

RAY GRAY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1162598

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-07-09

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF WALKERGATE, NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE, DISABILITY, AGE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS 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 LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS OBJECT BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR THE ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: We are a long established community centre delivering a programme of activities designed to meet local needs. The centre is situated in the heart of a council estate in one of the most deprived wards of Newcastle.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Newcastle Upon Tyne City
- North Tyneside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£18,934	£21,397	-	-
2024-03-31	£13,499	£9,834	-	-
2023-03-31	£13,049	£7,900	-	-
2022-03-31	£35,661	£21,374	-	-
2021-03-31	£16,142	£11,313	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Park		2018-11-20
Nichola Ashley Park		2024-05-16
SALLYANN BLANEY		2015-04-01
Samuel Vernon		2022-03-31

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REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for year ended 31 March 2025

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Carol Park	Treasurer/Trustee
Samuel Vernon	Trustee
Nichola Park	Trustee

Bankers

Lloyds Bank

Organisation

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered as a charity in July 2015 as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011. The charity status was amended from an Association to a Foundation in July 2023. The charity has managed the centre since 2011.

Trustees are recruited from the local area and include people who understand the activities within the centre. They have a wide range of skills and experiences and apply this in their respective areas of responsibility. Trustees can be appointed by the other Trustees. All Trustees and volunteers are unpaid, in a community centre which is not manned 24/7.

Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records and safeguarding the assets of the CIO. They have assessed the major risks, including those relating to operations and finances of the organisation. They are now satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

Objectives and activities

The centre has provided many and varied services/facilities/activities to the local residents in a safe, warm and welcoming environment for many years. This has not changed following our change in status.

The situation with the on-going reluctance of the older generation to socialise and re-enter the community has not really improved but we remain committed to trying to engage local seniors. Staff and volunteer shortage has also played its part and we shall continue to try to improve on this.

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Achievements and performance

We are hosting fewer children's parties and this remains due to increasing costs across the board. We have maintained our present charges for the third year running but much will depend on utility costs to whether we increase our fees next year. Fees continue to be under review as we are well aware of the extra financial burden most families continue to carry at the present time.

On a positive note, we have retained our business users and this income allows us to subsidise our community groups. We are, however, still under-used during the day, so are keen to try to fill the schedule.

The trustees remain committed to actively encouraging new users and providing a better service/facility to existing groups.

This year has seen a major investment in the renovation of our toilet block and has been met with universal approval. It accounts for the small loss made this financial year but has been well worth it. The centre is now more attractive to business users and we have capitalised on this, holding training and induction courses for companies during the day.

Financial Review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

As already mentioned a sizeable amount was invested in the renovation of our toilet block which has been a huge success. We also renewed flooring and improved the cctv coverage. These improvements were paid for from centre funds and did not result in reducing the balance of the contingency fund.

During the year the charity had an income of £18,934 (2024: £13,499) and expenditure of £21,397 (2024 £9,834). There was an operating loss of **£-2,463** (2024 : surplus £3,665).

As at 31st March, 2025 the charity had net funds of £44,059.

The overall balance of £44,059.48 is made up of an operating bank account balance of £14,059 and reserves of £30,000 held separately as previously agreed. The Trustees consider this level of reserves prudent for the charity at this time, taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

This year's finances show a small loss but it must be acknowledged that this is due to the cost of the renovations of the toilet block.

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

No events (not requiring adjustment to the accounts) have occurred after the end of the reporting period but before the accounts are authorised which relate to conditions that arose after the end of the reporting period.

The proposed future Asset Transfer to the Charity from Newcastle City Council remains suspended.

The present Trustees continue to maintain the charity's commitments as well as can be expected and will again make it a priority in this coming year to recruit new Trustees.

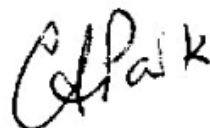
The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are confident that the CIO's aims, objectives and activities are in accordance with the guidance of public benefit.

The CIO trustees are responsible for scrutinising and approving the Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements, prepared by the Treasurer, in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards.

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a view of the affairs of the CIO and of incoming resources and the applications of resources including the income and expenditure of the CIO for that year.

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This report has been studied and approved by the Trustees on 7th May, 2025 and is signed on their behalf by

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Treasurer/Trustee

Ray Gray Centre Year End Accounts 2024 -2025

	Unrestricted		Totals
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Receipts

Grants	0.00		
Activities	18,215.00		
Interest/Refunds	335.00/384.00	(719.00)	
	0		
Total	18934.00		

Payments

Utilities/Bills	4,923.00		
Maint./Improve	15,018.00		
Sundries/Equip.	1,039.00		
Petty Cash	355.00		
Sundry Debits	62.00		
Total	21,397.00		

Assets and Liabilities (Assets to be used within the charity)

Assets	(30,000.00)		
Liabilities	0.00		
Total	(30,000.00)		

Funds at hand

Cash	0.00		
Bank account	14,059.00		
Contingency/ Res.	30,000.00		
Totals	44,059.00		

Statement of Receipts and Payments

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

Receipts	2025	2024
Activities	18,215	12,920
Donations/Grants	0	200
Interest/refunds	<u>335/384</u>	<u>254/125</u>
Totals	<u>18,934</u>	<u>13,499</u>
Payments		
Operation of the Charity	21,397	9,834
Totals	<u>21,397</u>	<u>9,834</u>
Net Receipts/Losses	<u>-2,463</u>	<u>3,665</u>

Reconciliation

Opening bank balance	46,522	42,857
Loss for the year	-2,463	3,665
Totals	<u>44,059</u>	<u>46,522</u>

Analysis of charitable funds

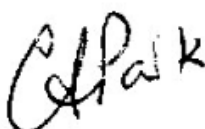
Analysis of movements in funds

2024			2025
Bal b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Bal c/fwd
£46,522	£18,934	£21,397	£44,059

Actual balance £44,059

There is no debt outstanding which is owed by the charity and which is secured by an excess charge on any of the assets of the charity as at 31 March, 2025. There have been no guarantees given by the charity as at 31 March, 2025.

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Objectives and activities

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Our attempt at providing activities ourselves has met with little response and this is due mainly to the on-going reluctance of the older generation to socialise and re-enter the community. Staff and volunteer shortage has also played its part. However, we shall continue in our efforts to improve on this.

We aim for a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and recreational leisure time. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of the community, our trustees, clients, volunteers and subcontractors.

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Achievements and performance

The long term effects of the pandemic are still visible in some areas but we are continuing in our efforts to improve the facility for our users where we can.

There has been a huge down turn in the number of children's' parties we host and this is mainly due to increasing costs across the board. Obviously energy charges play a huge part but this is beyond our control. We have maintained our present charges for the time being but much will depend on the winter bills as to whether we increase our fees again. Fees continue to be under review as we are well aware of the extra financial burden most families are carrying at the present time.

On a positive note, we have 2 new business users and a previous user has now returned. We are, however, still under-used during the day with most of our activities during the evening so are keen to try to fill the void.

The trustees remain committed to actively encouraging new users and providing a better service/facility to existing groups.

Financial Review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

A decision was made in the middle of the financial year to reduce the balance of the main account which is an operating account. The bulk of the balance was transferred to the reserves account of unrestricted funds. Although the interest rate is quite low, it has resulted in a small increase in funds (£254). The balance of this account will remain at £30,000 until such time as the Trustees wish to reconsider.

During the year the charity had an income of £13,499 (2023: £13,049) and expenditure of £9,834 (2023 £7,900). There was an operating surplus of £3,665 (2023: £5,149).

As at 31st March, 2024 the charity had net funds of £46,522.48

The overall balance of £46,522.48 is made up of an operating bank account balance of £16,522.48 and reserves of £30,000 held separately as previously agreed. The Trustees consider this level of reserves prudent for the charity at this time, taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

This year's finances show a surplus but we must again acknowledge that this is, in part, due to the grants we have received during the pandemic not being fully utilised.

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The proposed future Asset Transfer to the Charity from Newcastle City Council remains suspended. It remains a definite that a larger reserve will be needed following Asset Transfer.

The present Trustees continue to maintain the charity's commitments as well as can be expected and will again make it a priority in this coming year to recruit new Trustees. This remains difficult as uncertainty and attitudes to the pandemic seem to be off-putting to volunteers.

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Treasurer/Trustee

Ray Gray Centre Year End Accounts 2023 -2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
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Receipts

Grants	200.00		
Activities	12,920.00		
Interest/Refunds	254.00/125.00		
Total	13,499.00		

Payments

Utilities/Bills	7,941.00		
Maint./Improve	0.00		
Sundries/Equip.	1,504.00		
Petty Cash	270.00		
Sundry Debits	(20,000) 119.00		
Total	9,834.00		

Assets and Liabilities (Assets to be used within the charity)

Assets	(30,000.00)		
Liabilities	0.00		
Total	(30,000.00)		

Funds at hand

Cash	0.00		
Bank account	16,522.00		
Contingency/Res.	30,000.00		
Totals	46,522.00		

Statement of Receipts and Payments

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

Receipts	2024	2023	
Activities	12,920	12,775	
Donations/Grants	200	0	
Interest/refunds	<u>254/125</u>	<u>274</u>	
Totals	<u>13,499</u>	<u>13,049</u>	
Payments			
Operation of the Charity	9,834	7,900	
Totals	<u>9,834</u>	<u>7,900</u>	<u> </u>
Net Receipts	<u>3,665</u>	<u>4,149</u>	
Reconciliation			
Opening bank balance	42,857	37,708	
Surplus for the year	3,665	5,149	
Totals	<u>46,522</u>	<u>42,857</u>	

Analysis of charitable funds

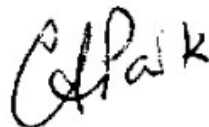
Analysis of movements in funds

2023			2024
Bal b/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Bal c/fwd
£42,857	£13,499	£9,834	£46,522

Actual balance £46,522.00

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The Friends of the Margaret Junior School

(Registered no: 1114202)

ANNUAL REPORT for 2023

Background.

The Friends of the Margaret Junior School was established as a registered charity in May 2006. The original objects of the Association were to “advance the education of the pupils at the Margaret Junior School, Masaka District, Uganda, by providing and assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school.” In 2011, the Charity Commission agreed to an amendment to the constitution to include support towards ex-pupils, who were successful in gaining a place at secondary school or further education. The main activities of the Association are the raising of funds from individuals and other bodies, which are then transferred to the School Committee in Masaka, Uganda, in pursuit of the charity’s objectives and for the benefit of the school’s pupils and ex-pupils. Decisions as to expenditure are taken by the school committee after discussion with the Trustees.

Trustees.

Trustees are elected annually by the members of the Association at an Annual General Meeting. The present Trustees are: Freda Bass, Roger Ford, Hilary Procter, Nicholas Stokes, Margaret West (Chair) and Maria Woodward. In undertaking their duties, the Trustees have taken due regard to the guidance published by the Charity Commission.

Membership.

Membership is open to anyone willing to pay a minimum of £10:00 per annum. At the end of 2023, the Association had 32 paid-up members. This figure shows a slight but welcome increase during the year. Not all of the charity’s supporters are paid-up members and we are grateful for the supporters and sponsors who have continued to contribute over many years. We would particularly like to thank all who regularly contribute through standing orders and who use the Gift Aid facility, which contributes a significant sum to the charity’s finances .

Activities.

The solid support and regular contributions provide the Friends with a firm financial base, which allows the Head-teacher and Committee to plan for a more confident future, rather than cope on a day-to-day basis. Both the UK and Uganda continued to struggle with the after-effects of the coronavirus pandemic. Life in Uganda has slowly begun to recover and all educational facilities remained open throughout most of 2023. Short closures were required following an outbreak of Ebola in parts of the country. Unfortunately, the school nurse contracted the virus but subsequently recovered well, following a period of quarantine and hospitalisation. The school was also affected by a local outbreak of measles, which sadly led to the death of a pupil. This was a harsh reminder of the disparate medical provision in our respective countries. One legacy of Covid has been an increase in the cost of living and families continue to struggle with the rise in prices for fuel and basic commodities.

The new vocational training centre is now operational and was named in honour of Sarah Kasujja, the school’s founder. The Education Authority has agreed to meet staffing costs for 10 years and local grants have allowed for the provision of metal work equipment and machinery. The Friends contributed towards the cost of sewing machines and shoe-making equipment.

Farming has also been added to the curriculum. During 2022, we were able to send money to the school, so that they could purchase some pigs. This was made possible by two of our supporters, who asked for financial donations instead of wedding presents. The pigs have done well and there have been lots of piglets during the year. As well as teaching the pupils about animal husbandry, the local veterinary officer has extended the classes to involve parents, instructing them in up-to-date methods. Sales of the piglets to the District Council provided funding for building toilets for the teachers, while the Council distributed the piglets to local farmers. Just one example of how the school is involved in the local community.

At home, the Christmas Appeal was successful in helping the school raise funds to replace much of the playground equipment, which had been put to good use over several years. As 2024 starts, work has commenced on the alterations and replacements. We were able to start our fund-raising programme again during the year and enjoyed a successful garden party in July, followed by a quiz later in the year. Thanks to everyone who participated and supported these enjoyable events. We are always open to new ideas for raising funds.

Currently, the Bursary Scheme embraces 39 children: 24 primary, 14 secondary, and one former pupil, who has now started at university, reading Civil Engineering. The Trustees would like to thank the individual sponsors and the local Lions Clubs in Shropshire, Cheshire and Staffordshire, who have supported this scheme. There are many more children who would still qualify, there being 349 pupils registered at the end of 2023 : 98 of whom were orphans and 5 disabled. Two previous students graduated in 2023 both gaining law degrees from Makerere University in Kampala. Both are currently practising in Magistrates' Courts. Two other students will graduate in Spring 2024.

The Trustees would like to thank all our regular donors and will review future sponsorships in the light of developments.

Financial Review

The purpose of the charity is to support pupils and ex-pupils of the Margaret Junior School and in 2023 expenditure on the school and pupil sponsorship amounted to £47,500. This was less than in 2022 but contrasts with the £7,600 sent in 2006 when the charity was first established. Since its opening, in 2003, the school campus has developed and grown in ways which could never have been anticipated. From its original two classroom home-built building, the school now is able to accommodate over 300 pupils in a range of purpose-built facilities. In addition to paying sponsorships, the money has been spent on general funds and teachers' salaries, as well as funding a much-needed maintenance schedule.

Administrative costs remain low, at less than 1%, allowing all the money raised to be spent on the school and its pupils. Supporters can remain confident that the Trustees will continue to strive to ensure that money donated goes directly to support the school and its pupils. A Reserve Policy has been established by the Trustees and a sum of £4000 is set aside for this purpose. This is the amount required for one semester at the Junior School.

Future Plans

Since the "Friends of the Margaret Junior School" was first incorporated as a charity in 2006, priority has been given to building up the infrastructure of the school. This has resulted in the purchase of the land; the installation of a supply of clean water; the building of pit latrines and two four-classroom blocks; the provision of basic hostel accommodation; a multi-purpose examination room and a vocational training facility. The transformation from the modest beginnings in 2003 is a significant achievement and the Trustees would like to thank all our supporters, many of whom have been involved since the school first opened 20 years ago. Additionally, other buildings have been erected by the parents and local community to enhance the educational, administrative, washing and cooking facilities. These are significant achievements. This highlights the standing that the school has achieved in the local community.

The Vocational Training Centre is now operational with two workshops up and running. We hope that it will be possible for the school committee to bring the computer workshop on stream in 2024 but that will require significant funding.

The Trustees are mindful that the current arrangements are not sustainable in the long term and we will need to address the future funding of the school and look for a greater contribution from local resources in Uganda. The recruitment of younger Trustees is something we would like to achieve and closer links with other similar charities will also be considered.

The Trustees would like to thank all our donors, sponsors and members for their loyal support for the school.

Margaret West
Chair of Trustees.

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Achievements and performance

The pandemic has had a profound effect on many small, local businesses with many failing to survive and this has had a knock-on effect. Despite this and due again mostly to grants made by the local authority, we have been able to make use of the shorter periods of closure to make more improvements and repairs to the centre. These are still on-going but have definitely resulted in a much better facility for the community.

Despite losing several user groups, we have also welcomed new and former users, including the National Childbirth Trust after a lengthy absence. We have also had a large increase in hires to other charities and support groups for the community. Childrens' parties are especially

popular as the general feeling is that many children lost out following pandemic restrictions.

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During the year the charity had an income of £35,661 (2021: £16,142) and expenditure of £21,374 (2021: £11,313). There was an operating surplus of £14,287 (2021: £4,829).

As at 31st March, 2022 the charity had net funds of £37,708.

The overall balance of £37,708 is made up of an operating bank account balance of £27,708 and reserves of £10,000 held separately as previously agreed. The Trustees consider this level of reserves prudent for the charity at this time, taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

Once again, although this year's finances show a surplus we acknowledge that this is mostly due to the grants we have received, which we have not, as yet, fully spent. Our operating period was again reduced due to closures caused by the pandemic but on a much smaller scale.

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objectives.

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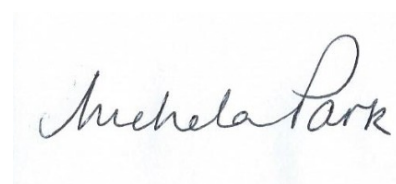
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Michela Park

Ms. Nichola Park
 Acting Chair

Ray Gray Centre Year End Accounts 2021 -2022

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
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Receipts

Grants	20,987.00		
Activities	10,435.00		
Interest/Refunds	239.00		
Grant overpaid	4,000.00		
Total	35,661.00		

Payments

Utilities	4,711.00		
Maint./Improve	9,222.00		
Sundries/Equip.	1,646.00		
Petty Cash	590.00		
Sundry Debits	1,205.00		
Grant repaid	4,000.00		
Total	21,374.00		

Assets and Liabilities (Assets to be used within the charity)

Assets	(10,000.00)		
Liabilities	0		

Total	(10,000.00)		
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Funds at hand

Cash	0		
Bank account	27,708.00		
Contingency/Res	10,000.00		
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Totals	37,708.00		

Statement of Receipts and Payments

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

Receipts	2022	2021
Activities	10,435	3,012
Donations/Grants	20,987	13,029
Grant overpaid	4,000	
Interest/refunds	<u>239</u>	<u>101</u>
Totals	<u>35,661</u>	<u>16,142</u>

Payments		
Operation of the Charity	17,374	11,313
Refund of grant overpayment	4,000	
Totals	<u>21,374</u>	<u>11,313</u>

Net Receipts	<u>14,287</u>	<u>4,829</u>
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Reconciliation

Opening bank balance	23,421	18,592
Surplus for the year	14,287	4,829

Totals **37,708** **23,421**

Analysis of charitable funds

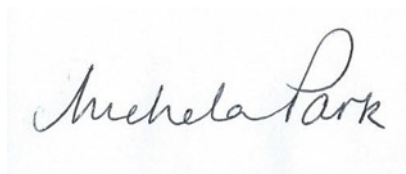
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2021			2022
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RAY GRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for year ended 31 March 2022

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Stotts Road, Walkergate, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 4UD

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Organisation

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Objectives and activities

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Our hope to provide activities ourselves has not come to fruition due to the on-going consequences of the corona virus pandemic and a shortage of volunteers. This is something we intend to focus upon in the coming year.

We aim for a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and recreational leisure time. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of the community, our trustees, clients, volunteers and subcontractors.

We do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, disability, age, political expression, gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, marital status or other opinions

Achievements and performance

The pandemic has had a profound effect on many small, local businesses with many failing to survive and this has had a knock-on effect. Despite this and due again mostly to grants made by the local authority, we have been able to make use of the shorter periods of closure to make more improvements and repairs to the centre. These are still on-going but have definitely resulted in a much better facility for the community.

Despite losing several user groups, we have also welcomed new and former users, including the National Childbirth Trust after a lengthy absence. We have also had a large increase in hires to other charities and support groups for the community. Childrens' parties are especially

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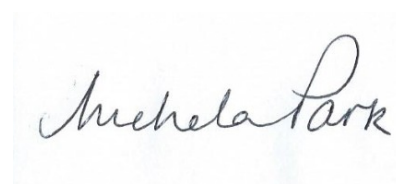
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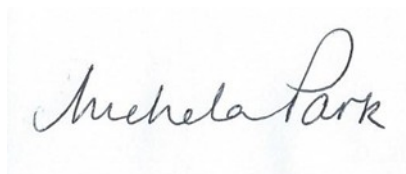
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RAY GRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

For the year ended 31 March 2022

I report on the financial statements of Ray Gray Community Centre CIO for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 3 to 10.

Respective responsibilities of trustees 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 Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to 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 presented 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.

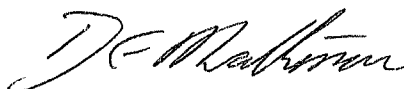
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

I have 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.

Doug Maltman FMAAT
Connected Voice Business Services Ltd
Higham House
Higham Place
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AF
Date:



24.11.2022

RAY GRAY CENTRE

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RAY GRAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

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Our hope to provide activities ourselves has not come to fruition due to the untimely arrival of the corona virus pandemic. Whilst we have remained open for some of the time to provide service to various support groups and an immunisation clinic, we have been unable to arrange community based activities. However, this should happen this year all being well.

We aim for a common effort to advance education and provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and recreational leisure time. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of the community, our trustees, clients, volunteers and subcontractors.

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Achievements and performance

As with many community centres and businesses, we have been greatly affected by the pandemic. Despite this and due mainly to grants made by the local authority, we have been able to make use of the periods of closure to make more improvements and repairs to the centre. These are on-going but will result in a much better facility for the community.

We are pleased to report that although we have lost several user groups we have also had new groups joining our centre. We have also welcomed back the National Childbirth Trust after an absence of approximately 4 years and hope to revisit other previous groups and invite them to return to our 'new' centre following the recent improvements.

The trustees are committed to actively encouraging new users and providing a better service/facility to existing groups.

Financial Review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements.

During the year the charity had an income of £16,142 (2020: £15,330) and expenditure of £11,313 (2020: £23,405). There was an operating surplus of £4,829 (2020: -£8,075).

As at 31st March, 2021 the charity had net funds of £23,421.

The overall balance of £23,421 is made up of an operating bank account balance of £13,421 and reserves of £10,000 held separately as we had agreed last year. The Trustees consider this level of reserves prudent for the charity at this time, taking into account potential liabilities in the event that the charity ceased. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually.

Thus, although this year's finances show a surplus we acknowledge that this is mainly due to the grants we have received. Consideration must be given to the fact that our operating period was hugely reduced due to closures caused by the pandemic. In view of this, we have accepted that the surplus is a bonus and believe that the surplus would have been substantially more had we been operating under normal circumstances.

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The present Trustees continue to maintain the charity's commitments very well and will make it a priority in this coming year to recruit new Trustees. A long serving Trustee in Dave Scott unfortunately passed away last year and it is proving extremely difficult to replace him during pandemic restrictions.

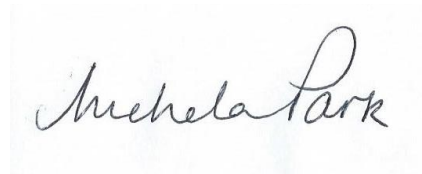
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nichola Park". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered within a light blue rectangular box.

Ms. Nichola Park

Acting Chair

Ray Gray Centre Year End Accounts 2020 -2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
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Receipts

Grants	12,969.00	60.00	13,029.00
Activities	3,012.00		3,012.00
Interest/Refunds	101.00		101.00
Total	16,082.00	60.00	16,142.00

Payments

Utilities	5,409.00		
Maint./Improve	3,199.00		
Sundries/Equip.	1,501.00		
Petty Cash	980.00		
Sundry Debits	224.00		
Total	11,313.00		

Assets and Liabilities (Assets to be used within the charity)

Assets	(10,000.00)		
Liabilities	0		
Total	(10,000.00)		

Funds at hand

Cash	0		
Bank account	13,421.00		
Contingency/Res.	10,000.00		
Totals	23,421.00		

Statement of Receipts and Payments

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

Receipts	2021	2020
Activities	3,012	12,344
Donations/Grants	13,029	300
Interest/refunds	<u>101</u>	<u>2,686</u>
Totals	<u>16,142</u>	<u>15,330</u>
Payments		
Operation of the Charity	11,313	23,405
Write-off)		(1,415)
Transfer		(6,000)
Totals	<u>11,313</u>	<u>23,405</u>
Net Receipts	<u>4,829</u>	<u>-8,075</u>
Reconciliation		
Opening bank bal and cash in hand	18,592	26,667
Surplus for the year	4,829	-8,075
Totals	<u>23,421</u>	<u>18,592</u>

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