**c/o Northern Housing Consortium, Hope Street Xchange,  
1-3 Hind Street, Sunderland, SR1 3QD**

### **Introduction**

This Report and Accounts covers the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. The National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) awarded North East Child Poverty Trust (NECPT) a £300,000 grant over three years in March 2021 covering the financial years 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24. In December 2022 NLCF agreed an additional grant of £25,000 in view of demand and cost increases driven by the 'cost of living crisis' experienced across communities.

The grant funds the partnership between NECPT, Northumberland County Council (NCC) and Leading Link (LL). The aim is to offer a community and youth led programme building local partnerships and capacity and support for local organisations. The project aims to maximise impact and add value to the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme delivered through the local authority which now delegates programme oversight and management to Leading Link. The grant funding was intended to extend this approach to other parts of the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) area in the second and third years. The section on activity in 2022-23 covers both the continuing work in Northumberland and these additional activities.

### **Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Trust are as set out in the governing document to mitigate and relieve child poverty in the North- East of England by

- Raising awareness of the issue of child poverty
- Improving knowledge and understanding of the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, child poverty
- Working collaboratively with public services, voluntary bodies, employers, and young people to address child poverty.

Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit under the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

### **Activities in 2022-23**

The Northumberland Holiday Programme grew substantially in 2022 over the previous year. In summer 2022 there were 42 holiday camps compared to 32 in the previous year (31 per cent increase) and the number of hours delivered, children attending, meals provided, and hours of family provision similarly grew substantially. In the winter camps there were 132,94 hours of provision with 768 children attending. There was substantial winter provision outside the camps activity for children as well as growth in family activities. It is anticipated this growth will continue in 2023-24.

The original grant agreement envisaged that in years 2 and 3 there would be increasing activity in the areas of NTCA outside Northumberland to develop further the community and place-based approach. This has started on a pilot basis involving:

- Rigorous local needs assessment to establish a baseline;
- Engaging with secondary schools to recruit potential Young Leaders and monitor outcomes;
- Extensive training and development opportunities for Young Leaders (YLS);
- The introduction of participation in Children's University programmes to develop learning.

In those areas there are four primary schools and three secondaries engaged respectively in the Children's University programme and the LL Young Leaders programme, which has also continued its development in Northumberland. In total there are over 100 Young Leaders engaged across the whole area supporting after school activities and the Holiday Programme.

### **Impact and learning: people and policy**

The evaluation of the Northumberland programme was contracted by Leading Link to Northumbria University Healthy Living Lab (HLL) for the summer 2022 and summer 2023 activities. The work is funded jointly by NECPT and NC. The HLL team is led by Professor Greta Defeyter, a nationally recognised expert in HAF research and evaluation.

The evaluation report data details several positive outcomes. There are demonstrated positive benefits for children, parents, and caregivers – improved mental wellbeing, engagement in enriching activities, reduced social isolation, boost in self-esteem and confidence, improved behaviour at home and better preparation for learning at school.

The National Lottery funding via NECPT has contributed to significant achievements in the Northumberland Holiday Programme. The additional resource has enhanced the 'test and learn' approach and enabled exploration of best practice and enhanced capacity building as well as creating space and opportunity to support the development of local relationships. Innovation has characterised the approach to building on the HAF foundations and that is reflected in many parts of the country leading the Department for Education to adapt its guidelines as the scheme develops.

A 'HAF plus' approach has enabled a more broad-based mix of activity and set of outcomes in going beyond the Free School Meal attendees' approach to tackle wider aspects of family poverty and disadvantage for example through the 'family offer'. Northumberland FSM reach is in any event 47% of the eligible cohort, compared to the national average at 22%. Policy change has been impacted as a result, so the December 2022 Department for Education guidance now recognises a wider use by local authorities of the 15% tolerance margin, best practice for children with SEND needs is recognised, as well as capacity building, which has been central to the Northumberland approach.

These lessons are being shared between areas across the country for example through the so-called 'design sprint'. This has been a year-long consultation with 500 young people and a recent policy roundtable coordinated by the Department for Education where young people shared ideas and plans leading in the design and development of holiday activities. The project was co-ordinated by Professor Defeyter and a Department for Education event was attended by senior business executives interacting with the young people attending. Young Leaders play a leading role in managing and delivering activities, again demonstrating the growth of capacity and confidence.

## Financial review

At 31 March 2023 the Trust had a bank balance of £11,374.

The NLCF original grant is paid in two tranches each financial year. The original intention was to grant £100,000 each year but the sums have fluctuated because of spend patterns, particularly the underspend in the first financial year, 2021-22. The NLCF grant received in 2022-23 was £94,826.

The charity spent £120,739 during the period which was largely made up of grants to Leading Link and Northumberland County Council. The underspend in year 1 was carried forward to the 2022-23 financial year and a smaller underspend in that year has been carried forward to the 2023-24 financial year to which the additional grant of £25,000 has been added.

At the period end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £2,889 and restricted reserves of £8,485 totalling £11,374 of reserves. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The Trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is suitable for the charity at this time and will continue to hold small unrestricted reserves with most of the reserves specifically allocated to relieve child poverty.

## Structure, governance, and management

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation is governed by its Constitution. There were no significant changes to governance arrangements. One Trustee resigned and was replaced following a recruitment process.

### The Trustees during the period were:

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Satty Rai	Secretary
Jane Streater	
Philippa Gardiner	Treasurer
Geri Brown	(resigned October 2022)
Amy Richardson	
Siobhan O'Neill	
Lewis Roberts	
Jim Coulter	Chair
Thomas Monaghan	
Jackie McHanwell	
Karen Deen	(appointed March 2023)

### Funds held as custodian

No funds were held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

### Plans for future periods

At the beginning of the financial year Trustees embarked on a strategic review following a period of two years when there were no in person Board meetings because of the pandemic and lockdown and meeting restriction requirements and advice. Inevitably the online meetings were focussed on operational performance and Trustees were keen to reposition the organisation for future activity.

Although the review is ongoing there are several clear emerging themes:

- To work in partnership and deliver through others with emphasis on supporting and enabling local communities.
- To strengthen the relationship with the North East Child Poverty Commission in fulfilment of our shared aim to tackle and eliminate child poverty.
- To emphasise the importance of communicating and sharing learning and emphasise the importance of impact for people.
- To explore gaps in provision and opportunities to promote innovative practice.
- To develop initiatives in the region acknowledging the widespread existence of child poverty.
- To identify funding sources to enable the Trust's support work to continue and secure delivery through partnerships based on a shared vision.

The review will conclude in the 2023-24 financial year.

Approved by the board on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023 and signed on their behalf by the trustees:



Jim Coulter (Chair)



Philippa Gardiner (Treasurer)



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North East Child Poverty Trust

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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

01/04/2022



To

31/03/2023

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-		-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	-	94,826	-	94,826	100,000
Unrestricted donation	69	-	-	69	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>94,826</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,895</b>	<b>100,500</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>94,826</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>94,895</b>	<b>100,500</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grant Leading Link delivery Covid National Lottery programme		-	-	-	90,870
Grant Leading Link National Lottery Community Fund programme		98,224	-	98,224	50,043
Grant to Northumberland County Council for summer National Lottery programme		14,425	-	14,425	15,080
Evaluation	-	7,500	-	7,500	5,000
Administration costs	-	590	-	590	691
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,739</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,739</b>	<b>161,684</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,739</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,739</b>	<b>161,684</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>- 25,913</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 25,844</b>	<b>- 61,184</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>34,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,218</b>	<b>98,402</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>8,485</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,374</b>	<b>37,218</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current bank account	2,889	8,485	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,889</b>	<b>8,485</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Philippa Gardiner		
		Jim Coulter		

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis of accounting due to the size of the charity.

### **Income Recognition**

The main source of income received during the year was through grant funding from the National Lottery Community Foundation.

Grants received of £94,826 have been recognised in full at point of receipt into the bank. This income is restricted in accordance with the NLCF terms.

Donations received during the year are recognised when received.

### **Donated Goods, Facilities and Services**

The charity received free office space during the year to hold trustee meetings.

### **Activity Related Expenditure**

The above SOFA splits out the expenditure in the year.

### **Apportionment of costs**

There has been no apportionment of costs between funds. All expenditure was directly attributable to either unrestricted or restricted activities.

### **Trustee Remuneration and Benefits**

There were no payments made to trustees or connected organisations during the year.

### **Trustee expenses**

A total of £179 has been paid for an insurance policy with Zurich Insurance plc – part of this amount is to cover Trustees' Liability Insurance.

### **Examiners' Remuneration**

The examination this year has been provided pro-bono.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Child Poverty**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements 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 Examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. Accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act: or
2. The financial statements do not accord with those records.

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 financial statements to be reached.

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21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161174

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# Accounts

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## **Introduction**

This Report and Accounts covers the period from 1 November 2020 to 31 March 2022, a period of 17 months. Trustees decided to change the annual report and accounts cycle to be 1 April to 31 March the following year in order better to reflect the standard reporting year used by funders and partners.

## **Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Trust are as set out in the governing document to mitigate and relieve child poverty in the North East of England by:

- Raising awareness of the issue of child poverty
- Improving knowledge and understanding of the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, child poverty
- Working collaboratively with public services, voluntary bodies, employers and young people to address child poverty.

As reported last year, we were awarded a grant of £95,870 in September 2020 for the period to end March 2021 by the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) under its Covid Recovery Programme. This grant aid followed discussions with Northumberland County Council (NCC) and Leading Link (LL) about implementation strategies. Given the Covid restrictions and periodic lockdowns, LL, acting as delivery partner, adopted a mixed approach to delivery using pop up activities when able to do so, supplemented by digital delivery, particularly at Christmas 2020. Many schools were engaged in this approach and significant health and wellbeing benefits to children and young people were reported.

NECPT commissioned Newcastle University to evaluate the programme, reviewing the data about activities and participation but also engaging with children and young people and their parents about the programme. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the evaluation report made recommendations for further follow-up to embed the benefits of the programme.

In March 2021, NLCF allocated a grant of £300,000 to NECPT for the three financial years beginning April 2021 and concluding in March 2024. The grant aid was to develop further the model in operation from the Covid Recovery Grant by offering a community and youth led programme building on local partnerships helping to develop local capacity and support for local organisations. The project aim was to maximise the impact the funding could bring and add value to the services provided via the government's pilot Holiday Activities and Food programme delivered through Northumberland County Council. NECPT agreed to partner again with Leading Link and NCC funding activities led by LL and supporting NCC by contributing to the costs of holiday camps to ensure they were accessible to all.

Our main activities during the year, our fifth of operation, continued to focus on promoting activities and healthy eating for disadvantaged children. Activity in the year was adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic but in September, working in partnership with Northumberland County Council (NCC) we received grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) to support a 'pop-up' programme across areas of Northumberland in support of our aims.

At the close of the financial reporting period North East Child Poverty Trust (NECPT) had made grants to third parties as allowed in its constitution. The grants were to Leading Link for delivery of the above mentioned Lottery programmes.

In carrying out these activities, Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as required under the Charities Act 2011.

### **Achievements and performance**

The Covid Recovery Programme grant enable Leading Link to organise a range of activities through pop-ups and digital delivery. The number of participants grew across the short duration of the programme:

- At Halloween 2020 the number of partner organisations was 12: by Easter 2021 it was 65,
- Events increased from 20 to 115 in the same period,
- The number of young people reached across the period grew from 500 to 4,500,
- The number of schools engaged grew from 5 to 85, and
- The number of volunteers engaged started at 20 and grew to 80.

The Summer programme funded by the new three-year programme continued this growth with 32 summer camps delivered and some 1600 children participating with 750 of these places supported by NECPT. Almost 20,000 meals were delivered across the Northumberland HAF programme.

The new funding also enabled Leading Link to further develop its innovative Young Leaders Programme with skill development and personal growth at its heart. The Newcastle University evaluation report reported very positively on its outcomes and impact.

### **Financial review**

At the end of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the Trust had a bank balance of £37,218.

During the 17month period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 the charity received income of £100,000 as part of the three-year National Lottery Community grant and was also given a generous donation of £500 from Waitrose at Eldon Square.

The charity spent £161.6k during the period which was largely made up of grants to Leading Link and Northumberland County Council for delivery of both the Covid Recovery grant and School Holiday activities.

At the period end the charity held unrestricted reserves of £2,820 and restricted reserves of £34,398 totalling £37,218 of reserves. There are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The trustees are satisfied that the level of reserves is suitable for the charity at this time and will continue to hold small unrestricted reserves pot with most of the reserves specifically allocated to relieve child poverty.

## Structure, governance and management

As reported last year a number of founder Trustees retired from the Board and new trustees were appointed. There were no significant changes to governance arrangements other than the development of a whistleblowing policy and a detailed skills matrix for Trustee training needs and new appointments.

### The Trustees during the 2020-22 period were:

Trustee name	Office
Jim Coulter	Chair
Satty Rai	Secretary
Jane Streater	
Philippa Gardiner	Treasurer
Malcolm Brain	(resigned March 2022)
Katalin Bartos	(resigned January 2021)
Geri Brown	
Amy Richardson	
Siobhan O'Neill	
Lewis Roberts	
Thomas Monaghan	(appointed March 2022)
Jackie McHanwell	(appointed March 2022)

### Funds held as custodian

No funds were held as custodian Trustees on behalf of others.

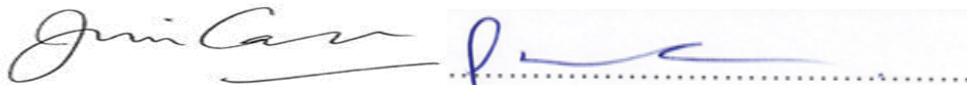
### Plans for future periods

Trustees are keen to use the experience gained from the partnership with Northumberland County Council and Leading Link to extend the range and geography of activities in the three year funding programme supported by the National Lottery Community Fund.

Approved by the board on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and signed on their behalf by the trustees:

Jim Coulter (Chair)

Philippa Gardiner (Treasurer)





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**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

01/11/2020



To

31/03/2022

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-		-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund Grant	-	100,000	-	100,000	95,870
Waitrose Donation	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,500</b>	<b>95,870</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100,500</b>	<b>95,870</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Grant Leading Link delivery Covid National Lottery programme		90,870	-	90,870	-
Grant Leading Link yr 1 of 3 year National Lottery programme		50,043	-	50,043	-
Grant to Northumberland County Council for summer National Lottery programme		15,080	-	15,080	-
Evaluation	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Administration costs	212	479	-	691	5,039
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>161,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161,684</b>	<b>5,039</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>161,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>161,684</b>	<b>5,039</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>- 61,472</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 61,184</b>	<b>90,831</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>95,870</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>98,402</b>	<b>7,571</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>34,398</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37,218</b>	<b>98,402</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current bank account	2,820	34,398	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,820</b>	<b>34,398</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>	<b>Current value (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>	<b>When due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
		Philippa Gardiner		20/05/2022
		Jim Coulter		20/05/2022

## **Notes to the Accounts**

### **Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements**

The financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis of accounting due to the size of the charity.

### **Income Recognition**

The main source of income received during the year was through grant funding from the National Lottery Community Foundation.

Grants received of £100,000 have been recognised in full at point of receipt into the bank. This income is restricted in accordance with the NLCF terms.

Donations received during the year are recognised when received.

### **Donated Goods, Facilities and Services**

The charity received free office space during the year to hold trustee meetings.

### **Activity Related Expenditure**

The above SOFA splits out the expenditure in the year.

### **Apportionment of costs**

There has been no apportionment of costs between funds. All expenditure was directly attributable to either unrestricted or restricted activities.

### **Trustee Remuneration and Benefits**

There were no payments made to trustees or connected organisations during the year.

During 2019-20 the trust made a donation of £810 as thanks for work undertaken in kind by trustee Amy Richardson. The beneficiary was Five Lamps (Amy's employer) to be utilised for charitable purposes. This was agreed by the Board of Trustees.

### **Trustee expenses**

A total of £179 has been paid for an insurance policy with Zurich Insurance plc – part of this amount is to cover Trustees' Liability Insurance.

### **Examiners' Remuneration**

A fee of £240 was paid to the examiners for the 2020 financial statements. The examination this year has been provided pro-bono.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Child Poverty**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2022.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 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 Examiners statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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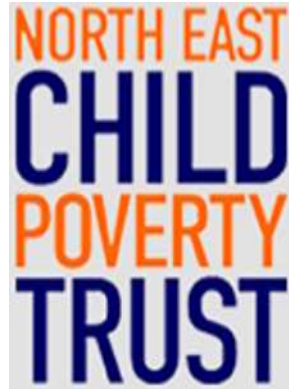
**NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 1161174

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# Accounts

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## **North East Child Poverty Trust**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2020**

Charity registration number 1161174

#### **Registered Address**

c/o Northern Housing Consortium, Loftus House, Sunderland Enterprise Park, Sunderland SR5 3XB

#### **Objectives and activities**

The purposes of the Trust are as set out in the governing document to mitigate and relieve child poverty in the North East of England by

- Raising awareness of the issue of child poverty
- Improving knowledge and understanding of the causes and consequences of, and solutions to, child poverty
- Working collaboratively with public services, voluntary bodies, employers and young people to address child poverty.

Our main area of activity has been to progress further work to support holiday club activity following the success of grant aided programmes carried out in 2017-18. Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit under the requirements of the Charity Act 2011. In the financial year the North East Child Poverty Trust has not made any grants to third parties.

Our main activities during the year, our fifth of operation, continued to focus on promoting activities and healthy eating for disadvantaged children. Activity in the year was adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic but in September, working in partnership with Northumberland County Council (NCC) we received grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF) to support a 'pop-up' programme across areas of Northumberland in support of our aims.

At the close of the financial year reporting period North East Child Poverty Trust (NECPT) had not made any grants to third parties but this was under negotiation to be allocated in the 2020-21 financial year. In carrying out these activities, Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit as required under the Charities Act 2011.

### **Achievements and performance**

As noted above, NECPT has pursued grant aid to support work to enable children to engage in activities and to promote healthy eating. In September 2020 NLCF awarded NECPT grant funding of £95,870 for the period to the end of March 2021 to support a pop-up activities programme across five areas of urban and rural Northumberland. The aims of the programme are to:

- Secure joint development of local programmes to facilitate provision of food and healthy eating activities;
- Physical activities to promote exercise and personal wellbeing;
- Cultural and educational activities to support and supplement the return to school education.

Following discussions with NCC agreement was reached with a local charity, Leading Link, to act as project co-ordinator and facilitator for the programme. Leading Link had already worked with NCC on a similar programme in the Summer 2020. At the close of the reporting year discussions were under way to agree a joint Memorandum of Understanding to govern the partnership and oversee the pop-up programme.

### **Financial Review**

At the end of October 2020, the trust had a bank balance of £98,402 split between unrestricted reserves of £2,532 and restricted reserves of £95,870 which was income granted by National Lottery Community Fund for activities as described above. The trust had a committed ongoing expenses and liability of £10,435 to be paid to Leading Link soon after the year end which has not been booked in the accounts.

Our reserves at year end stood at £98,402, and there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern. The Trust intends to remain small and with minimal overhead costs for the next financial year. Therefore, extensive reserves are not required, and most income received will be spent on alleviating child poverty.

### **Structure, governance and management**

As reported last year a number of founder Trustees retired from the Board and new trustees were appointed. The Trustees agreed a range of changes to governance arrangements as follows:

- A statement of NECPT's Governance Principles based on the Charity Governance Code endorsed by the Charity Commission;
- A Complaints Policy and Procedure;
- A Protocol on the relationship between NECPT and the North East Child Poverty Commission reinforcing the former's independence as well as the agreed working relationship and information exchange between the two parties.

Trustee recruitment is based on the skills required by the charity and individuals serve for a three year renewable term.

The Trustees during the 2019-20 year were:

<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office</b>
Jim Coulter	Chair
Satty Rai	Secretary
Jane Streater	
Philippa Gardiner	Treasurer
Malcolm Brain	
Katalin Bartos	
Geri Brown	
Amy Richardson	
Siobhan O'Neill	
Lewis Roberts	

### **Funds held as custodian**

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

### **Plans for future periods**

Trustees are keen to use the current pop-ups programme in Northumberland to launch a bid with NLCF for a broader geographical coverage of this programme and discussions are being held with NLCF about the process for agreeing a review of the impact of the current programme with a view to making a new multi area and multi- year bid in 2021.

Approved by the board on 26 February 2021 and signed on their behalf of the charity's Trustees;

Jim Coulter (Chair)

Philippa Gardiner (Treasurer)

The image shows two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The signature on the left is 'Jim Coulter' and the signature on the right is 'Philippa Gardiner'. Both signatures are written in a cursive style.



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North East Child Poverty Trust 1161174

**Receipts and payments accounts**



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For the period from 01/11/2019 To 31/10/2020

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	-		-	-	-
Lottery Grant	-	95,870	-	95,870	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	-	95,870	-	95,870	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	-	95,870	-	95,870	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Consultancy/Research	4,050	-	-	4,050	-
Donations Five Lamps	810	-	-	810	-
Insurance	179	-	-	179	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	5,039	-	-	5,039	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	5,039	-	-	5,039	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 5,039	95,870	-	90,831	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	7,571	-	-	7,571	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	2,532	95,870	-	98,402	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current bank account	2,532	95,870	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>95,870</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b> to nearest £	<b>Restricted funds</b> to nearest £	<b>Endowment funds</b> to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature		Print Name	Date of approval
			Philippa Gardiner	26/02/2021
			Jim Coulter	26/02/2021

## **Notes To The Accounts**

### **Basis of Preparation of Accounts**

The accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis of accounting due to the size of the charity.

### **Income Recognition**

All income received during the year was through grant funding from the National Lottery Community Fund.

The grant receipt of £95,870 has been recognised in full at point of receipt into the bank. This income is restricted due to the activities to be provided being of a specific nature and in accordance with the terms of NLCF.

### **Donated Goods, Facilities and Services**

The charity received free office space during the year to hold trustee meetings.

### **Activity Related Expenditure**

The above SOFA splits out the expenditure in the year.

### **Apportionment of Costs**

There has been no apportionment of costs between funds in the accounts. All expenditure was directly attributable to unrestricted expenditure.

### **Trustee Remuneration and Benefits**

The trust made a donation in the year of £810 as thanks for work undertaken in kind by trustee Amy Richardson. The beneficiary was Five Lamps (Amy's employer) to be utilised for charitable purposes. This was agreed by the Board of Trustees.

### **Trustees Expenses**

A total of £179 has been paid for an insurance policy with Zurich Insurance plc – part of this amount is to cover Trustees' Liability Insurance.

### **Auditor's Remuneration**

The cost of the fee for Independent Examination has not been booked in the accounts as the accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North East Child Poverty**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 October 2020 which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

### **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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
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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.



Gillian Benjamin ACA  
For and on behalf of Haines Watts

*15 March 2020*

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