



Community  
Circles

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connected lives

**End of year report and accounts  
March 2024**

## Reference and administrative information

The charity is registered with the Charities Commission, registration number 1163149

Registered address 1 Church View, Knutsford WA16 6DQ

## Trustees

Helen Sanderson MBE (Chair)

Michelle Livesley

Emily McArdle

Ben Rosamond

## Independent Examiner

The charity's independent examiner is James Wheelan FCCA of James Wheelan Accountancy, Minshull House, 67 Wellington Road North, Stockport SK4 2LP

## Structure, Governance and Management

Community Circles is constituted as a body corporate under part 11 of the Charities Act 2011. The board of Trustees meet monthly to ensure we are working towards our charitable purpose and following through on our strategic objectives. Community Circles operates as a self-managed team to support our strategic objectives and operations.

## Objectives and Activities

The purpose of Community Circles is to create opportunities for people to come together to have better and more connected lives.

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitual standards); crime (either as a victim of a crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Community Circles partners with a variety of health and social care organisations and local authorities to provide training and consultancy in circles of support, community and person-centred approaches to help people stay connected to the people, places and interests that matter to them and supports their wellbeing.

## Achievements and Performance

### Lottery Funding

Funded by the National Lottery Community Circles continued with the project in Ashton to develop Ashton Circles through our learning supporting older people to live well in their homes, responding to loneliness and isolation. The funding allowed us to host weekly events such as Public Living rooms in local venues bring different generations together, increasing the wellbeing of isolated people and build connections in the Ashton area.

### Communications and Influence

We have continued to share our learning through our website and social media.

## Financial review

The attached receipts and payments accounts show the current state of the finances, which the Trustees considers to be acceptable. Total incoming resources were £54,055 (2022 - £107,980) and total outgoing payments amounted to £96,526 (2022 - £140,534) the net expenditure for the year was £42,470 (net expenditure 2022 - £32,554). Restricted funds carried forward amounted to £153 (2022 - £8,860), Unrestricted funds carried fund amounted to £11,719 (2022: 45,482).

### Reserves Policy

In light of the main risks to the Charity the Trustees have made a decision that the Charity should keep funds at a suitable level in order to meets its ongoing liabilities.

## Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning the future activities of the Charity, these are shown above in the section 'Objectives and activities'.

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>Receipts</b>				
Donations, legacies and grants	12,336	-	12,336	19,470
Fees for charitable services	-	-	-	34,585
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>12,336</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12,336</b>	<b>54,055</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Wages and National Insurance	3,918	-	3,918	73,174
Pension contributions	428	-	428	3,456
Insurance	255	-	255	1,644
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies	1,147	153	1,300	2,137
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	2,000
Professional fees	3,071	-	3,071	1,250
Travel	-	-	-	8,000
Telephone, internet and postage	-	-	-	1,021
Bank interest and charges	-	-	-	-
Grants payable	-	-	-	3,177
Other expenditure	-	-	-	667
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>8,973</b>	<b>96,526</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>8,820</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>8,973</b>	<b>96,526</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,516</b>	<b>(153)</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>(42,471)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds brought forward at 1 April 2022	11,719	153	11,872	54,342
Cash funds carried forward at 31 March 2023	<b>15,235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,235</b>	<b>11,870</b>

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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Treasurers account	15,235	-	15,235	11,732
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,235</b>	<b>11,732</b>
<b>ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITIES OWN USE</b>				
-	-	-	-	-
Amounts owed	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accruals	360	-	360	600
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>600</b>

Approved by the Management Committee and signed on its behalf

*H Sanderson*

..... Dr H Sanderson - Chair

28/01/2025

..... Date

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

**1. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The Charity has transacted with related parties as follows:-

Helen Sanderson Ltd, a company under the control of Dr H Sanderson (CEO and founder), donated £12,288 (2023: £nil) to Community Circles. In the current year £2,231 was sent to the company in respect of expenses incurred.

