

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
(Registered Charity - a Company Limited by Guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the YEAR 1st JULY 2022 to 30th JUNE 2023

Charity Number: 1165008
Company Number: 8893213

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The Trustees / Directors present their report and financial statements for the YEAR 1st JULY 2022 to 30th JUNE 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name:	BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED (Registered Charity - a Company Limited by Guarantee)
Charity Registration Number:	1165008
Company Registration Number:	8893213
Registered Office:	2 Daneville Road Clubmoor Liverpool L4 9RG
DIRECTORS/ TRUSTEES:	
Mrs Susan Carson	Trustee & Chair
Ms Josephine Calder	Trustee
Ms Lilian Baxter	Trustee
Mrs Karen Lee	Trustee
Mr Charles Otim	Company Secretary
BANKERS:	Lloyds TSB Bank Plc
Accountants:	Knowsley Business Services Ltd Unit 112 North Mersey Business Centre Woodward Road Liverpool Merseyside L33 7UY
Independent Examiner:	Charles Amai Otim (MBA, ACCA)
Solicitors:	Kelley Hearnreaves

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES /DIRECTORS

for the YEAR 1st JULY 2022 to 30 th JUNE 2023

Our Aims and objectives (Please request the full 2023 report from the office of Bridge Community Centre).

Our Charity purposes as set out in the objects contained in the company's Memorandum of Association are to generate support for the following objects:

We operate a Community Centre for the use of the residents of Merseyside without distinction of a Political, Religious, Sexual, Ethnic and other opinions, and specifically for the benefits of families, single parents, the elderly, the sick and the mentally ill, the carers, the unemployed, the refugees and asylum seekers, the victims of natural or manmade disasters, and for the promotion of reconciliation, mediation and respect of law and order and the prevention of crime.

Ensuring our work delivers our aims:

We regularly review our aims, objectives and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous years. The review looks at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those people we are set up to help.

The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remain focused on our stated purposes. We refer to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the Trustees / Directors consider how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

The focus of our work:

Over the past 12 months, we have continued to develop services and areas of work to respond to key local current and emerging needs. Our mission remains to develop a range of resources for the community through our facilities, outreach and virtual ways to connect, delivering recreational, social, supportive and developmental activities for all. As we reach the end of our yearly period, we are pleased to be able to report exceeding all of our objectives identified at the beginning of last year and have been able to extend our reach and impact across communities. Our vital further connections we have made with other organisations.

We have continued to grow in our profile and continue to work in partnership with many local organisations along with many housing agencies also to support the many local tenants and residents in order to identify those missing links and to join up to ensure no person falls through the net.

We continue to be represented on the CCG's Community Collaborative Board providing our experiences of delivering health and wellbeing support to local people in an area of high need. We are also very much part of the Cheshire & Merseyside NHS. We also still sit on the Active Norris Green Partnership, with Counsellor representatives from Liverpool City Council as well as a wide variety of local businesses, VCS organisations. This was to explore and encourage partnerships that help communities to be more active but which also gives us opportunities to feedback local resident experiences, concern to potentially influence local decision makers.

How our activities deliver public benefit:

Our main activities and who we try to help are described below. All our charitable programme activities focus on the poor the vulnerable and the unemployed people of Merseyside and surrounding areas.

Who used and benefited from our services:

How many people have benefited from our Outreach services & Projects along with our Worrier to Warrior Workshops: Bring people together and build strong relationships in and across communities We have significantly Increased levels of active citizenship, community pride and community activity - We have also reduced social isolation and increased social connectedness. 60 participants from the Branching Out Project per year engaged in other Bridge Community Centre recreational activities on an ongoing basis as a result of engagement in this project -Min 60 local residents engaged reporting feeling less isolated as a result of the Branching Out Project -50 participants reporting improved family life as a result of engaging with this project - 80 participants have engaged in this way this year, albeit in some instance via remote means e.g. Zoom -142 participants have reported feeling less isolated as a result of our project 62 individuals have reported improved family life.

Training Programme:

During 2022-23 we continued to train local people to become volunteers each suited to their own individual specific roles and they have also been trained in appreciative conversations to enable more interaction with the community around them.

Community Engagement:

How people have been involved in developing and delivering many of our activities.

We have continued to maintain a core team of 10 volunteers and have highlighted additional possible volunteer posts. Our initial volunteers still thrives & continue take ownership of the delivery of all activities, services and support offered with all relevant training/qualifications needed being attained and updated on regular government legislation. We now have additional volunteer Project Officers to deliver our vital support to individuals furthest from the labour market and currently work closely alongside the top Disability Advisers from the DWP on a weekly basis in order to support our most vulnerable of society to ensure they do not fall through the net.

How our many services & activities have built on people's strengths.

As mentioned in last year's report, Covid resulted in us having to change our delivery, focus and support with relevant training provided to our team to manage this. Similarly, we have had to ensure that our volunteer teams have those updated skills & training and abilities needed to adapt what we do given the cost of living crisis and continue to deliver the highest quality services focusing . We weekly use our Volunteer Vocals as a catch up sessions to consult with the team on an ongoing basis regarding any training needs required (as a standing agenda item) and have provided & documented this where there they may be possible skills gaps that need attention this includes training given in using IT packages such as Zoom or Teams where we have had to adapt services to remote platforms. How people have been involved in developing and delivering many of our activities.

Principal Funding Sources:

Our centre received vital funds during 2022 to 2023 from a variety of different funders to support us going forward with charitable programme activities, running costs and volunteers costs. We wish to thank all the donors, institutions and individuals for their kind and generous support, over the year thus enabling Bridge Community Centre to be established and become operational.

Investment Policy:

As in previous years, during the year 2022 -23 most of the charity's funds were spent in the short term so there are no plans for long term investment.

Reserves Policy:

The Trustees / Directors have examined the charity's requirements for reserves in light of the main risks to the organisation and has established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed by the charity should be 12 months of anticipated charitable activity expenditure.

The reserves would be needed to meet the charitable programme, rent, rates volunteer expenses and heating of the community centre in order for activities to continue to take place in the building.

The long term strategy is to start to build reserves through planned operating surpluses, the Trustees /Directors are well aware that it is unlikely that the target range can be reached for at least five years. In the short term the Trustees / Directors have also considered the extent to which existing activities and expenditure could be managed, should such circumstances arise.

Plans for Future Periods:

The charity plans to continue the charitable programme activities outlined above in the forthcoming years subject to satisfactory funding arrangements.

We continue to work on a number of schemes including the expansion of resident counselling, mental health and educational programme.

The charity will also continue to work with other individuals or institutions who have a vision for helping the disadvantaged people in Merseyside.

Structure, Governance and Management:

Governing Document:

The organisation is a Registered Charity and a registered company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 13 February 2014 and registered as a charity on 4 the January 2016. The Charity / Company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees / Directors:

The Trustees of the Charity are also the Directors of the company for the purposes of charity law and under the company's Articles are known as members of the Board of Trustees of the Charity / Company. Under the requirements of the Memorandum and Articles of Association the members of the Board are elected to serve for a period of three years after which they must be re-elected at the next Annual General Meeting.

All Trustees / Directors give their time voluntarily and receive no financial or benefits in kind from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in notes to the accounts.

Trustee Induction and Training:

The Trustees are familiar with the practical work of the charity having been encouraged to attend meetings and are invited and encouraged to attend a series of short training sessions to refresh their knowledge of the charity and the context within which it operates. These are jointly led by the Chair of the Board of Trustees / Directors and the Office Administrator.

Risk Management:

The Trustees / Directors conduct a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been set up and will be updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures is being established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

Significant external risks to funding have led to the development of a strategic plan which will allow for the diversification of funding and activities. Internal control risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects. Procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of the children, volunteers, clients and visitors to the projects.

These procedures continue to be developed and reviewed to ensure that they continue to meet the needs of the charity.

Organisational Structure:

Bridge Community Centre Limited (a Charity) has a Board of Trustees/Directors made up of 6 members who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. The Board of trustees periodically co-opt additional members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the charity. At present the Board has an additional co-opted members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity.

A volunteer Office Administrator also sits on the Board of Trustees / Directors meeting but has no voting rights.

A scheme of delegation is in place and day to day responsibility for the provision of the services rest with the Trustees along with the Treasurer and Office Administrator.

The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity delivers the services specified and that key performance indicators are met, and has responsibility for the day to day operational management.

Related Parties:

In so far as it is complimentary to the charity's objects, the charity is guided by both local and national policy.

Responsibilities of the Trustees / Directors:

The Charities Act and Company law requires the Trustees / Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the management committee should follow best practice and:

- ☐ select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- ☐ make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- ☐ prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to assume that the charity /company will continue on that basis.

The Trustees / Directors are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act and Companies Act. The Trustees / Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees / Directors:

Members of the Board of Trustees are Directors for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

In accordance with the Charities Act and company law, as the charity/company's trustees /directors, we certify that:

- ☐ so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the independent examiner is unaware; and
- ☐ as the Trustees and Directors of the Charity / Company we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant Independent Examiner information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Independent Examiner:

The current honorary Independent Examiner is Rawson Irekponor (MSc,MBA,MAAT,FCCA).

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued 2011) and in accordance with the special provisions of the Companies Act relating to small entities.

Approved by the Trustees / Directors on 31st August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs Susan Carson (Trustee / Director)

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income & Expenditure)
for the YEAR 1st JULY 2022 to 30 th JUNE 2023

Note

		Unrestricted Funds 30 June 2023	Restricted Funds June 2023	30	Total Funds 30 June 2023	Total Funds 30 June 2022
INCOMING RESOURCES:						
Incoming Resources from donations:						
Donations and Grants		89,045		0	89,045	263,011
RESOURCES EXPENDED:						
Charitable Activities (Programmes and Projects):						
		69,546		0	69,546	215,283
GROSS SURPLUS						
		19,499		0	19,499	47,728
Governance Costs (Administrative Expenses)						
		7,902		0	7,902	31,968
Net Income for the YEAR	11	11,597		0	11,597	15,760
Other Gains		0		0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:						
		11,597		0	11,597	15,760
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:						
DESIGNATED FUNDS BROUGHT FWD						
	9	0			0	0
NET SURPLUS CARRIED FWD						
		11,597		0	11,597	15,760
RETAINED SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD CARRIED FWD						
		11,597		0	11,597	15,760

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
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BALANCE SHEET
As At 30 th June 2023

		NOTES	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible assets		2	167,564	167,564
CURRENT ASSETS				
Stocks			0	0
Debtors		4	0	0
Bank Balance			282,591	270,994
			282,591	270,994
CREDITORS				
Amounts falling due within one year			0	0
Long term Loan		0 5	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS				
			282,591	270,994
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES				
			450,155	438,558
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS:				
Designated Funds		9	167,564	167,564
General Funds			282,591	270,994
Restricted Funds				
			0	0
			450,155	438,558

The Trustees / Directors acknowledge their responsibility under the Charities Act 2011 for Accounting Records:

The charity trustees of a charity must ensure that accounting records are kept in respect of the charity which are sufficient to show and explain all the charity's transactions, and which are such as to—

a) disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and

enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132(1), those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under section 132(1).

ON BEHALF OF TRUSTEES / DIRECTORS

Susan Carson - Trustee / Director

Approved by the Board on 31st August 2023

The Notes form part of these financial statements

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the YEAR 1st JULY 2022 to 30 th JUNE 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

(a) Basis of Accounting:

These financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities, and the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2011.

(b) Fund accounting:

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees / Directors in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the Charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the Trustees / Directors for particular purposes

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

(c) Incoming Resources:

All Incoming Resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary Income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the Charity, are recognised when the Charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities have not been included at the value to the Charity as this could not be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has also not been included in these accounts.

Gift Aid is reported when received:

No Gift Aid was receivable during 2022/2023 - Gift Aid will be accounted for in the books when a claim is made to HMRC.

(d) Resources Expended:

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT which was not recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the Charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the Charity.

All costs are allocated between expenditure of the SoFA on a basis designated to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly.

2 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS:

Bridge Community Centre Limited did not carry forward any Tangible Fixed Assets during the year ended 30 th June 2022

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		BUILDING
		£
COST	At 1st July 2022	167,564
Additions		0
BALANCE	At 30 th June 2023	167,564
DEPRECIATION		
At 1st July 2022		0
Charge for period		0
At 30 th June 2023		0
NET BOOK VALUE		
At 30 th June 2023		167,564

Stocks & Work In Progress:

There were no Stock nor Work in Progress at 30 th June 2023

Cost includes all direct expenditure and an appropriate proportion of fixed and Variable overheads

3 Taxation

Tax Charge on the Ordinary Activities and Deferred Tax is Not Applicable,

4 DEBTORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Debtors and Amounts Receivable - Not Applicable

£
0

5 CREDITORS : AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

Taxation and Social Security
Trade Creditors
Expenses paid by Directors / Trustees Personally
Accountancy Creditor

£
0
0
0
0

6 Analysis of Net assets Between Funds:

Tangible Fixed assets
Investments
Current assets (Bank balance)
Current Liabilities
Net Assets at 30 June 2023

General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
0	167,564	0	167,564
0	0	0	0
282,591	0	0	282,591
0	0	0	0
282,591	167,564	0	450,155

7 Movement of Funds:

Restricted Funds:

Building
Feeding Programme
Rent Rates & Utilities
Teacher training
School Building Programme
Total Restricted Funds

At 01/07/2022	Incoming Resources (inc. gains)	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	At 30 June 2023
167,564	0	0	0	167,564
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
167,564	0	0	0	167,564

Unrestricted Funds

Equipment
Feeding Programme
School Fees
Teacher training
School Building Programme
General Funds

Total Unrestricted Funds

Total Funds

0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
270,994	89,045	77,448	0	282,591
270,994	89,045	77,448	0	282,591
438,558	89,045	77,448	0	450,155

0

8 DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Provision for University Scholarship

£
0
0

9 TOTAL FUNDS: Unrestricted Funds & Restricted Funds

Retained Reserves 30/06/2022
Operational SURPLUS for the period
Corporation Tax
Year End Adjustment
At 30 th June 2023

Total Funds 30 June 2023
£
270,994
11,597
0
0
282,591

10 RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The Charity was controlled by the Board of Trustees / Directors during the period under review.

BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED (Registered Charity - a Company Limited by Guarantee)
 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (Including Income & Expenditure)
 for the YEAR 1st JULY 2022 to 30 th JUNE 2023

Basis of allocation	Unrestricted	Designated	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
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INCOMING RESOURCES FROM ACTIVITIES TO FURTHER THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS:

£ £

Income : GENERAL DONATION from the public and Institutions 89,045 89,045 263,011

(Alpha Cars, City of Liverpool, Community Foundation, DWP Resource Management, Janice Rainey, Liv Cha VO Grant, Michel Hickey, Main Grant, Myerscough College, W Wilson, Workers Education, Rathbones, PSS UK Ltd, Sole Survivor, Misc)

Total Donation 89,045 0 89,045 263,011

Basis of allocation	Programme	Governance	Governance	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
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TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED:

PAYMENTS FOR PROGRAMME & PROJECTS:

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES Expenses	Direct	69545.97		69,546	47,719
PROGRAMME:	Direct	0		0	0
PROGRAMME:	Direct	0		0	0
Building & Facilities:	Direct	0		0	167,564
PROJECT:	Direct	0		0	0
PROJECT:	Direct	0		0	0
PROJECT:	Direct	0		0	0
Total Programme & Projects	Direct	69,546	0	69,546	215,283
Gross Surplus / (Deficit)		89,045	0	19,499	47,728

Less : Administration Expenditure

Employee costs (Wages and NIC)	Direct	0		0	0
Premises expenses				0	0
Rent and Rates	Direct	739.55		740	9,186
Utilities (Water, Light & Heating)	Direct	3394.4		3,394	4,148
Waste Disposal	Direct	0		0	0
General Administrative Expenses		0		0	0
Stationery & Supplies	Direct	520		520	520
Telephone & Postage	Direct	1812.35		1,812	1,212
Subscription & Donation	Direct	0		0	0
Insurances	Direct	778.71		779	894
Repairs & Replacement(Building & Equipment)	Direct	0		0	6,900
Miscellaneous Admin Expenses	Direct	538.2		538	9,298
				0	0
Advertising Promotion & Entertainment	Direct	0		0	0
Professional & Accountancy fees	Direct	0		0	0
Loan Interest	Direct	0		0	0
Bank Interest & Charges	Direct	118.51		119	110
Other Expenses		0		0	0
Companies House	Direct	0		0	0
Training	Direct	0		0	0
Depreciation	Direct	0		0	0
Total Administration	Direct	0	7,902	7,902	32,268
Total Payments	Direct	69,546	7,902	77,448	247,551
Net Surplus for the Year	Direct			11,597	15,460

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES / DIRECTORS & MEMBERS
ON THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND BALANCE SHEET OF BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees and Members of the BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts, they consider that the audit requirements of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedure specified in the General Direction given by the Charity Commissioners under Section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An examination includes a review of accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 41 of the Act, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, have not been met. or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed : *Charles Amaï Otim*

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