POOLE COMMUNITIES TRUST

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF URBAN REGENERATION IN AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION (AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE BOROUGH OF POOLE) BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:(A) THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP:(B) THE RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT:(C) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, TRAINING OR RETRAINING, PARTICULARLY AMONG UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, AND PROVIDING UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE WITH WORK EXPERIENCE:(D) THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR BUSINESS ADVICE OR CONSULTANCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER CHARITABLE NEED THROUGH HELP: (I) IN SETTING UP THEIR OWN BUSINESS, OR (II) TO EXISTING BUSINESSES:(E) THE CREATION OF TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSPACE, BUILDINGS, AND/OR LAND FOR USE ON FAVOURABLE TERMS:(F) THE PROVISION OF HOUSING FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR OR IN CHARITABLE OWNERSHIP PROVIDED THAT SUCH POWER SHALL NOT EXTEND TO RELIEVING ANY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR OTHER BODIES OF A STATUTORY DUTY TO PROVIDE OR IMPROVE HOUSING:(G) THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES:(H) THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS OR SITES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:(I) THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES:(J) THE PROTECTION OR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT:(K) THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE:(L) THE PROMOTION OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND PREVENTION OF CRIME:(M) SUCH OTHER MEANS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES.

Activities: We work with local communities in Poole to develop and sustain vibrant community and enterprise hubs that deliver community activities, recreational activities, social welfare services and support to new enterprises.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Poole

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£332,937	£348,197	-	-
2024-03-31	£349,101	£346,913	-	-
2023-03-31	£500,294	£244,467	£2,112,328	6
2022-03-31	£1,830,506	£127,010	£1,856,501	1
2021-03-31	£194,019	£87,802	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTOPHER BEALE		2015-02-26
Deborah Dixon		2022-12-09
Emma Leatherbarrow		2024-11-27
Feriser Tasdelen		2021-04-15
Janet Mary Thurgood MBE		2025-06-10
Judith Bacon		2020-07-09
Tanya Coulter		2025-12-23

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REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Our Trustees:

Chris Beale - Chair

Judith Bacon - Lead Trustee - Turlin Moor

Debbie Dixon - Lead Trustee - Bourne

Emma Leatherbarrow - (from 27 November 2024) - Trustee

Feriser Tasleden - Trustee and Treasurer

Our staff:

Hannah Baker - Chief Officer

Aedan Coleman - (from 6 January 2025) - Digital Communications and Engagement Creator

Emma Grant - (from 23 June 2024) -Cleaner Branksome Community Centre

Rosie Harris - (from 9 September 2024) - Football Coach

Rich Herrett - (from 22 July 2024) - Food & Cookery Champion

KC Holland - (from 9 September 2024) - Cleaner Bourne Community Hub and Football Coach

Katie Jeffries - Deputy Charity Manager

Hayley Johnson - Youth Worker (from 18 June 2024) and Bookkeeper (from 6 January 2025)

Mel Lucas – Community Development Worker Turlin Moor

Kerry Manning - Centre Coordinator Bourne Community Hub and Community Development Worker Bourne

Kyla Mares - Centre Coordinator Branksome Community Centre (Job Share)

Mel Meadowcroft – Food Stores Coordinator

Kirsty O'Dell - (from 26 June 2024) - Youth Worker

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WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Chris Beale, Chair of Trustees

Thank you for reading our Annual Report and Accounts 2024-2025.

Our mission to inspire change and help tackle disadvantage has never been more needed as the most disadvantaged communities in Poole (and indeed elsewhere) face challenges and constant change.



The trustees (who are also directors of the company for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006), present their report for the year ending 31 March 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice' applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) effective from 1 January 2019.

I hope this Annual Report and Accounts gives you a flavour of our work, and an explanation of our structure, finances and plans.

The 2024/2025 year has seen us consolidate work on our priorities and expand our range of support and activities available to the communities we serve.

During the year we have:

- Successfully tendered the contract to build a skatepark at Turlin Moor and appointed Maverick Skateparks as our contractors
- Commenced work on our first programme to support wellbeing
- Extended our range of activities to children and young people.
- Greatly extended our social media and engagement capabilities.
- Welcomed six new members of staff.
- Received greater recognition and profile, including two mentions in the House of Commons!

During 2024/2025, we have faced several challenges and have needed to respond to changes in the environment we work in.

These have included:

- Experiencing a reduction in the availability of grants and donations to the charity sector, especially for capital works and food.
- Relentlessly seeking funding opportunities, to support core costs and develop services.

- Increasing staff capacity so we can respond to young people with more complex needs and challenging behaviours, while continuing to provide a positive, inclusive and safe environment for children, volunteers and staff.
- Continuing to grow our offer, but this has consequences in maintaining income to support activities and staff .

We would like to take this opportunity to record our huge thanks to our fantastic staff, volunteers, the Bourne Big Local / Friends of Bourne, and St. Gabriel's in Turlin Moor who continue their great partnership working with us. I also want to thank my fellow trustees for their wisdom and commitment.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I record the deaths of two former colleagues this year who did so much for the Trust in our early years - Charlie Sheldrick a former trustee who championed our communities, and Bryan Tizzard our former accountant who provided invaluable financial advice during the fund-raising phase of the Bourne Community Hub.



▲ Birthday Fun Day

OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES & PRIORITIES

Our vision

Connecting people and building communities.

Our values

- Compassionate towards others; we want to help protect each other from harm.
- Rooted in the community; we respond flexibly to changing local need.
- Inclusive; we embrace and promote differences.
- Collaborative; we work in partnership with others.
- Integrity: we behave ethically, honestly, and fairly.
- Not for profit; we reinvest all financial surpluses in community projects and assets.

Our mission

To inspire change and help address disadvantage.

Our priorities

- Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence.
- Offering greater opportunities to children, young people, and families.
- Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services.
- Ensuring we are a well-run charity.



▲ Arts by the Sea

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Poole Communities Trust was incorporated on 14 March 2015 and registered as a charity on 28 January 2016.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company which is governed under its Articles of Association.

The formal expression of the Trust's Charitable Purposes can be seen at Appendix 1. The activities, priorities and plans of the Trust fall squarely within these Charitable Purposes.

Appointment of trustees and induction

The directors of the company are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are required to retire by rotation, with one third of the board of trustees retiring each year. Trustees who retire at an AGM may, if still willing to act, be reappointed.

The board of trustees may also appoint new trustees during the year. Such persons will hold office until the next AGM, where they may be re-appointed.

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board and decision-making processes, the Strategic Plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

During the induction they visit each of our three locations and meet our employees and other trustees. Trustees are required to undertake certain compulsory training and are also encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will support their role.



▲ Bourne Pancake Day



▲ Birthday Fun Day

Organisational structure

The board of trustees governs and administers the charity and meets at least quarterly.

They are responsible for the governance of the charity and for the use of its funds. In particular, the trustees are responsible for setting the charity's strategy and policies, and monitoring progress and fulfilment of these.

The board has appointed a Lead Trustee for each location and on occasion sets up 'task and

finish' groups to address issues. One Trustee has been designated as the line manager of the

Chief Officer. The Trust employs a Chief Officer, Hannah Baker, who leads a team of staff (named in section 2) who have delegated authority within the terms approved by the trustees.

Related parties

Our trustees are volunteers. They do not receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity and another organisation with which the Trust transacts must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- An annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces. These include financial risks (such as accruing insufficient funds through room rental income or grant funding, rising interest rates on the Charity Bank loan, increasing utility costs), increasing demand for our services, the impact on costs of providing support, health, and safety risks at the buildings we manage, and safeguarding risks though our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.
- The establishment of policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified
- The implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise
- Our major capital projects are included in our risk register and for each of our activities we undertake risk assessment

We have completed a Trust wide risk register with both strategic and operational risks and how they will be mitigated against, including training for example in health and safety and safeguarding.

This is now being reviewed by the board on a six-monthly basis.



▲ Richard Crease

Public benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit (September 2013).



▲ Branksome Centre - Easter crafts

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence.

2630

Residents have used our warm spaces, an increase of 475 on last year.

Bourne Community Hub – 1271
Branksome Centre- 523
Turlin Moor – 836

30

Dedicated volunteers from our community

10884

Residents have participated in Bourne Community Hub hosted activities /services provided by others.

1135

Residents have attended our craft/fun/community days, up 261 on last year.

Bourne Community Hub – 432
Branksome Centre – 514
Turlin Moor – 189*

9936

Residents have participated in Branksome Community Centre hosted activities provided by others.

Offering greater opportunities to children and young people and families



▲ Turlin Moor Junior Fun Club

306
Attendances by children and young people in dance at Bourne.

148
Attendances by children and young people in football at Bourne.

93
Individual children and young people participating in youth sessions at Bourne.

196
Attendances by children and young people in dance at Turlin Moor.

628
Attendances by children and young people in football at Turlin Moor.

46
Individual children and young people participating in youth sessions at Turlin Moor.

2042
Attendances of children & adults in weekly toddlers & stay and play groups at the Branksome Community Centre & Bourne Community Hub, up 210 on last year.

Children - 1065
Adults - 977

Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services



▲ Turlin Moor Food Store

3088

Number of shops undertaken in our Turlin Moor Food Community Store, up 83 on last year.

215

Members of the Turlin Moor Community Food Store, down by 15 on

2077

Number of shops undertake in our Bourne Community Food Store, up 395 on last year.

146

Members of the Bourne Community Food Store, up 16 on last year.

219

Residents attended the Community Lunches which started in October 2024 in Turlin Moor.

156

Residents attended Citizens Advice Sessions at the Bourne Community Hub.

Ensuring we are a well-run charity



▲ Branksome Pride Cafe

Raised £301,073.08 in grants to fund activities and staff, up £68,719.09 on last year.

4 new partnerships started

- EDAS (support to people with addictions)
- South West Flood andCoastal Team, BCP Council
- Recovery Education Centre
- Southwest Regional Assessment Centre

19 training courses undertaken by staff, volunteers and trustees

- Mental Health First Aid Level 2
- Safeguarding for volunteers
- Safeguarding
- Fire Safety & Marshalling
- Health & Safety Responsible Person training
- Youth Work Level 3
- Food Hygiene Level 2 & 3
- Manual Handling
- Food Allergens
- Child Criminal Exploitation and County Lines Level 1

KEY THEMES IN THE YEAR

During the year we have been developing our work to support our four priorities in the communities of Bourne, Branksome and Turlin Moor. We remain indebted to the National Lottery whose funding enables so much of our work. Over the next few pages, we illustrate examples of our work.

Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence



▲ Bourne Community Day

Engaging with our communities successfully lies at the heart of our work. Whilst we had been using social media to promote events and had developed a basic website, we knew we had so much more to do. So, when the opportunity arose for us to apply for funding to the Rank Foundation for a Time 2 Shine 1 year post, we knew that the focus for the role should be digital communication. We were thrilled that we were successful, and our new colleague, Aedan, joined us in January 2025. This has transformed our approach to engaging with our communities through social media and the website.

Thanks to some local funding we were able to install new signage at the Branksome Centre to encourage passers-by to visit, and we now offer free WIFI access at the Turlin Moor Food Store. At Bourne Community Hub, a grant aimed at greening urban spaces enabled us to buy two large flowering cherry trees to go in the 'internal' street.

During the year we have continued with our programme of events and activities including family fun days at the Branksome Community Centre with 140 participants, a nature event which 25 people enjoyed, and a family fun day at the Bourne Community Hub with 113 participants. We were sorry to have to cancel the same event at Turlin Moor due to very bad weather. The craft sessions in school holidays continue to be popular. We were thrilled that Arts by the Sea were back for a second year at the Bourne Community Hub in September 2024 to run their community festival.

Arts by the Sea Community Day

228 residents attended and when asked to describe the day in 3 words said:

'Inspiring, fun, friendly', 'amazing, inclusive, sensory', 'fun, energetic, entertaining', great for everyone', incredible, accessible, and magical', 'full of smiles', 'entertaining, artistic, community', 'wow, entertaining, friendly', electric, community, inspiring', 'fun, tasty, kind', 'fun, diverse, family friendly'.

Last year we organised listening events in Turlin Moor and Bourne with Pavillion Dance Southwest to understand our communities' interest in dance. The feedback received from our communities was used to shape grant funding applications for both adults and children. Huge congratulations go to Pavillion Dance Southwest who were successful in their funding for young people this year. There is more about this in the next section. Next year we hope to start dance for adults.

During last year we were increasingly aware of poor mental health in our communities and were keen to offer support. Grant funding from the NHS enabled us to commence preparation for a well-being breakfast programme starting in May 2025. In preparation for this we held mental health first aid training for staff and trustees in January and developed a Memorandum of Understanding with 'Help and Care', Poole Well Being Hub, to work with us on the well-being breakfast programme and offer regular drop-in well-being support for residents to access alongside the community food stores.

Our communities supported research at Bournemouth University on the benefits to health of eating watercress and an innovative project which will lead to blood pressure being tested by looking into a phone screen.

We expanded our programme of events for 2025 and alongside our regular family days and craft sessions, we included a celebration of International Women's Day on 8 March with a quiz.

We are always keen to expand our programme of skills-based training and enhance the health and well-being of residents, and we were pleased to host digital skills training, Pilates and clinics to help manage diabetes.

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From the Pilates teacher at the Branksome Centre and Bourne Community Hub:

'Over the past year, several of our Pilates participants have shared how the classes have positively affected their health and wellbeing. One regular attendee has seen a noticeable improvement in mobility and balance, allowing her to return to hobbies she thought she'd have to give up.

Another member, recovering from surgery, has regained strength and confidence through the gentle yet effective exercises we do each week.

Many have commented that the group provides not only physical benefits, but also a sense of community, helping them to feel more connected and less isolated. These small but significant changes make a real difference to people's lives and show the value of keeping these sessions accessible.'

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From the Narcotics Anonymous group:

'a few weeks ago, we had 20 people in attendance... the message is getting out which is wonderful. We feel very looked after here. The staff are amazing. Thank you!'

Our great partnership with Bourne Big Local has continued, as has their fortnightly bingo, Halloween and Christmas events, and the weekly tea and toast. Huge thanks go once again to the Bourne Big Local who kindly funded blinds for the Hub. This has been a super addition which has been very well received when quieter activities such as Pilates are taking place, when the sun is very strong or when rooms are used for interviews. As the National Big Local comes to an end, Bourne Big Local has set up a successor organisation - Friends of Bourne. Poole Communities Trust received a request from friends of Bourne to 'hold' their funds. Together we have developed and agreed a Custodian Agreement, which outlines how the funds will be managed and accessed.

We were very pleased to contribute to a joint newsletter with Friends of Bourne which was delivered to all households in our target postcode – BH12 4.

It was super for our staff to get the recognition they so rightly deserve in the Houses of Parliament. Two newly elected local M.P.'s – Neil Duncan-Jordan and Jessica Toole mentioned our work and staff (Kerry and Mel M) in their maiden speeches!

Finally, we are grateful to Colten Care at the Bourne View Care Home who have adopted Bourne Community Hub as their charity of the year.



▲ Easter at Bourne

Offering greater opportunities to children, young people and families

All three of the communities we work with have told us that supporting children, young people and families is vital. We have been able to expand our offer to children and young people as a result of grant funding from BCP Family Hub - Youth Fund, Million Hours and the Police and Crime Commissioner. This has enabled us to support two part time sessional young people's workers for Turlin Moor and Bourne and continue funding term-time football at both Bourne and Turlin Moor, introduce dance to Turlin Moor for the first time and continue dance at Bourne. It was wonderful when a group of Turlin Moor dancers participated in a Pavillion Southwest showcase in Bournemouth. Our youth clubs continue on three nights a week – Mondays at Turlin Moor and Tuesdays and Thursdays at Bourne for different age groups.

Following staff training we have run 'big play' days (creative play using everyday objects) during summer 2024 and these were hugely popular at all three sites. Learning from our craft sessions for children with parents, grandparents and carers at Turlin Moor, we now offer these at both our other sites in school holidays.

Our plans for the new skateboard park at Turlin Moor have continued with some key milestones achieved during the year. This has included developing a specification for the project and successfully tendering the work. A local company with a national reputation – Maverick Skateparks - was appointed and as the year ended in March 2025, we were a quarter of the way towards our fund-raising target of £320,000. The Steering Group for the Skatepark was set up in January 2025 and includes community representatives, BCP Council and Maverick Skateparks. We started our first youth forum called 'Youth Ideas'. They are playing a key role in shaping the design of the new facility and development of the project and provide input into the Steering Group. We were thrilled to receive 140 responses to our consultation on the design. In support of the fund-raising campaign we filmed a 'before' video, and 45 young people took part.

We aim to offer something for all ages. During the year we have continued to provide weekly 'stay and play' sessions at the Branksome Community Centre and Bourne Community Hub for under 5's, parents, grandparents, and carers and we are delighted that the Health Visitors continue to provide a clinic for new parents at the Bourne Community Hub.

'....it is helpful to have somewhere to attend that is friendly, affordable and less structured- leading to a less stressful and more welcoming environment. Lots of the children really benefit from the group, many of them not yet at preschool and really benefit from the ability to engage with a large group of toddlers - helping them prepare for the busy environment of preschool/ school.'

We have continued our popular craft sessions in school holidays at all our sites, and we arranged trips in the 2024 school holidays to bowling, the Football Lab and the pantomime.

Thanks to our continuing partnership with the National Trust, 66 families visited Brownsea Island free of charge in 2024. The BCP Family Hub – Youth Grant team hosted an end of grant event on a Saturday, and our Senior Young People's Worker took a group of young people to the event.

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Our Senior Young People's worker said:

'At Chill Blast youth sessions, a young girl, D, first joined us feeling very shy and quiet. She spent much of her time engaging in crafts and building a relationship with one of our volunteers ...(continued)

...over time, we began to see her confidence grow. She slowly started to join in with games and play alongside the other children in the summer, D took part in our Film Making Workshop, where she stepped out of her comfort zone and tried something completely new. Not only did she get involved, but she also took on the challenge of interviewing others, speaking up, and engaging confidently with the group.

D's journey has been a wonderful example of how children can flourish, build confidence, and discover new skills through attending our sessions.'

A Branksome Centre Martial Arts teacher said:

'Our kids compete in national and international level competitions. Our students won silver and two bronze medals internationally and at this year's UK national championships our students won 18 medals.'

We continue to face occasional challenging behaviour from a small number of children and parents with complex needs. Whilst we are continuing to do all we can to work with these children and their parents, we may need to permanently exclude children if the safety of other children, volunteers and staff are at risk. Our plans for effectively managing sessions inevitably require additional staff and we have adopted revised staffing ratios for more challenging sessions. Thanks to additional funding from the National Lottery, we have been able to increase the hours of the Senior Young People's Worker who leads the young people's team and is highly skilled in working with young people.

Two young people from our youth sessions said:

'If I wasn't at youth club, I would be going to abandoned buildings and not be safe'.

If I was not at the Bourne community Hub I would be doing some stupid stuff'.

To support the safety of children, young people, staff and volunteers we have increased the CCTV coverage at the Bourne Community Hub and have made an application to BCP Council's Community Infrastructure Levy to fund an additional gate into the MUGA, enabling us to restrict access to the MUGA via the internal street during coaching sessions rather than via Arne Crescent.

We continue to work with the police and Anti-Social Behaviour Team of BCP Council and have made an increased number of referrals to the safeguarding team. We have supported our staff to participate in multi-agency meetings and safeguarding work in the best interest of individual families and children when this has been required. We have seen that the practical support we can offer to children, parents and carers at their local Hub can support positive outcomes. We are committed to enabling our staff to work in effective partnerships with families and relevant partner agencies in the best interests of children.

All these additional costs do create financial challenges, and we need to look for longer term additional funding in the year ahead. We are very pleased to have successfully recruiting two local volunteers to support young people's activities at Bourne and Turlin Moor.

As the year ended, we were delighted to hear that we had been successful with a grant application to Educational Services (a small charity) for funding to run a young people's film making course in the summer of 2025.

Reducing the impact of poverty through food Support, advice sessions and access to publicly funded services

We have maintained a range of schemes to support residents through the cost-of-living crisis, including providing warm spaces at Turlin Moor, (in partnership with St. Gabriel's church) Branksome Community Centre and Bourne Community Hub. Our offer has continued to include a range of homemade food, and hot and cold drinks. The warm spaces have regularly welcomed new partner organisations who wish to provide support to our communities. The social prescribers from Help and Care visit Bourne and Turlin Moor every month and the fortnightly Bourne CAB service now includes a worker who specialises in support to gypsies and travellers, who is warmly received by the community. We have been pleased to expand the support available, with regular sessions offered by Southwest Water, the Well Being Coordinators from the Poole Well Being Hub and drop in blood pressure checks.

Membership of our Community Food Stores has reduced from 230 to 215 in Turlin Moor and increased from 130 to 146 in Bourne. We are grateful to a number of new donors to our Food Stores including local schools, care homes, individuals and churches in Turlin Moor and Bourne.

We had some success with applying for food grants, although we have seen a reduction in the amount of grants provided by a number of funders. As well as enabling us to purchase much needed essentials, we have had some more specific grants aimed at providing fresh fruit and vegetables in the winter, 140 recipes bags (ingredients and a recipe for four people) during January, February and March when money is especially tight after Christmas, and 120 £10 vouchers with which regular Food Store members could choose items at Lidl.

A Social Prescriber said:

'I encouraged a community food store member – K to volunteer. K is now a regular volunteer in the Warm Space and store and is an integral part of the team.'

K said 'Even if I am feeling low, I come along on a Tuesday. It reduces my isolation and builds my confidence. I hope to move on to paid work soon'.

Our residents said:

'I really don't know how I would manage without you'.

'Feeling confident enough to go through to the warm space today, thank you. '

'Coming here is not just about the food. It is the company. Everyone cares. Everyone is friendly.'

Our volunteer said:

'I have long Covid, but I always try to make sure I have enough energy to come here on a Tuesday, as I know it makes a difference to them and me'

Our continued thanks go to the Wardrobe Foundation who have continued to provide seasonal clothing to all three of our sites. In January the National Trust on Brownsea Island asked if we could recycle clothes they had through a partnership with Rohan clothing. We were pleased to share these with residents in all three Warm Spaces.

We were finally successful in recruiting to the role of Food Champion in July 2024. Our Food Champion has undertaken a review of food hygiene at the Branksome Community Centre, bringing it in line with our community café and Food Stores at Bourne and Turlin Moor. We were delighted that BCP Council Environmental Health Team awarded the café a 5* Food hygiene rating, joining our existing 5* awards.

The Food Champion listened to local residents' views and ideas. This led to a monthly Community Lunch being organised for Turlin Moor and a low-cost café every Thursday at Bourne.

We are pleased that a further two volunteers undertook the Food Hygiene Level 2 qualification this year and all our staff undertook allergen training.



▲ Bourne Food Store, Richard Crease

Supporting residents

A resident asked for help with an email she had received from BCP Council saying she was not eligible for funding as a claim had already been received from her address.

The resident had been unable to sleep – no one else lived in her home, so why were the Council saying that.

The volunteer asked whether there might be a reason why the Council might think that. The resident explained her Mum lived a couple of doors away and had made a claim.

As her Mum did not have email, she used her daughters e mail address to make the claim.

Our volunteer thought the Council might have confused given one email address, but two homes and emailed the Council. 10 minutes later the resident came running into the café to thank our volunteer.

The Council had not realised there were two properties, and the claim would be paid.

Free monthly community lunches at Turlin Moor

One regular customer asked.

'Can you do the lunches weekly? The lunches make me try new things on a Tuesday and then I make them at home.'

Ensuring we are a well run charity



▲ Team photo at Birthday fun day

We are passionate about making a difference in our three communities and we know we cannot do this on our own! We want to work in the most effective way possible with our communities, volunteers, and partner organisations, so we do invest time and resources into planning and evaluating our work.

As a small local charity, we do not receive any public funding and rely on room hire income from the Branksome Centre and Bourne Community Hub as well as applying for grants to fund activities and staff. Our room hire income for the year increased on the previous year. This has made a vital contribution to covering some of our costs. We were very pleased to have a new longer-term tenant for the self-contained studio at the Branksome Centre and were pleased to welcome a complimentary charity, EDAS, who provide free and low-cost mental health and addiction counselling support for adults and young people. At Bourne Community Hub we were please to host some new services to support the community including diabetes support and breathlessness support.

Seeking funding to support our work is a relentless task and we continue to focus on making grant applications and encouraging donations, both food for our food stores and financial donations. We had hoped to have progressed a Legacy Scheme during the year, but this has not proved possible. We hope to find pro bono legal advice to assist us with this next year.

We want to share with our supporters, volunteers, funders, partners and staff the impacts they are having on our communities. During the year we commissioned a video which includes residents, volunteers and staff talking about our work.

We are incredibly proud of what they all say. We hope you enjoy the video.

Click here to watch the video on Vimeo.

We are continuing to develop our approach to recruiting and supporting our volunteers who make such a huge contribution to our activities. During the year we have welcomed more volunteers to support our cafes, Community Food Stores and children's kick about football and youth sessions. We have held safeguarding training and organised some 'thank you' events, including a beach hut picnic during August on, sadly, one of the coldest days of the summer. Warmer events were held indoors later in the year!

One of the Board of Trustees responsibilities is to look ahead and plan for the future of the charity. We had become increasingly concerned about the fabric of the Branksome Community Centre and asked BCP Council whether they could undertake a Condition Survey. We are grateful for the work of the surveyor who has prioritised the work we will need to undertake as funds allow. In order that we could make informed grant applications we commissioned a firm of Quantity Surveyors to produce a Cost Plan based on the Condition Survey. We have used the information to help inform an application to the BCP Council Community Infrastructure Levy grant which we will hear the outcome of in summer 2025.

Following two successful grant applications we were able to replace the hall floor and install some much-needed fire protection measures at the Branksome Community Centre, making it a safer and more comfortable centre. We also reviewed the café operation at the Branksome Community Centre and were grateful for advice from the Parks Foundation who currently run several community cafes.

In the late summer the Rank Foundation advertised the Time2shine programme, and we were thrilled to be successful again. Our one year fully funded trainee is focusing on digital engagement. Our new recruit started in January 2025 and has already made a great impact on our work with improvements to our website, increased use of social media to engage our communities and a review of our social media policy. The Rank Foundation is also providing training and are funding relevant qualifications.

Our continuing partnerships with Poole Lions in Turlin Moor and the Bourne Big Local in Bourne led to Father Christmas visiting – we hope he is able to visit again next year!

We were thrilled to hear in September that the Postcode Local Trust were awarding us £70,000 as part of their £1 million - Millionaire Street prize. Unbeknown to us when residents in a postcode share a Million Pound win, the Postcode Local Trust select a worthwhile nearby charity to support. This wonderful grant is being used to support our work with children and young people and to support the fabric of our buildings.



▲ Skatepark concept - Maverick Skateparks

OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Guided by our vision, mission, values and priorities, the Board has identified the following areas of activity to develop during 2025/2026. However, it is also very important to us that we consolidate and fund existing services which we know our communities rely on. We are concerned some funders are wishing to fund new activity rather than existing.

Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence

- Introduce direct feedback from our communities to the board of trustees
- Continue the development of activities which bring people, together including trying out new activities
- Develop our approach to volunteering, including training and inviting volunteers to contribute to a survey
- Open our Warm Spaces for Autumn/Winter 2025/2026
- Run our Well Being Breakfast programmes at Turlin Moor and the Bourne Community Hub and consider support for residents facing mental health issues
- Deliver a planned programme of events to support our three communities

Offering greater opportunities to children, young people and families

- Enable young people to open a youth café at the Bourne Community Hub
- Develop the role of 'Youth Voices' in Turlin Moor
- Open an after-school café at the Branksome Centre
- Launch our crowd funding campaign to support the building of the skatepark
- Run a programme during school holidays for children and families, including crafts, pottery, film making, sports days, nature crafts, and fun community days
- Monitor the availability of any potential government funding, following various announcements about funding to support youth work
- Build our relationships with local schools

Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services

- Introduce child & parent cookery sessions in school holidays
- Pilot a healthy lunchbox project with the on-site Bourne pre-school
- Expand the support services and advice on offer in each of our locations
- Look for opportunities to work with other charities and potential donors to contribute goods to the Community Food Stores

Ensuring we are a well-run charity

- Apply for grants which support our core costs, including staffing costs to continue our Digital Communications and Engagement Creator role following the conclusion of the Rank Foundation scheme in January 2026 and our bookkeeper
- Introduce a Staff News Update and measures to support staff well being
- Review our social media policy and introduce a social media plan
- Undertake equalities and de-escalation training
- Review room hire charges
- Consider making additional payments towards the Charity Bank Loan once the Big Local loan is repaid in October 2025
- Continue to improve the fabric of the Branksome Community Centre when funds allow
- Review our approach to safeguarding
- Introduce Trust wide processes to improve our resilience, consistency and capacity, including how we manage emergencies and apply health and safety and maintenance programmes
- Celebrate our 10th Birthday with residents, supporters, funders, staff and volunteers!



▲ Easter events at Branksome

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The charity had a deficit in the year of £15,260 compared with a surplus of £2,188 in the prior year. The deficit arose from higher-than-expected overhead charges including payments to the Performing Rights Society and salary costs as a result of increasing staff ratios on some higher risk activities.

The charity's income for the year was £332,937 (2023/2024 - £349,102) with expenditure of £348,197 (2023/2024- £346,913).

After detailed consideration at Board meetings during 2021/2022, the decision was taken to take out two loans to complete the capital funding required for the construction of the Bourne Community Hub with Charity Bank (£108,000over 25 years) and Bourne Big Local (£20,000 over 2 years). The balance of the Charity Bank loan stood at £107,163 on 31 March 2025. (2023/2024 £108,000) The balance on the Bourne Big Local loan stood at £3,333 on 31 March 2025. The loan with the Bourne Big Local concludes in October 2025.

During the year we have further developed our approach to minimising bad debt on room hire by tackling late payment at the earliest opportunity. We reviewed room hire charges and decided not to make any changes. However, we anticipate a possible increase in 2024/2025, since it will then be 3 years since room hire charges were increased.

Reserves Policy

Our policy is to review our reserves levels on a regular basis and to maintain a level of reserves which will provide a stable base for the Trust's continuing activities while at the same time ensuring excessive funds are not accumulated.

Total unrestricted funds at the year-end amounted to £10,039 (2023/2024 -£10,432)

The charitable company had free reserves calculated of £7,445 as at 31 March 2025.Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted (and undesignated) reserves held at the year end.



▲ Birthday fun day

Grants received

Name of Funder	Grant	Date Received
Bournemouth University	£1,800	03.04.2024
ASDA Grassroots	£1,000	03.04.2024
Dorset Community Foundation	£3,000	13.05.2024
Salisbury Diocese	£500	30.05.2024
Action Funder	£1,000	07.06.2024
Arnold Clark	£2,500	12.06.2024
National Lottery	£41,777	05.07.2024
Dorset CF – NHS	£8,500	09.07.2024
Awards for All	£20,000	19.07.2024
Coop Neighbourly	£500	05.07.2024
ASDA	£1,000	05.08.2024
Bourne Big Local	£14,220	09.08.2024
BCP Food & Energy	£9,305.75	28.08.2024
National Lottery	£15,000	20.09.2024
Alice Ellen Cooper Dean	£5,000	26.09.2024
Dorset Community Foundation	£8,506	07.10.2024
Dorset Community Foundation	£3,571	28.10.2024
Millionaire Street, Postcode Local Trust	£70,000	31.10.2024
Education Services Limited	£4,000	25.11.2024
Dorset Community Foundation	£6,340	29.11.2024
Southern Water	£1,000	02.12.2024
Lidl	£220	15.12.2024
National Lottery	£42,79	19.12.2024
Dorset CF – Wessex Water	£4,000	20.12.2024
BCP – Food and Energy	£9,590	20.12.2024
BCP -Kickstarter	£450	
Valentine Trust	£5,000	17.02.2025
The Rank Foundation	£17,469	31.01.2025
BCP – Food and Energy Top Up	£3,033.33	10.03.2025
TOTAL	**£301,073.08**	

(Note £15,000 awarded by Talbot Village Trust towards the skatepark but not yet drawn down.)

Fundraising policy

- Focus our fund-raising efforts on applying to grant making organisations and trusts who have funding streams which support one of our for priorities.
- Start to prepare new projects to have on the shelf in advance, so we are ready to make grant applications as they become available.
- Ensure applications include core costs (when the criteria allow).
- Identify the budget gap for the following year and where possible ensure our grant applications exceed our requirements.
- Seek to build longer term relationships with funders.
- Always acknowledge successful grant applications on our website and in social media.

Investment Policy

The Trust has very modest funds to invest and uses an account with COlF to enable some interest to be earned.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of Poole Communities Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:



▲ Turlin Moor Brownsea Island trip

- Select suitable accountancy policies and then apply them consistently.
- Observe the methods and principles in Charities Statement of Recommended Practice. (SORP)
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- State whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Trustees:

Ms. J. Bacon

Mr. C. Beale

Ms.D.H. Dixon

Ms.E. Leatherbarrow (from 27 November 2025)

Ms.F.C. Tasdelen

Registered Company Number

09490119

Registered Charity Number

1165309

Registered Office

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Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 November 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Christopher Beale
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Poole Communities Trust ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the Company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of Poole Communities Trust as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or

4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.

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T G Froud ACA

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Date 17 November 2025

Poole Communities Trust

Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2025
(Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	76,668	141,240	217,908	240,512
Charitable activities		(23,358)	110,935	87,577	82,563
Investment income	3	1,418	-	1,418	946
Other income	4	(8,590)	34,624	26,034	25,081
Total income		46,138	286,799	332,937	349,102
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5	(5,686)	-	(5,686)	(24,272)
Charitable activities	6	(40,845)	(301,666)	(342,511)	(322,641)
Total expenditure		(46,531)	(301,666)	(348,197)	(346,913)
Net (expenditure)/income		(393)	(14,867)	(15,260)	2,189
Net movement in funds		(393)	(14,867)	(15,260)	2,189
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		10,432	2,104,085	2,114,517	2,112,328
Total funds carried forward	17	10,039	2,089,218	2,099,257	2,114,517

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2024 is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 30 to 41 form an integral part of these financial statements.

Poole Communities Trust

(Registration number: 09490119)
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Note	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12	114,697	2,070,312	2,185,009	2,222,505
Current assets					
Debtors	13	16,793	-	16,793	14,110
Cash at bank and in hand	14	186,678	18,906	205,584	93,064
		203,471	18,906	222,377	107,174
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	(202,744)	-	(202,744)	(107,473)
Net current assets/(liabilities)		727	18,906	19,633	(299)
Total assets less current liabilities		115,424	2,089,218	2,204,642	2,222,206
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	16	(105,385)	-	(105,385)	(107,689)
Net assets		10,039	2,089,218	2,099,257	2,114,517
Funds of the charity:					
Restricted income funds					
Restricted funds				2,089,218	2,104,085
Unrestricted income funds					
Unrestricted funds				10,039	10,432
Total funds	17			2,099,257	2,114,517

The financial statements on pages 32 to 43 were approved by the trustees and authorised for issue on 17 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Christopher Beale

Trustee

The notes on pages 30 to 41 form an integral part of these financial statements.

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Poole Communities Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Income and endowments

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received, and the amount of the income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

Investment income

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required, and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in attracting voluntary income, the management of investments and those incurred in trading activities that raise funds.

Charitable activities

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.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows.

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Leasehold buildings	Over the term of the lease
Leasehold improvements	5 years
Plant and equipment	3 years
Office equipment	3 years

Fund structure Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustee's discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity. Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

1 Accounting policies (continued)

Pensions and other post-retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;		
Donations from individuals	9,223	5,398
Grants, including capital grants	208,685	235,114
	217,908	240,512

3 Investment income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Interest receivable and similar income;		
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,418	946

4 Other income

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other income	26,034	25,081

5 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Investment management costs

	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Other investment management costs;		
Property repairs	5,686	24,272
	5,686	24,272

6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Direct costs		150,179	150,127
Grant funding of activities		-	2,340
Staff costs		179,456	147,139
Governance costs		12,876	23,035
		342,511	322,641

7 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of fixed assets	39,861	39,667
Independent examination fee	1,512	1,440

8 Trustees’ remuneration and expenses

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 (2024: £4)

9 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	171,715	141,294
Social security costs	4,870	3,525
Pension costs	2,871	2,320
	179,456	147,139

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2025 No	2024 No
Average full time equivalent staff	6.6	6.2

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

10 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

11 Comparatives for the statement of financial activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	24,617	215,895	240,512
Charitable activities		34,531	48,032	82,563
Investment income	3	946	-	946
Other income	4	(3,550)	28,631	25,081
Total income		56,544	292,558	349,102
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	5	(14,222)	(10,050)	(24,272)
Charitable activities	6	(46,423)	(276,218)	(322,641)
Total expenditure		(60,645)	(286,268)	(346,913)
Net (expenditure)/income		(4,101)	6,290	2,189
Net movement in funds		(4,101)	6,290	2,189
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		14,533	2,097,795	2,112,328
Total funds carried forward	17	10,432	2,104,085	2,114,517

12 Tangible fixed assets

	Land and buildings £	Furniture and equipment £	Computer equipment £	Other tangible fixed asset £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 April 2024	2,248,697	54,626	4,296	25,965	2,333,584
Additions	-	2,365	-	-	2,365
At 31 March 2025	2,248,697	56,991	4,296	25,965	2,335,949
Depreciation					
At 1 April 2024	44,791	37,197	3,126	25,965	111,079
Charge for the year	22,720	15,971	1,170	-	39,861
At 31 March 2025	67,511	53,168	4,296	25,965	150,940
Net book value					
At 31 March 2025	2,181,186	3,823	-	-	2,185,009
At 31 March 2024	2,203,906	17,429	1,170	-	2,222,505

13 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	11,472	12,472
Prepayments	5,321	1,638
	16,793	14,110

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash on hand	140	140
Cash at bank	205,444	92,924
	205,584	93,064

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	1,778	3,644
Trade creditors	-	10,351
Other loans	3,333	6,667
Accruals	197,633	86,811
	202,744	107,473

16 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans	105,385	104,356
Other loans	-	3,333
	105,385	107,689

17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	10,432	47,428	(47,821)	10,039
Restricted funds				
Turlin Moor Community Activities	2,151	71,044	(54,289)	18,906
Bourne Valley Community Hub	2,101,934	215,755	(247,377)	2,070,312
	2,104,085	286,799	(301,666)	2,089,218
Total funds	2,114,517	334,227	(349,487)	2,099,257

17 Funds (continued)

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds				
General				
General Funds	14,533	70,797	(74,898)	10,432
Restricted funds				
Turlin Moor Community Activities	5,059	60,032	(62,940)	2,151
Bourne Valley Community Hub	2,092,736	232,526	(223,328)	2,101,934
	2,097,795	292,558	(286,268)	2,104,085
Total funds	2,112,328	363,355	(361,166)	2,114,517

Restricted Funds

Turlin Moor Community Activities – these funds are held to deliver the community foodstore and other activities specifically in Turlin Moor, Poole.

Bourne Valley Community Hub – these funds relate to the value of the building and other funds held to deliver activities specifically in the Bourne estate Poole.

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	114,697	2,070,312	2,185,009
Current assets	203,471	18,906	222,377
Current liabilities	(202,744)	-	(202,744)
Creditors over 1 year	(105,385)	-	(105,385)
Total net assets	10,039	2,089,218	2,099,257

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	129,769	2,092,736	2,222,505
Current assets	95,825	11,349	107,174
Current liabilities	(107,473)	-	(107,473)
Creditors over 1 year	(107,689)	-	(107,689)
Total net assets	10,432	2,104,085	2,114,517

19 Related party transactions

During the year the trustees made donations totalling £36 (2024: £24) to the charity.

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Debbie Dixon - Lead Trustee - Bourne

Andy Frost – Trustee (until 27 September 2023)

Alex King – Trustee (until 12 June 2024)

Feriser Tasleden - Trustee and Treasurer

Andy Ward – Trustee (until 28 June 2023)

Our staff:

Chief Officer - Hannah Baker

Young People's Worker – Kerry Clark (from 15 June 2023)

Cleaner, Bourne – Hollie Dallison (until June 2023)

Volunteer and Administrative Worker – Sandra Grant (until 16 October 2023)

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Community Development Worker & Centre Coordinator - Bourne - Kerry Manning

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Centre Coordinator - Branksome - Kyla Mares (job share)

Community Food Stores Coordinator - Mel Meadowcroft

Centre Coordinator - Branksome - Jade Tidbury (job share)

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WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Chris Beale, Chair of Trustees

Thank you for reading our Annual Report and Accounts 2023-2024.

Our mission to inspire change and help to tackle disadvantage has never been more needed as the most disadvantaged communities in Poole (and indeed elsewhere) face even more challenges and turmoil following the cost-of-living crisis.



The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

I hope this Annual Report and Accounts gives you a flavour of our work, an explanation of our structure and finances, and our plans.

The 2023-24 financial year has seen the Trust consolidate work on our priorities and expand the range of support and activities available.

During the year we have:

- Strengthened our services and support for children and young people with the recruitment of a small team of staff to lead youth work and deliver a programme of activities.
- Offered our communities and partners the opportunity to book spaces online for the Branksome Community Centre and Bourne Community Hub, which provides much needed income for the charity.
- Completed the defects period with Amiri Construction Ltd on the Bourne Community Hub.
- Expanded the offer at the Community Food Stores in Bourne and Turlin Moor with pet food, toiletries, free cookery books with low costs recipes. The Community Food Stores also became satellite food banks on behalf of the Trussell Trust so those in receipt of food bank vouchers did not have to travel to collect their food parcel.
- Undertaken essential preparatory work including site surveys and reached formal agreement with BCP Council for a skatepark in Turlin Moor.

During 2023/ 2024, we have faced several direct challenges and have needed to respond to changes in the environment in which we work. These have included:

- Supporting the communities we serve in coping with the continuing impacts of the cost-of-living crisis and an increase in poor mental health.
- Addressing the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis on our own operations as a charity (rising interest rates, soaring electricity bills and difficulties in recruiting).
- Witnessing a trend by funders to grant aid new projects but without contributing to the core costs all charities with premises and staff experience.
- A reduction in the availability of grants for food supplies whilst seeing increased competition for those grants.
- Dealing with the impact of Wessex Water sewerage chambers leaking on to the grounds of the Bourne Community Hub on Easter Monday.
- Increased challenging behaviours amongst a minority of children at Bourne.
- Continuing issues with the fabric of the Branksome Community Centre and very limited grant funding available for non-priority locations.

We would like to take this opportunity to record our huge thanks to our wonderful staff, volunteers, the Bourne Big Local and St Gabriel's in Turlin Moor who continue their fantastic partnership working with us. I also want to thank my fellow trustees for all their wisdom and commitment.

We were very proud when one of our trustees, Debbie Dixon, was awarded an M.B.E in the New Year's Honours List in recognition of her work for the communities of Poole through the Trust.



▲Debbie Dixon receiving her MBE

OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES & PRIORITIES



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle, HotShot Creative

Our vision

Connecting people and building communities.

Our mission

To inspire change and help address disadvantage.

Our values

- Compassionate towards others; we want to help protect each other from harm.
- Rooted in the community; we respond flexibly to changing local need.
- Inclusive; we embrace and promote differences.
- Collaborative;we work in partnership with others.
- Integrity: we behave ethically, honestly, and fairly
- Not for profit, we reinvest all financial surpluses in community projects and assets.

Our priorities

As a Trust we have identified four key priorities as follows:

- Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence .
- Offering greater opportunities to children, young people, and families.
- Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services.
- Ensuring we are a well-run charity.
- We use these priorities to guide us in shaping our work and choosing which activities we pursue.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document,a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Poole Communities Trust was incorporated on 14 March 2015, and registered as a charity on 28 January 2016.

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company which is governed under its Articles of Association.

The formal expression of the Trust's Charitable Purposes can be seen at Appendix 1. The activities, priorities and plans of the Trust fall squarely within these Charitable Purposes.

Appointment of trustees and induction

The directors of the company are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are required to retire by rotation, with one third of the board of trustees retiring each year. Trustees who retire at an AGM may, if still willing to act, be reappointed.

The board of trustees may also appoint new trustees during the year. Such persons will hold office until the next AGM, where they may be re-appointed.

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board and decision-making processes, the Strategic Plan and recent financial performance of the charity.

During the induction they visit each of our three locations and meet our employees and other trustees. Trustees are required to undertake certain compulsory training and are also encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will support their role.



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle,HotShot Creative



▲ Branksome Centre classes, photographer Emma Grant

Organisational structure

The board of trustees governs and administers the charity and meets at least quarterly.

They are responsible for the governance of the charity and for the use of its funds. In particular, the trustees are responsible for setting the charity's strategy and policies, and monitoring progress and fulfilment of these.

The board has appointed a Lead Trustee for each location and on occasion sets up task and finish groups to address issues. One Trustee has been designated as the line manager of the Chief Officer.

The Trust employs a Chief Officer, Hannah Baker, who leads a team of staff (named in section 2) who have delegated authority within the terms approved by the trustees.

Related parties

Our trustees are volunteers. They do not receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity.

Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity and another organisation with which the Trust transacts must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

• an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces.

These include financial risks (accruing insufficient funds through room rental income or grant funding, rising interest rates on the Charity Bank loan, increasing utility costs) increasing demand for our services, the impact on costs of providing support, health, and safety risks at the buildings we manage, and safeguarding risks though our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

• the establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and,

• the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Our major capital projects are included in our risk register and for each of our activities we undertake risk assessment.

We have completed a Trust wide risk register with both strategic and operational risks and how they will be mitigated against, including training for example in health and safety and safeguarding. This is now being reviewed by the board on a six-monthly basis.



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle, HotShot Creative

Public benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit (September 2013).



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle, HotShot Creative



▲ A visit to the pantomime.

OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence.



▲ Celebrating the achievements of residents and volunteers at Bourne Community Hub

2,155

Residents have used our Warm Spaces, an increase of 70 on last year

Bourne Community Hub - 982
Branksome Centre - 501
Turlin Moor - 672

38

Dedicated Poole Communities Trust volunteers

874

Residents have attended Fun Days and Arts by the Sea Community Days

Bourne Community Hub - 331
Branksome Centre - 248
Turlin Moor - 295

32,712

Residents have participated in Branksome Centre activties

83

Residents have participated in consultation (access to Healthcare and Common Health Assets research projects)

Offering greater opportunities to children and young people and families



▲ Big Blue Play, Turlin Moor

1,882

Individual visits from children and young people participating in sports and dance coaching

152

Number of children and young people attending our youth clubs

31

Number of children and young people who have been on a trip with us

2,706

Number of children participating in weekly toddler/Stay and Play sessions at Branksome and Bourne

1,022 children
810 parents/carers

Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services



▲ Turlin Moor Food Store

3,005

Number of shops undertaken in our Turlin Moor Food Store, up 516 on last year

30

Number of CAB advice sessions at Turlin Moor and Bourne

130

Number of members at the Bourne Food Store

1,682

Number of shops undertaken in our Bourne Food Store, up 1,295 on last year

230

Number of members at the Turlin Moor Food Store

Ensuring we are a well-run charity



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle, HotShot Creative

Raised over £232,000 in grants to fund staff and our activities

Built 7 new partnerships (Pavilion Dance Southwest, BCP Family Hubs, Public Health Dorset, BCP Carer Support, Parks Foundation, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Bird and Recreation Initiative Sandbanks to Studland).

Trained 11 staff, trustees and volunteers in Level 3 Safeguarding, Level 2 Safeguarding, Fire Marshal training, leadership styles, unconscious bias and exploring lived experiences.



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle, HotShot Creative

KEY THEMES IN THE YEAR

During the year we have been consolidating and expanding our work to support our four priorities in the communities of Bourne, Branksome and Turlin Moor. We remain indebted to the National Lottery whose funding enables so much of our work. Over the next few pages, we illustrate key examples of our work.

Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence



▲ Branksome Big Play

During the year we have held an ever-expanding range of events and activities. Our popular Family Fun Days and family craft sessions during school holidays have continued in Turlin Moor. We were thrilled to host the first Arts by the Sea Community Day in Bourne in September. A short film created about the event is available here:

https://youtu.be/33XME9Da40M?si=oJdbaP6F-GgYunxG

All these events are fun, creative, free to the participants and offer opportunities for friendship and building community support.

In Branksome we have weekly activities offered including table tennis, toddler group and community cafes. The affordable hire charges for room spaces at Branksome Centre enable private small providers to run courses. Feedback has included:

'I wanted to let you know that my company Conscious Mind has been voted the best Mindfulness and Relaxation Centre in Poole/ Dorset ahead of 60 other providers for 2024. The award came through the Distinguished Teaching website. The centre has played a key role in my courses over the past year, so I wanted to say a big thank you to you all'.
- Private hirer.

'My husband and I haven't been coming here for as long as the others, but it's made such a difference to our lives. I've been ill and my husband suffering from low mood. He looks forward to chatting to the men who come here. Such varied interests, lives-led, and humour. It's changed his life'.
- Branksome Community Centre café visitor.

We have continued to enjoy a great partnership with Bourne Big Local who have run bingo every fortnight, a coronation celebration, karaoke, Halloween and Christmas events. Our partnership with St Gabriel's Church continues with use of their rooms for our warm space café, weekly food store, weekly youth sessions and storage for these activities.

We ran an innovative project called Access to Healthcare with Community Action Network and Public Health Dorset with people from all three of our communities to find out why NHS appointments are not always kept and to find out what the NHS can do to overcome these barriers. The grant funding from Public Health Dorset enabled us to employ an artist to capture what people said and produce exhibition display boards with the feedback. It was heartening to be able to facilitate this important community participation. We hope our partners in the NHS can respond to our communities' feedback.

'Actually, being able to have some contact with people is quite important. As helpful as technology is, we're still wanting that human interaction'.
- Consultation group participant.

Our communities also supported Bournemouth University along with other universities in the UK in their research into the impact of community organisations on the wider health and well-being of communities.

We look forward to seeing the outcome of their Common Health Assets research in 2024/25.

A grant from Active Dorset enabled us to run free physical exercise sessions for people living with cancer.

During the autumn and winter of 2023/2024, we ran warm space cafes at the Bourne Community Hub, the Branksome Community Centre and with our Community Food Store in the church hall in Turlin Moor.

Our warm space in Turlin Moor was run in association with St Gabriel's church and offered hot drinks and snacks. At the Bourne Community Hub we offered homemade soup, a sandwich or light lunch every Wednesday alongside our Community Food Store.

'It's been a great step towards going back into work and for relearning basics needed for everyday life'.
- Branksome Community Centre volunteer

We are keen to expand our programme of skills-based training and were pleased to host the Learning and Skills Multiply courses during the year aimed at improving numeracy. Thanks to the work of one of our volunteers we have continued with adult literacy support and coaching for driving test theory examinations.

Offering greater opportunities to children, young people and families

All three of the communities we work with have told us that supporting children, young people and families is vital. The appointment of our Senior Young People's Worker and part time support worker has enabled us to expand our programme during the year.

We aim to offer something for all ages from babies through to teenagers. A grant from Dorset Community Foundation enabled us to run the very popular Babigloo – a music programme for babies and parents and we continued our weekly toddlers/Stay and Play sessions at the Branksome Community Centre and the Bourne Community Hub.

'Babigloo made me realise how important music and socialising is to Brianna. It made me feel more confident with other parents' .
- Babigloo session parent with baby under 1year old.

In September we opened a weekly, term time youth club at Turlin Moor as well as a weekly football coaching. In Bourne we offer 4 youth club sessions a week for different age groups and are continuing with the very popular street dance group.

Highlights of the youth club year included this case study:

'When P began attending our Youth Provision, there were difficulties in managing behaviour and aggression. Through building relationships with staff and having 1 main staff member 'buddied' with him, we have seen a huge progression in P's engagement, participation and behaviour. Whilst we still face some challenges, there has a been an improvement in communication and understanding his needs which means we can maintain him attending the session weekly with no 'red cards' given. P can voice how he is feeling, recognise and regulate through conversation & the help of fidget tools. P is being given the option of new opportunities, including going to a Pantomime whereby there was visible enjoyment and learning. P enjoys football, playing games and is hoping to come to our new Football Coaching Sessions.'
- Senior Young People's Worker.

In July 2023 we completed a giant mural at Branksome Community Centre created by artist Tech Moon in collaboration with local children from Heatherlands Primary school who developed the concepts and initial drawing ideas.

In August we welcomed '*Serving Sounds*' as part of Arts by the Sea festival to Bourne Community Hub, enabling teenagers to make electronic music.

With help from Lighthouse Poole with tickets and Canford School and Yarell's School with transport, we took 22 children to see the pantomime in December and with thanks to the National Trust 30 children together with their families were able to visit Brownsea Island free of charge.

'Thank you so much. All of us really enjoyed Brownsea Island today. Thank you for thinking of us. It was a lovely family day out; we don't often have.'
- Parent.

We are delighted to continue our partnership with the on-site pre-school at Bourne- Little People Pre-school whose purpose-built building continues to offer more and more families support.





▲ Boxing at Bourne with the Community PSO



▲ Branksome Community Centre

After much detailed, preliminary work, a memorandum of understanding with BCP Council was agreed to release the land and enable us to start fundraising for a skatepark on Turlin Moor. A CIL Grant from BCP Council enabled a range of site surveys to be undertaken which confirmed the suitability of the site.

Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services

The need for low-cost food has continued as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact our most vulnerable communities. Our community food store in Turlin Moor had its third anniversary in June and the store in Bourne completed its first year in December. We are very grateful for the continued support from the Valentine Trust who provide grant towards the salary of the Community Food Store Coordinator.

We were hugely proud of our staff team whose thorough work led to the Bourne food store being awarded a 5-star food hygiene rating from Environmental Health, joining the Turlin Moor store which had previously achieved this top status. During the year we were thrilled when two volunteers in the café at Bourne achieved their level 2 Food hygiene certificate. Five volunteers from across our project areas stepped up to help co-facilitate our Access to Healthcare consultation groups.

During the year we also became satellite food banks at both our Community Food Stores on behalf of Poole Foodbank enabling residents to obtain emergency food parcels when eligible for a voucher issued by CAB or the BCP Family Centres. Our thanks go to Dorset Dogs Pet Food Bank who now provide both of our Community Food stores with dog and cat food. We are also grateful to St Joseph's School, Colten Care – Bourne View, St Micheal's Hamworthy, the Vine Church, Upton and Bourne allotments and Upton Bay Care Home for regular food donations.

As members of the Access to Food Partnership we were pleased to make free 'Start Cooking' cookbooks, developed by the partnership, available in both our food stores.

We were very pleased to work with the Friendly Food Club to distribute free recipe bags to residents which provided a recipe and the ingredients to make a meal for four people. Cowboy baked beans proved very popular!

In September we began an innovative new partnership with Winchelsea School, whose older pupils now support the Fab Friday café each week in term time, enabling students to learn how to run a café and serve customers. Many residents at Bourne enjoy the café and we now have several regulars.

The Branksome Community Centre have continued to regularly receive surplus food from Marks and Spencer in Westbourne and ensure this gets distributed to residents in Branksome and Bourne.

Our community food store days are popular with other organisations who regularly hold drop-in sessions with us. During the year Live Well Dorset have provided free health checks and Help and Care have provided advice sessions.

We are grateful to BCP Council who supported the Trust in providing Warm Space cafes in all three of our projects over the autumn and winter and we have continued to host CAB, energy advice and the 'Wardrobe Foundation', who provide free items of new clothing to women in need.

Ensuring we are a well-run charity

We are passionate about making a difference in our three communities and we know we cannot do this on our own! We want to work in the most effective way possible with our communities, volunteers, staff and partner organisations, so we do invest time and resources into how we plan and manage our organisation.

As a small local charity, we do not receive any public funding and rely on room hire income at the Branksome Community Centre and Bourne Community Hub and applying for grants to fund activities. During the year we introduced an online room booking system, which enables customers to book rooms online. This has made it easier for booking and for the charity to understand occupancy of rooms and income generated.

We have developed a Donation Scheme aimed at encouraging regular and one-off financial donations and food donations to our food stores.

During the year we have developed a Staff Handbook and Volunteers Welcome Pack, designed to equip our staff and volunteers with vital information. Our newly approved social media Policy outlines how staff, volunteers and trustees need to represent themselves and the charity in social media.

Our training during the year has focussed on safeguarding for staff and trustees and fire safety training for staff.

We have continued to develop partnerships with other organisations who share an interest in supporting our communities. We were thrilled to host an Arts by The Sea Community Day in 2023 and are delighted with the commitment to run the day again in 2024 and 2025.

We have developed a new partnership with Pavilion Dance Southwest, and we held listening workshops in Bourne and Turlin Moor. We will use the feedback from our communities to help shape funding bids for a wide range of dance classes and events as a means of improving health and well-being.

We have greatly improved our approach to social impact reporting in the year and track our participation numbers and community feedback. For the first time we have started using video to capture the impact of our work. We look forward to sharing this in next year's Annual Report.

The board have developed the charities approach to managing risk and regularly review both strategic and operational risks.

OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Guided by our vision, mission, values and priorities, the Board has collectively identified the following areas of activity to concentrate on during 2024-25:

Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence

- Embedding structured community engagement into each of the 3 projects.
- Continuing the development of activities which bring people together, offering volunteering opportunities and responding to local needs.
- Opening our Warmer Spaces for Autumn / Winter 2024/ 2025.
- Working with partners to expand the range of activities and services available to residents.
- Identifying funding to support programmes for good mental health.
- Implementing an annual calendar of events – International Women's Day, Pride, International Play Day, Black History Month, Family Fun Days and Arts by the Sea Community Day 2024.

Offering greater opportunities to children, young people and families

- Fundraising for the skatepark for Turlin Moor.
- Building partnerships with local schools and other organisations who work with young people.
- Widening our offer for young people .
- Increasing numbers of staff with Level 3 Safeguarding training.
- Developing youth forums.
- Running longer term projects based on feedback from young people.



▲ Site of the planned skatepark at Turlin Moor

Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services

- Running regular programmes of participatory cookery demonstrations to support low cost, healthy food.
- Expanding our café offer in each of our locations.
- Expanding the support services on offer to our communities.

Ensuring we are a well-run charity

- Developing a longer-term fire safety and maintenance plan for the Branksome Community Centre.
- Undertaking an options appraisal for the Branksome Community Centre.
- Developing a Marketing and Social Media Plan, including refreshing our website, crowd funding for the skatepark and creating a presence on LinkedIn.
- Updating our training and development plan for staff, trustees and volunteers.
- Researching a Legacy Scheme.



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle, HotShot Creative

FINANCIAL REVIEW



▲ Arts by the Sea Festival, James Bridle,HotShot Creative

Financial position

The charity achieved a surplus in the year of £2,188, compared with a surplus of £255,827 in the prior year. The change is caused by the changes in grants received in each year.

The charity's income for the year was £349,101 (2022 /23: £500,294), with expenditure of £346,913 (2022/23: £244,467).

After detailed consideration in 2021/2022 over the options at several board meetings the decision was taken to take out two loans to complete the capital funding required for the construction of the Bourne Community Hub with Charity Bank (£108,000 over 25 years) and Bourne Big Local via Key Fund (£20,000 over 2 years). The balance of the Bourne Big Local loan stood at £10,000 on 31 March 2024. The decrease in reserves was because we invested funds into enhancing the fabric of the Branksome Community Centre.

During 2023-24, we have introduced an online room booking system, which has improved our management of room hires. We have also reviewed our room hire fees and charges and decided not to make any significant changes.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to review reserves levels on a regular basis and to maintain a level of reserves which will provide a stable base for the Trust's continuing activities while at the same time ensuring that excessive funds are not accumulated.

Total unrestricted funds at the year-end amounted to £10,431.

The charitable company has free reserves of £-119,338 as at 31 March 2024 (2023: £14,533). Free reserves are calculated by deducting fixed assets from the unrestricted (and undesignated) reserves held at the year-end.

Grants received

NAME OF FUNDER	GRANT	DATE RECEIVED
Active Dorset	£4,178	April 2023
One Stop (Coronation)	£250	April 2023
Bournemouth University (Health Assets)	£1,187.50	June 2023
Rank Foundation (Cost of Living)	£24,200	June 2023
Southern Co-op (food)	£500	June 2023
National Lottery Grant 2	£42,038.50	July 2023
Community Infrastructure Levy	£17,246	July 2023
Dorset Community Foundation (food &energy)	£14,220	July 2023
Foyle Foundation (Arts by Sea)	£7,500	August 2023
Million Hours	£10,000	August 2023
National Lottery Grant 1	£12,500	September 2023
Dorset Community Foundation	£ 2,650	September 2023
Active Dorset	£980	October 2023
Poole Arts Society	£2,000	November 2023
Access to Healthcare	£2,500	December 2023
National Lottery 2	£41,777	December 2023
Valentine Trust	£10,000	February 2024
Access to healthcare (CAN)	£3,000	February 2024
Access to healthcare (CAN)	£2,500	February 2024
Dorset Community Foundation	£1,700	February 2024
Talbot Village Trust	£10,000	March 2024
Co-op	£872.99	March 2024
Faithworks	£500	March 2024
National Lottery 1	£12,500	March 2024
Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner	£4,754	March 2024
Total	£232,353.99	

Fundraising policy

Our fundraising policy is to:

- Focus our fund-raising efforts on applying to grant making organisations and trusts who have funding streams which support one of our four priorities.
- Start to prepare new projects to have on the shelf in advance, so we are ready to make grant applications as they become available.
- Ensure grant applications contribute towards core costs.
- Identify the budget gap for the following year and ensure our grant applications exceed our requirements.
- Seek to build longer term relationships with grant funders.
- Always acknowledge successful grant applications on our website and in social media.

Please see Appendix 2 for a list of our funders for the year.



▲ Branksome Centre, Emma Grant

Investment Policy

The Trust has very modest funds to invest and uses an account with COIF to enable some interest to be earned.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the Poole Communities Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

• select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.

• observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.

• make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

• state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,

• prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Trustees:

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Ms.D.H.Dixon
Ms. F.C.Tasdelen
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 December 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

C. J. Beale
Trustee



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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Poole Communities Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Poole Communities Trust ('the Company')
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report
As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

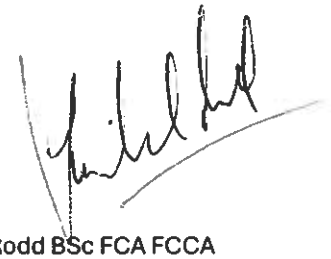
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement
Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



I M Rodd BSc FCA FCCA

Ward Goodman Audit Services Ltd
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Date: ....16. December. 2024...

Poole Communities Trust

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024, incorporating an Income and Expenditure account

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		24,616	215,894	240,510	408,264
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activity		34,531	48,032	82,563	63,583
Other trading activities	2	(3,550)	28,632	25,082	28,447
Investment income	3	946	-	946	-
Total		56,543	292,558	349,101	500,294
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	4	14,222	10,050	24,272	6,422
Charitable activities					
Charitable Activity		46,423	276,218	322,641	238,045
Total		60,645	286,268	346,913	244,467
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,102)	6,290	2,188	255,827
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		14,533	2,097,795	2,112,328	1,856,501
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		10,431	2,104,085	2,114,516	2,112,328

The notes form part of these financial statements

Poole Communities Trust

Charity Number: 1165309 | Company Number: 09490119

Balance Sheet
31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	129,769	2,092,736	2,222,505	2,198,415
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	10	14,110	-	14,110	9,196
Cash at bank and in hand		81,714	11,349	93,063	118,271
		95,824	11,349	107,173	127,467
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(107,473)	-	(107,473)	(95,554)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		(11,649)	11,349	(300)	31,913
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		118,120	2,104,085	2,222,205	2,230,328
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(107,689)	-	(107,689)	(118,000)
NET ASSETS		10,431	2,104,085	2,114,516	2,112,328
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				10,431	14,533
Restricted funds				2,104,085	2,097,795
TOTAL FUNDS				2,114,516	2,112,328

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

(a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

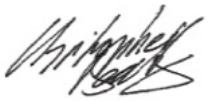
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Poole Communities Trust

Balance Sheet - continued
31 March 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16th December 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



.....
C J Beale - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements
The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income
Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:
-the charity has entitlement to the funds;
-any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity
-there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and,
-the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:
-the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
-the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the trust that a distribution will be made; or,
-when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Expenditure
Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:
-Costs of raising funds and their associated support costs.
-Expenditure on charitable activities to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets
Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixed assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Leasehold buildings	- Over the term of the lease
Leasehold improvements	- 5 years
Plant and equipment	- 3 years
Office equipment	- 3 years

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets
Items with an individual cost of less than £1,000 are fully depreciated in the year of acquisition.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the Trust.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits
The Trust makes an employer's contribution to a money purchase pension scheme for its employees. The Trust makes a contribution of 3% of salary for employees that make a 5% contribution from their own salary. The employer contributions are treated as an expense.

Debtors
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

Cash
Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Creditor and provisions
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Operating Leases
Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other income	6,417	16,652
Cafe sales income	2,474	1,863
Community store income	14,380	9,247
User fees & activity Income	1,811	685
	25,082	28,447

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	946	-

4. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Property repairs	24,272	6,422

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024	2023
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	39,667	-
Independent examiners fee	1,440	600

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were £4 worth of trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024, £nil for the year ended 31 March 2023.

7. STAFF COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	141,294	77,075
Social security costs	3,525	-
Other pension costs	2,320	1,071
	147,139	78,146

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average full-time equivalent staff	6.2	3.2

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	408,264	-	408,264
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity	63,583	-	63,583
Other trading activities	28,447	-	28,447
Total	500,294	-	500,294
EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	6,422	-	6,422
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activity	238,045	-	238,045
Total	244,467	-	244,467
NET INCOME	255,827	-	255,827
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	(241,294)	2,097,795	1,856,501
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	14,533	2,097,795	2,112,328

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST					
At 1 April 2023	2,184,940	25,965	54,626	4,296	2,269,827
Additions	63,757	-	-	-	63,757
At 31 March 2024	2,248,697	25,965	54,626	4,296	2,333,584
DEPRECIATION					
At 1 April 2023	22,070	25,965	21,422	1,955	71,412
Charge for year	22,721	-	15,775	1,171	39,667
At 31 March 2024	44,791	25,965	37,197	3,126	111,079
NET BOOK VALUE					
At 31 March 2024	2,203,906	-	17,429	1,170	2,222,505
At 31 March 2023	2,162,870	-	33,204	2,341	2,198,415

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	12,472	8,036
Prepayments and accrued income	1,638	1,160
	14,110	9,196

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 13)	3,644	-
Other loans (see note 13)	6,667	6,667
Trade creditors	10,350	-
Social security and other taxes	-	774
Accruals and deferred income	86,812	88,113
	107,473	95,554

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 13)	104,356	108,000
Other loans (see note 13)	3,333	10,000
	107,689	118,000

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	3,644	-
Other loans	6,667	6,667
	10,311	6,667
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	104,356	108,000
Other loans - 2-5 years	3,333	10,000
	107,689	118,000

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.4.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.3.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	14,533	(4,102)	10,431
Restricted funds			
Turlin Moor Community Activities	5,059	(2,908)	2,151
Bourne Valley Community Hub	2,092,736	9,198	2,101,934
	2,097,795	6,290	2,104,085
TOTAL FUNDS	2,112,328	2,188	2,114,516

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	56,543	(60,645)	(4,102)
Restricted funds			
Turlin Moor Community Activities	60,032	(62,940)	(2,908)
Bourne Valley Community Hub	232,526	(223,328)	9,198
	292,558	(286,268)	6,290
TOTAL FUNDS	349,101	(346,913)	2,188

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(241,294)	255,827	14,533
Restricted funds			
Turlin Moor Community Activities	(8,512)	-	(8,512)
Bourne Valley Community Hub	2,106,307	-	2,106,307
	2,097,795	-	2,097,795
TOTAL FUNDS	1,856,501	255,827	2,112,328

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	500,294	(244,467)	255,827
TOTAL FUNDS	500,294	(244,467)	255,827

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.4.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.3.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(241,294)	251,725	10,431
Restricted funds			
Turlin Moor Community Activities	(8,512)	(2,908)	(11,420)
Bourne Valley Community Hub	2,106,307	9,198	2,115,505
	2,097,795	6,290	2,104,085
TOTAL FUNDS	1,856,501	258,015	2,114,516

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	556,837	(305,112)	251,725
Restricted funds			
Turlin Moor Community Activities	60,032	(62,940)	(2,908)
Bourne Valley Community Hub	232,526	(223,328)	9,198
	292,558	(286,268)	6,290
TOTAL FUNDS	849,395	(591,380)	258,015

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year the seven trustees made donations totalling £24 (2023: £nil) to the charity.

Poole Communities Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	5,396	5,898
Grants	235,114	402,366
	240,510	408,264
Other trading activities		
Other income	6,417	16,652
Cafe sales income	2,474	1,863
Community store income	14,380	9,247
User fees & activity Income	1,811	685
	25,082	28,447
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	946	-
Charitable activities		
Room hire income	82,563	63,583
Total incoming resources	349,101	500,294
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Property repairs	24,272	6,422
Charitable activities		
Wages	141,294	77,075
Social security	3,525	-
Pensions	2,320	1,071
Insurance	1,720	1,584
Light and heat	18,741	20,683
Telephone	2,746	2,563
Postage and stationery	351	120
Advertising	2,489	1,310
Sundries	4,096	7,983
Cleaning	1,790	1,497
Staff Training	957	-
Cafe cost of sales	1,087	410
Community Store cost of sales	32,961	20,487
Activity Costs	19,344	14,477
Carried forward	233,421	149,260

Poole Communities Trust

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Charitable activities		
Brought forward	233,421	149,260
Equipment	12,353	12,858
Water, sewerage,waste	3,148	1,950
Room hire and rent	3,420	19,024
IT software and support	4,443	3,804
Travel by staff	815	775
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	39,666	38,659
Grants to individuals	2,340	-
	299,606	226,330
Support costs		
Finance		
Bank charges	604	1,419
Loan	8,912	4,058
	9,516	5,477
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	13,519	6,238
Total resources expended	346,913	244,467
Net income	2,188	255,827

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APPENDIX 1: CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF POOLE COMMUNITIES TRUST

The purposes of the Trust, as set out in our charitable objects, are:

The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in the Borough of Poole) by all or any of the following means:

(a) the relief of financial hardship

(b) the relief of unemployment

(c) the advancement of education, training, or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience

(d) the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for

unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help

(i) in setting up their own business, or ii) to existing businesses

(e) the creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms

(f) the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing

(g) the maintenance, improvement, or provision of public amenities

(h) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance

(i) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities

(i) the protection or conservation of the environment

(k) the provision of public health facilities and childcare

1() the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime

(m) such other means a s may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

POOLE COMMUNITIES TRUST

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POOLE COMMUNITIES TRUST

CONNECTING PEOPLE
BUILDING COMMUNITIES



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REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: Poole Communities Trust

Company Registration: 09490119

Charity Registration: 1165309

Registered Address:
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Recreation Road
Poole
BH12 2EA

Trustees:
Chris Beale - Chair of Trustees
Judith Bacon - Lead Trustee – Turlin Moor
Debbie Dixon - Lead Trustee – Bourne (reappointed Dec 2022)
Andy Frost - Trustee
Alex King - Trustee
Feriser Tasdelen - Trustee and Treasurer
Andy Ward - Trustee

Our staff:
Chief Officer - Hannah Baker
Community Development Worker - Turlin Moor - Mel Lucas
Community Development Worker & Centre Coordinator - Bourne - Kerry Manning
Cleaner - Colin McCaffery
Centre Coordinator - Branksome - Kyla Mares (job share)
Community Food Stores Coordinator - Mel Meadowcroft
Centre Coordinator - Branksome - Jade Tidbury (job share)

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2. WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Thank you for reading our Annual Report and Accounts 2022- 2023. Our mission to inspire change and help to tackle disadvantage has never been more needed as the most disadvantaged communities in Poole (and indeed elsewhere) face even more challenges and turmoil following the pandemic and current cost of living crisis.

I hope this Annual Report and Accounts gives you a flavour of our work, an explanation of our structure and finances, and our plans for the future.

The 2022-23 financial year has been the most significant year in the Trust's history to date. During the year we have:

- Recruited our first Chief Officer to bring together our operations across our three projects based in Branksome, Bourne and Turlin Moor.
- Completed our most ambitious project with the opening of the Bourne Community Hub, which includes a second community food store.
- Secured major five-year funding to enable the employment of two community development workers, a welcome and volunteer co-ordinator and two staff to support our new children and young people's strategy.
- Benefitted from the support of the Rank Foundation who have funded a Time 2 Shine trainee who has now become a Trust employee.
- Commenced planning and preparatory work for our long-term ambition for a skatepark in Turlin Moor
- Worked with the community in Branksome to develop a large scale mural for the Branksome Centre

During 2022-23, we have faced a number of direct challenges and have needed to respond to changes in the environment in which we work. These have included:

- Supporting the communities we serve in coping with the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis in addition to coping with the longer-term impacts of Covid 19.
- Addressing the impacts of the cost-of-living crisis on our own operations as a charity (rising interest rates, soaring electricity bills and difficulties in recruiting)
- Witnessing a move by funders to only want to grant aid new projects without contributing to the core costs all charities with premises and staff experience
- Responding to major flooding incidents at Bourne, including minimising loss of hire income and keeping services to the community running whilst dealing with significant challenges with Wessex Water, BCP Council, loss adjusters and contractors.



All trustees join with me to take this opportunity to record our huge thanks to our wonderful staff, volunteers, the Bourne Big Local and St Gabriel's in Turlin Moor who continue their fantastic partnership working with us. I also want to thank my fellow trustees for all their wisdom and commitment.

Chris Beale, Chair of Trustees

3. OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES AND PRIORITIES

Our vision

Connecting people, building communities

Our mission

To inspire change and help address disadvantage

Our Values

- Compassionate towards others; we want to help protect each other from harm
- Rooted in the community; we respond flexibly to changing local need
- Inclusive; we embrace and promote differences
- Collaborative; we work in partnership with others
- Integrity; we behave ethically, honestly, and fairly
- Not for profit; we reinvest all financial surpluses in community projects and assets

Our priorities

As a Trust we have identified four key priorities:

1. Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence
2. Offering greater opportunities to children, young people, and families
3. Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services
4. Ensuring we are a well-run charity

We use these priorities to guide us in shaping our work and choosing which activities we pursue.



4. OUR YEAR IN NUMBERS

21,488 local residents participated in activities at the Branksome Community Centre

200+ local families attended our Family Fun Day in Turlin Moor



Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence

1450 local residents participated in activities at the Bourne Community Hub in just six months

1 person contributed to the Poverty Truth Commission



2. Offering greater opportunities to children, young people, and families

570 individual children and young people participated in free sports coaching in street dance and football, Babigloo Music for Babies, filmmaking and craft sessions at Bourne, Branksome and Turlin Moor

In 2022-23 Poole Communities Trust reached and supported 27,172 people

3.Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services

2,849 individual shops at our Community Food Store in Turlin Moor

387 local residents shopped in our new Community Food Store in Bourne which opened in December 2022



93 local residents participated in cookery demonstrations across our three sites

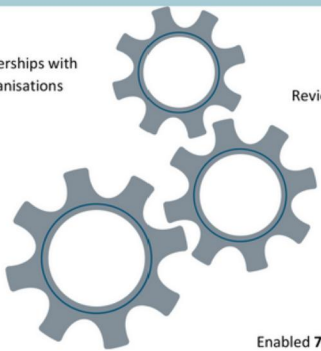
40 weeks of Citizens Advice sessions were offered at Bourne and Turlin Moor

1319 adults and **136** children used our Warm Spaces at Branksome, Bourne and Turlin Moor in the winter

4.Ensuring we are a well-run charity

Built **12** new partnerships with charities and organisations

Reviewed **4** Policies



Raised over **£408,264** in grants

Enabled **7** staff and trustees to qualify in First Aid

We benefitted from the support of 40 volunteers

5. KEY THEMES IN THE YEAR

It has been a hugely significant year for the Trust and we are indebted to the National Lottery who have invested £431,000 over 5 years for staff in order for us to support our communities. The Board of Trustees reviewed the Trust's first Strategic Plan and refreshed our mission and priorities. With the appointment of our first Chief Officer, and new staff we are working across the Trust and benefiting from sharing skills and experience to deliver an ambitious programme of work enabling us to offer even greater support to our communities.



In the following pages we describe our impact according to our four key priorities.

BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER, INCREASING COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION, AND IMPROVING SKILLS AND CONFIDENCE

We have continued our work to bring people together at a wide range of activities, events, and services. This has included a Family Fun Day at Turlin Moor, a Christmas Fair at Branksome and various social and community activities at Bourne in partnership with the Bourne Big Local.





Susan, a local resident who visits Bourne Community Hub came regularly as a member of the Community Food Store, and enjoys the community cafe. Having reached the age of 72 without being able to read Susan asked whether we could provide support for her to learn to read. Regular volunteer Liz who is a teacher stepped up to offer lessons for Susan. Starting with one a week, Susan now attends 3 sessions a week supported by Liz and a second new volunteer Karen.



OFFERING GREATER OPPORTUNITIES TO CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

All three of the communities we work with have told us that supporting children and young people is a priority. We have responded to this through developing a Young People's Strategy and have National Lottery funding for additional specialist staff.

We have been able to offer free sports coaching including football and basketball at Turlin Moor and Bourne Hub though grants and low-cost coaching at Branksome.



Our street dance group at the Bourne Community Hub goes from strength to strength and has now expanded to cover 2 separate classes for different age groups. Following positive feedback at the Branksome Community Centre on the martial arts course we have been able to extend the offer to children and young people at Bourne Hub thanks to an Active Dorset Together grant. Whilst the Branksome Community Centre hosts a wide range of low cost activities for children and young people including Artisan Theatre School, Okami Martial Arts, Baby Ballet, Poole Piranhas' Basketball, and participate in the 'We are UK Football' Library and 'borrow a football' schemes.

Arts and crafts continue to be popular and we have hosted sessions in the school holidays at Turlin Moor.

We were delighted to have been able to offer a unique experience for a group of children and young people to undertake a three-week practical film making course which was hosted by Bournemouth University and funded by the Rank Foundation. The films made by our young people can be viewed here:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ElmwM20DEqoVF9Nyx_QEtylgzKpd7Wkk



We have learnt from our experience of running "Stay and Play" sessions for parents and toddlers at the Branksome Community Centre and have introduced these at Bourne Community Hub. We are particularly pleased that local parents can access both a Health Visitor 'Well Baby' drop-in clinic and 'Stay and Play' at Bourne in one visit on a Monday.

REDUCING THE IMPACT OF POVERTY THROUGH FOOD SUPPORT, ADVICE SERVICES AND ACCESS TO PUBLICLY FUNDED SERVICES

June 2022 saw the second anniversary of the Turlin Moor Food Store which we set up in the pandemic. Sadly, the need for low-cost food has continued as the cost-of-living crisis impacts on our most vulnerable communities. We are grateful to the Valentine Trust for providing grant funding to support the salary of the Community Food Store Coordinator. In another example of sharing learning we opened the Bourne Community Food Store before Christmas in partnership with the Bourne Big Local. The store is run along a similar model to Turlin Moor with a £1 membership fee and a weekly shop of 10 items at a very low cost.

We were very pleased to have been grant funded by BCP Council to offer Warm Spaces in the winter of 2022/23 at the Branksome Centre, Bourne Community Hub and in partnership with St Gabriel's in Turlin Moor.





The Warm Spaces project has enabled us to seek the input of other charities and organisations who can support our communities. We are particularly pleased to have hosted CAB drop-ins at Turlin Moor and Bourne, as well as energy advice sessions and the 'Wardrobe Foundation', a charity providing free items of new clothing each season.



Pictured: The Warm Space at Turlin Moor that runs alongside our weekly Community Food Store

We held 'Eat the Rainbow' cookery demonstrations at all 3 projects – grant funded by Communities Against Cancer and delivered in partnership with The Friendly Food Club



A family with five children, where neither parent is in work, found the warm space offer a significant help in supporting their cost of living. They got groceries from the food store on a Tuesday and as a result then joined our bring and share meal every Wednesday without fail in order to get the kids fed at low cost. One week Mum brought food to the 'bring and share' that had been made entirely with supplies from the food store, which shows that the activities we were offering were mutually supporting. This family finds the food store and 'bring and share meal' less stigmatising than a food bank, because it is not signposted on the basis of poverty, and anyone can participate. Mum saw herself as being "savvy" by using these food offers, and had pride in herself because of this. Mum said: "the kids are always asking what we're having for dinner on a Wednesday and look forward to it all week".

"We love the coffee mornings, it's a lovely place to come as a mum with a toddler as it has a book corner and toys to keep little ones amused"
- Branksome Centre regular who pops in with a friend each week for coffee and breakfast plus a chat with F.A.B Breastfeeding support team."



Claire is wonderful regular volunteer who started coming to our Branksome Centre café each week before deciding to volunteer for 2 days a week. Claire says that she has built many good relationships with the café regulars, other volunteers and the staff and loves to have "a bit of banter" with everyone- she even knows all the regulars orders off by heart, often starting to correctly make their drinks before they've even reached the counter! Through working in our café Claire has completed her level 1 and level 2 Food Hygiene and learnt to use a till system - skills she can put to use in other areas of her life. She has also learnt games such as cribbage and Code Breaker which she often enjoys playing with Sue (Regular) and Mark (Volunteer).

Claire has also benefitted from our free food available to the public and is very grateful for being able to take some home to enable her to be able to have an easy meal each day, even if she is struggling financially, physically or mentally.

"It gives me a reason to get up in the morning, I'd be lost without it." Claire

6. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Poole Communities Trust is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14 March 2015, and registered as a charity on 28 January 2016. The company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company which is governed under its Articles of Association. The formal expression of the Trust's Charitable Purposes can be seen at Appendix 1. The activities, priorities and plans of the Trust fall squarely within these Charitable Purposes.

Appointment of Trustees and Induction

The directors of the company are charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are required to retire by rotation, with one third of the board of trustees retiring each year. Trustees who retire at an AGM may, if still willing to act, be reappointed. The board of trustees may also appoint new trustees during the year, although such persons will hold office until the next AGM, where they may be re-appointed.

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Board and decision-making processes, the Strategic Plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction they visit each of our three projects and meet our employees and other trustees. Trustees are required to undertake some compulsory training and are also encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will support their role.

Management structure

The board of trustees governs and administers the charity and meets at least quarterly. They are responsible for the governance of the charity and for the use of its funds. In particular, the trustees are responsible for setting the charity's strategy and policies, and monitoring progress and fulfilment of these. The board has appointed a Lead Trustee for each project and on occasion sets up task and finish groups to address particular issues. One Trustee has been designated as the line manager of the Chief Officer.

The Trust employs a Chief Officer, Hannah Baker, who leads a team of staff (named in section 2) who have delegated authority within the terms approved by the trustees.

Related Parties

Our trustees are volunteers. They do not receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity and another organisation with which the Trust transacts must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year, there were no such related party transactions.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

·an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces. These include financial risks (accruing insufficient funds through room rental income or grant funding, rising interest rates on the Charity Bank loan, increasing utility costs) increasing demand for our services, the impact on costs of providing support, health, and safety risks at the buildings we manage, and safeguarding risks though our work with children, young people and vulnerable adults.

·the establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and,

· the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Our major capital projects are included in our risk register and for each of our activities we undertake risk assessment.

In the coming year we plan on introducing a Trust wide risk register with both strategic and operational risks and how they will be mitigated against including training for example in health and safety and safeguarding for six-monthly review by the board of trustees.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit (September 2013).

ENSURING WE ARE A WELL-RUN CHARITY

Our ambition to provide wider support to our communities with coordinated leadership of our staff team was realised through the commitment of the National Lottery. We are hugely grateful for two grants; one to partially fund our new Chief Officer and the second to enable us to fund a team of staff over 5 years.

The board of Trustees has reviewed its first Strategic Plan and developed a second for 2022- 2027. To support delivery of the Plan we have introduced an annual work plan for the board of trustees. This has included a rolling review of all policies including health and safety and safeguarding. In preparation for the opening of the Bourne Community Hub the board reviewed room hire fees to ensure both the Branksome Community Centre and Bourne Community Hub had a standardised approach.

The Trust celebrated the completion of the Bourne Community Hub in the Autumn. After 5 years of fund-raising and many more years of aspiration and project planning, Amiri Construction Limited handed the Hub over to the Trust on 31 August. Special thanks goes to Cat Mac Millan, Head of Communities at BCP Council who worked with the Trust on the lease for the project and to Kerry Manning, local resident long-time volunteer and now employee of Poole Communities Trust who has worked tirelessly to realise her communities dream of a Hub in Bourne. The project was led by our trustee Debbie Dixon; without Debbie's drive, resilience and expertise we would not have built the Hub.





Making an impact every day...

A local resident attended Bourne Community Hub 'Warm Space' for the first time in February and spoke to a member of staff. As a result, the resident has joined the Community Food Store and uses it weekly, has signed up to two free Learning & Skills courses (chair exercise and digital skills) and attends the weekly 'Tea and Toast ' group organised by local residents.

The resident says visiting the Hub has made a huge difference to her life.

7. OUR PLANS FOR THE NEXT YEAR

Guided by our vision, mission, values and priorities, the Board has collectively identified the following areas of activity to concentrate on during 2023-24:

1. Bringing people together, increasing community participation, and improving skills and confidence

- Embedding structured community engagement into each of the 3 projects
- Continuing the development of activities which bring people together, offering volunteering opportunities and responding to local needs.
- Opening our Warmer Spaces for Autumn / Winter 2023/ 2024
- Working with partners to expand the range of activities and services available to local residents.

2. Offering greater opportunities to children, young people, and families

- Project planning and delivery of the skatepark for Turlin Moor
- Implementing our Young People's Strategy including staff recruitment, delivery of youth activity sessions.
- Building partnerships with local schools and other organisations who work with young people.
- Increasing numbers of staff with Level 3 Safeguarding training.

3. Reducing the impact of poverty through food support, advice services and access to publicly funded services

- Establishing both Food Stores as satellite 'food banks' enabling us to offer support to residents who have been referred and enabling us to access food which is only available to 'food banks.'
- Running regular programmes of participatory cookery demonstrations to support low cost, healthy food.

4. Ensuring we are a well-run charity

- Implementing social impact reporting
- Implementing an online room booking system to reduce administrative costs, enable payment in advance and maximise rom hire income.
- Developing a long-term maintenance plan for the Branksome Community Centre
- Concluding the defects period on the Bourne Community Hub and completion of reinstatement work following the flooding
- Undertaking our annual review of all policies
- Developing a Marketing and Social Media Plan
- Finalising our training and development plan for staff, trustees and volunteers
- Researching a Legacy Scheme
- Reviewing our approach to Risk Management (see previous Annual Report for high level approach) including the role of trustees, our principal risks and uncertainties and how we mitigate these risks (including Safeguarding, Financial income/fundraising, meeting stakeholder expectations, community engagement, pandemic impact, cost of living), how we capture and apply learning from experiences e.g. Covid pandemic.

8. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's income for the year was £500,294 (2021/22: £1,830,506), with expenditure of £244,467 (2021/22: £127,010).

After detailed consideration over the options at several board meetings the decision was taken to take out two loans to complete the capital funding required for the construction of the Bourne Community Hub with Charity Bank (£108,000 over 25 years) and Bourne Big Local via Key Fund (£20,000 over 2 years). The decrease in reserves was because we invested funds into enhancing the fabric of the Branksome Community Centre.

During 2022-23, we have thoroughly reviewed our working practices on invoicing, recovering outstanding payments and have reviewed our room hire fees and charges.

Reserves Policy
The Trustees have established a reserves policy and determined that this should be reviewed at least annually. In determining the policy, the Trustees sought to ensure that the Trust has sufficient free reserves that will provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. In setting the policy, the Trustees also had due regards to the manner of its operations and funding streams.

During 2022/23 our unrestricted funds decreased from £18,458 at 31 March 2022, to £14,533 at 31 March 2023. Trustees recognise that we will have to increase the unrestricted funds over the coming years as our turnover increases and the demands on our cash flow increase as we employ more staff. As a result, the Trustees will be establishing a new reserves policy which considers these new requirements, whilst ensuring that we cover any liabilities the charity would have to cover if it had to be wound up.

Fund raising policy
Our fund-raising policy is to:
- focus our fund-raising efforts on applying to grant making organisations and trusts who have funding streams which support one of our four priorities.
- start to prepare new projects to have 'on the shelf' in advance, so we are ready to make grant applications as they become available.
- Ensure grant applications contribute towards core costs.
- Identify the budget gap for the following year and ensure our grant applications exceed our requirements.
- seek to build longer term relationships with grant funders.
- always acknowledge successful grant applications on our website and in social media.

Please see Appendix 2 for a list of our funders for the year.

Investment Policy
The Trust has very modest funds to invest and uses an account with COIF to enable some interest to be earnt.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the Poole Communities Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102.

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website.

Independent Examiner
Martin Arthur (FMAAT, FFA, FIPA, FFTA, MIH, ACIE) of Accountancy Co-op Ltd was re- appointed for a further year.

Small Company Provisions
This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemptions of Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Declaration
The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees.

Christopher Beale
Chair of Trustees



27th November 2023

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Poole Communities Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 1 to 11 and notes to the financial statements from 12 to 17 and the charity's books and records supplied to me on 14th August 2023 and verified on 19th August 2023, under the Directions and Guidance for Examiners (CC32) (Directions 1 to 13 inclusive).

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.

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Poole Communities Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations	3	3,352	404,912	408,264	1,780,834
Incoming resources from charitable activities:	3a	40,288	51,742	92,030	49,672
Total incoming resources		43,640	456,654	500,294	1,830,506
Resources expended					
Expenditure on charitable activities:	4	-47,565	-196,902	-244,467	-127,010
Total resources expended		-47,565	-196,902	-244,467	-127,010
Net income for the year		-3,925	259,752	255,827	1,703,496
Total funds brought forward		18,458	1,838,043	1,856,501	153,005
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	11	14,533	2,097,795	2,112,328	1,856,501

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Poole Communities Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	-	2,198,415	**2,198,415**	1,400,126
Total fixed assets		-	2,198,415	**2,198,415**	1,400,126
Debtors	9	4,983	4,213	**9,196**	7,863
Cash at bank & in hand		16,897	101,374	**118,271**	708,234
Total current assets		21,880	105,587	**127,467**	716,097
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-7,347	-88,207	**-95,554**	-259,722
Net current assets		14,533	17,380	**31,913**	456,375
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	10a	-	-118,000	**-118,000**	-
Net assets		14,533	2,097,795	**2,112,328**	1,856,501
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		14,533	-	**14,533**	18,458
Restricted income funds		-	2,097,795	**2,097,795**	1,838,043
Total funds	11	14,533	2,097,795	**2,112,328**	1,856,501

Poole Communities Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

For the year ended 31 March 2023, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 23 to 24 were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by: Christopher Beale 27th November 2023



Trustee

The notes on pages 26 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the company is well placed to manage its risks successfully. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Cashflow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions within section 14.1 of the SORP (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 to not prepare a cashflow statement on the basis that the charity is defined as small.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Income recognition

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and,
- the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made; or,
- when a distribution is received from the estate.

2.1 Income recognition (Continued)

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the Trust.

2.3 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds and their associated support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Leasehold buildings	- Over the term of the lease
Leasehold improvements	- 5 years
Plant and equipment	- 3 years
Office equipment	- 3 years

Items with an individual cost of less than £1,000 are fully depreciated in the year of acquisition.

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2.8 Pensions

The Trust makes an employer's contribution to a money purchase pension scheme for its employees. The Trust makes a contribution of 3% of salary for employees that make a 5% contribution from their own salary. The employer contributions are treated as an expense.

2.9 Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

3 Analysis of income from donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations from individuals	159	5,739	**5,898**	1,871
Grants from charitable trusts	3,193	396,769	**399,962**	1,239,671
Grants from government	-	654	**654**	526,220
Grants from companies	-	1,750	**1,750**	13,072.00
	3,352	404,912	**408,264**	1,780,834
3a Analysis of income				
Cafe sales income	1,627	236	**1,863**	150
Community store income	-	9,247	**9,247**	8,151
Room hire income	38,470	25,113	**63,583**	40,871
User fees & activity Income	191	494	**685**	-
Other income	-	16,652	**16,652**	500
	40,288	51,742	**92,030**	49,672
	43,640	456,654	**500,294**	1,830,506

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4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Cost of sales				
Café cost of sales	262	148	**410**	38
Community store cost of sales	-	20,487	**20,487**	14,419
Activity Costs	750	13,727	**14,477**	-
Volunteer expenses	56	31	**87**	-
Operations				
Cleaning	889	608	**1,497**	2,524
Equipment	534	12,324	**12,858**	3,413
Light, power, heating	3,075	17,608	**20,683**	2,153
Water, sewerage,waste disposal	1,599	351	**1,950**	385
Repairs & maintenance	6,422	-	**6,422**	3,101
Room hire and rent	-	19,024	**19,024**	30,919
Security	-	-	-	172
Project materials	-	-	-	8,441
Depreciation	-	38,659	**38,659**	5,193
Office and management				
IT software and support	1,880	1,924	**3,804**	2,612
Marketing & advertising	425	885	**1,310**	1,727
Office stationery & consumables	-	120	**120**	72
Other miscellaneous expenses	4,592	3,304	**7,896**	2,101
Telephone & broadband	1,121	1,442	**2,563**	512
Staff Costs				
Salaries	24,599	53,547	**78,146**	48,044
Salaries - furlough recovery	-	-	-	-941
Travel by staff	-	775	**775**	510
Administration				
Bank fees	72	1,347	**1,419**	205
Interest costs	-	4,058	**4,058**	-
Independent examination fees	600	-	**600**	700
Insurance	654	930	**1,584**	710
Professional & legal services	35	5,603	**5,638**	-
	47,565	196,902	**244,467**	127,010

5 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

Net income / (expenditure) for the year is stated after charging:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	600	700

6 Staff costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
			£	£
Gross wages	24,292	52,783	77,075	48,044
Furlough grants received	-	-	-	-941
Pension contributions	307	764	1,071	-
	24,599	53,547	78,146	47,103

Average number of full time equivalent staff	3.2	1.0

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000.

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or out-of-pocket expenses were paid to trustees during the year or the preceding year. Furthermore, no charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

8 Fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Leasehold Buildings	Leasehold improvements	Plant & equipment	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost						
As at 1 April	1,354,620	-	25,965	47,999	4,296	**1,432,880**
Additions	830,320	-	-	6,627	-	**836,947**
Transfers	-2,184,940	2,184,940	-	-	-	-
As at 31 March	-	2,184,940	25,965	54,626	4,296	**2,269,827**
Depreciation						
As at 1 April	-	-	24,667	7,302	785	**32,754**
Charge for the year	-	22,070	1,298	14,120	1,170	**38,658**
As at 31 March	-	22,070	25,965	21,422	1,955	**71,412**
Net book value						
As at 1 April	1,354,620		1,298	40,697	3,511	**1,400,126**
As at 31 March	-	2,162,870	-	33,204	2,341	**2,198,415**

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9 Debtors

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Accounts receivable	4,673	3,363	**8,036**	6,055
Prepayments and accrued income	310	850	**1,160**	1,808
	4,983	4,213	**9,196**	7,863

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023			2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Taxation and social security costs	-12	786	**774**	-
Accruals and deferred income	7,359	80,754	**88,113**	259,722
Bourne Big Local Loan	-	6,667	**6,667**	-
	7,347	88,207	**95,554**	270,823

10a Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

Bourne Big Local Loan	-	10,000	**10,000**	-
Charity Bank Loan	-	108,000	**108,000**	-
	-	**118,000**	**118,000**	-
	7,347	**206,207**	**213,554**	**270,823**

11 Analysis of charitable funds	**B/f at 01-Apr-22**	**Incoming Resources**	**Outgoing Resources**	**Transfers between funds**	**C/f at 31-Mar-23**
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds	18,458	43,640	-47,565		**14,533**
Restricted funds					
Power to Change – Branksome Centre	1,200	-	-1,200	-	-
Bourne Valley legacy fund	99	-	-99	-	-
Turlin Moor Community Activities	13,571	34,002	-42,514	-	**5,059**
Bourne Valley Community Hub	1,823,173	422,652	-153,089	-	**2,092,736**
Restricted funds total	1,838,043	456,654	-196,902	-	**2,097,795**
Total funds	1,856,501	500,294	-244,467	-	**2,112,328**

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12 Details of the restricted funds

Power to Change – Branksome Centre
A grant to support the development of the Branksome Centre, including funds for capital improvement works and staff costs in the first year.
Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets are expended as depreciation over their useful economic life.

Bourne Valley legacy fund
Funds received from the Bourne Valley Community Association for use at the Branksome Centre.
Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets are expended as depreciation over their useful economic life.

Turlin Moor Community Activities
Donations and grants received to support community activities and community asset development in Turlin Moor.

Bourne Valley Community Hub
A project to build a Community Centre in Bourne to deliver community activities.

13 Transactions with related parties
There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

APPENDIX 1

CHARITABLE PURPOSES OF POOLE COMMUNITIES TRUST

The purposes of the Trust, as set out in our charitable objects, are:

The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in the Borough of Poole) by all or any of the following means:
(a) the relief of financial hardship
(b) the relief of unemployment
(c) the advancement of education, training, or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience
(d) the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for
unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help
(i) in setting up their own business, or
(ii) to existing businesses
(e) the creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms
(f) the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing
(g) the maintenance, improvement, or provision of public amenities
(h) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance
(i) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities
(j) the protection or conservation of the environment
(k) the provision of public health facilities and childcare
(l) the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime
(m) such other means a s may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

APPENDIX 2

GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED 1ST APRIL 2022 TO 31ST MARCH 2023

NAME OF FUNDER	GRANT	DATE RECEIVED
Bourne Big Local	£228,942 .88 contribution towards the construction of the Bourne Community Hub	April 2022
The Rank Foundation	£7627.13 -contribution to salary - Time 2 Shine post	April 2022
The Rank Foundation	£20,000 grant to support activities for young people	April 2022
Southwestern Railways Station Grant Fund	£250 grant for planters and photography at Turlin Moor Station	April 2022
Talbot Village Trust	£30,000 funding towards construction of Bourne Community Hub	May 2022
Percy Bilton Trust	£550 funding towards supporting older people in the Bourne community	May 2022
Bourne Big Local	£ 4,954 contribution towards the construction of the Bourne Community Hub and £14,000 towards equipment	May 2022
National Lottery	£9,970 towards the Turlin Moor Community Food Store	May 2022
Bourne Community Group	£ 7,536.77 towards events for residents of Bourne	June 2022
Dorset Community Foundation	£3,060 (Turlin Moor) £3020 (Bourne) towards community food stores	June 2022
The Rank Foundation	£8,487 - further contribution to salary - Time 2 Shine post	July 2022
Wessex Cancer Alliance – Communities Against Cancer	£4,790 funding to help raise awareness of signs/symptoms of cancer and encourage seeking medical help	August 2022
Bourne Big Local	£14,200 towards equipment for Bourne Community Hub	August 2022
B & Q Foundation	£4,200 towards rendering wall and painting of fox mural at Branksome	August 2022
Bourne Big Local	£1,000 towards stocking the Bourne Community Food Store	September 2022

National Lottery	£5,900 final contribution towards the capital costs of building Bourne Community Hub	September 2022
National Lottery	£12,500 – 6 monthly contribution towards funding Chief Officer	September 2022
BCP Council – Warm Spaces	£6,195 in partnership with St Gabriel's Church towards funding a warm space café and community food store at Turlin Moor and £3500 towards funding warm spaces at Branksome and Bourne and the community food store at Bourne	October 2022
BCP Council, Access to Food	£800 to provide cookery equipment for residents at Turlin Moor and Bourne and £200 start-up funds for the new food store	November 2022
National Lottery	£42,038.50 – 6 monthly contribution to salaries for 4 staff	December 2022
Dorset Community Foundation	£521.40 contribution towards music for babies' course at Bourne	December 2022
One Stop	£1000 contribution to food/ events for Christmas at Bourne	December 2022
Power to Change	£10,000 grant to support the cost-of-living crisis	December 2022
Bourne Big Local	£1,000 towards food for the Bourne Community Food Store	December 2022
Personal donation	£3,500 towards Turlin Moor Food Store	January 2023
Valentine Trust	£15,000 towards funding the Community Food Store Coordinator	February 2023
National Lottery	£12,500 – 6 monthly contribution towards funding Chief Officer	March 2023
BCP Council CIL	£15,174 towards preparatory work for a skatepark at Turlin Moor	March 2023

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Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Poole Communities Trust is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14 March 2015, and registered as a charity on 28 January 2016. The 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.

Appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Articles of Association require that there are at least three trustees. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are required to retire by rotation, with one third of the board of trustees retiring each year. Trustees who retire at an AGM may, if still willing to act, be reappointed. The board of trustees may also appoint new trustees during the year, although such persons will hold office until the next AGM, where they may be re-appointed.

Trustee induction

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction they meet employees and other trustees. Trustees are also encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Management structure

The board of trustees governs and administers the charity and meets at least quarterly. They are responsible for the governance of the charity and for the use of its funds. In particular, the trustees are responsible for setting the charity's strategy and policies, and monitoring progress and fulfilment of these.

The Trust employs the following members of staff, who all have delegated authority (within the terms approved by the trustees) to implement the Trust's projects in Branksome, Bourne and Turlin Moor:

- Hannah Baker is our Chief Officer;
- Kerry Manning is our Project Officer for Bourne;
- Mel Meadowcroft manages Moor Community Food and Bourne Community Food;
- Mel Lucas is the charity's Community Development Worker on Turlin Moor;
- Jade Tidbury and Clare Wise manage the Branksome Community Centre.

We are also fortunate that the development and management of the Bourne Community Hub has been led by a volunteer, Debbie Dixon.

Related parties

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity and another organisation with which the Trust transacts must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year, there were no such related party transactions.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity face; these include the risk of not accruing sufficient funds and income, health and safety risks at the buildings we manage, a lack of public support for our work and fraud and error;
- the establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and,
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit (September 2013)

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The purposes of the Trust, as set out in our charitable objects, are:

> *The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in the Borough of Poole) by all or any of the following means:*
>
> *(a) the relief of financial hardship:*
>
> *(b) the relief of unemployment:*
>
> *(c) the advancement of education, training, or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:*
>
> *(d) the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help: (i) in setting up their own business, or (ii) to existing businesses:*
>
> *(e) the creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms:*
>
> *(f) the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:*

(g) the maintenance, improvement, or provision of public amenities:

(h) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance:

(i) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities:

(j) the protection or conservation of the environment:

(k) the provision of public health facilities and childcare:
(l) the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime:

(m) such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

Strategic plan

In pursuit of these charitable objects, the Trustees have developed a strategic plan to guide the charity through the period between 2019 and 2023. This plan sets out the Trust's vision, mission, long-term strategic objectives, and the values that will underpin its work. We are currently reviewing our longer-term strategy to ensure it is fit for purpose:

Vision

Our vision is that of strong communities and sustainable economies in Poole's less advantaged areas, supported by high quality community assets.

Mission

To promote economic and community growth in the less advantaged areas of Poole, by developing, managing, and advising on a range of community assets.

Long-term strategic objectives

- To support local communities in less advantaged areas of Poole by developing and sustaining high quality spaces for community activities, recreational activities, and the delivery of social welfare services.
- To support sustainable local economic development in less advantaged areas of Poole by providing flexible and affordable workspace for voluntary organisations, social enterprises, small businesses, and the training of unemployed people.
- To improve the local environment in less advantaged areas of Poole by creating attractive community assets from under-utilised and/or heritage buildings, and by incorporating green technology and renewable energy into Trust properties.

Values

The following key values will underpin the Trust's work:

- Rooted in the community: We respond to local need.
- Inclusive: We embrace and promote our differences.
- Collaborative: We work in partnership with others.

- Integrity: We behave ethically, honestly, and fairly.
- Not-for-profit: We re-invest all financial surpluses in community assets.

Achievements and Performance

In the year to 31 March 2022, the Trust like all organisations experienced significant challenges because of the pandemic and lockdowns. The way in which we delivered our services, worked with communities, and raised funds were all severely affected. However as highlighted below the Trust continued to have a considerable impact on the following communities in Poole: Branksome, Bourne, and Turlin Moor.

Branksome Community Centre

2021/22 was a crucial year for the Centre, we had the support of a start-up grant from the government and a further grant from the Co-Op to help us to re-open and re-establish the Centre following the pandemic, but we knew that building up activity again and coping with further lockdowns would be a challenge. This is especially so because to run the Centre to the quality we want to achieve for the local community depends on the hire fees we accrue.

It is to the great credit of Nigel Barrow who managed the Centre up to June 2022 and Jade Tidbury and Kyla Mares who replaced Nigel that we achieved this. Nigel has played a crucial role for Poole Communities Trust, when Nigel joined us in 2018, we were not yet certain that we could fund a successful Community Centre from its own hire fees, Nigel showed us that we could whilst also ensuring that we could provide a wide range of activities for the community.

This is what Jade is continuing to do with our team of 7 volunteers (Kyla left us in February 2022 to be replaced by Clare Wise) and is reflected in that we had 24 groups a week at the Centre as of April 2021, 39 groups a week in September 2021, which jumped to 50 a week in March 2022. All this activity ensures that 500+ people use the Centre weekly. Jade and the team are building on this success by developing new projects including a sensory room for young people and people with additional needs.

Feedback from hirers and users is also very good, the final comments are from one of our regular hirers, a martial arts group, their comments highlight the diversity of activity the Centre offers to local people across the generations and why it is important that groups like MKG have good community space to use:

"Amazing place for party's good place if u have work and want your kids to have fun"
"Fabulous space for my grandson's birthday party"
"Friendly staff, good play group for toddlers"

"Always friendly and helpful. I am one of the centre's latest Hirer's and run the weekly Baby Massage classes there on a Tuesday. The toilet and kitchen facilities are clean and easily accessible. I continue to welcome more local families."

"We love being part of the community centre and hope we can continue to be for years to come. Below is some wording about what we feel our club offers the community:

MKG Teens:

Our Teens programme has been running since March 2021. We started it online during lockdown to help bored teens.

Since then we have transitioned into face to face classes at the centre and have since seen the class grow and grow. We have roughly 15 regular members and run the session 2 nights a week.

We are big believers in the positive effect Martial arts can have on all people and we really enjoy giving the Local teens something structured and positive to channel their energy into. Our classes cater to those aged 9-15 years old and are designed to bring together all the arts we train in (Muay Thai Kickboxing, Kali, JKD, Panantukan and others) to create a fun and active environment in which we also aim to develop:

- Fitness

- Confidence

- Team work

- Concentration

- Resilience

All in a Safe controlled environment (our instructors are DBS checked & First Aid Trained).

Ladies Kickboxing / self-defence:

We started our Ladies kickboxing class back in Feb 2020 as we wanted to offer the local community an all-female environment for people to train, get fit and workout. Over time we have also worked elements of self-defence and situational awareness into these classes as we believe strongly that a few basic skills in these areas can greatly improve confidence and safety when out and about.

Our Ladies only group runs every Wednesday and has roughly 12 attendees on average and is continuing to grow.

MKG classes generally:

We strive to build a club which is a safe, friendly, welcoming learning environment and open to all in the community - all ages, abilities and walks of life. We see everyone of our students as part of the 'MKG Family' and for many it has been a gaining of great friendships.

We currently have students who cover the age range of 9 years old through to 63 and have successfully adapted our programmes to help with a range of issues / special circumstances including those with Autism, ADHD, low confidence, stress, anxiety and poor health, through to those who have suffered abuse.

As we mentioned we feel we have a lot more to offer the centre and the local community in addition to looking to grow our club and offer new classes."

Bourne Community Hub

After the years of preparation and fund raising 2021 was the year we began construction of our new Community Hub. In April we concluded arrangements for shared use of a temporary building to accommodate the pre - school and BCP Council Youth Services during construction of the new Hub. They moved into their temporary new home in May.

This was followed by our signing the 99-year lease with BCP Council for the new site.

The Design Team and our contractor worked with the Trust to finalise a revised design within budget. Part of this work related to the drainage systems, which anecdotally had always been considered problematic. During the course of final design it became clear that the original drainage survey was incorrect. Our structural engineers looked at several options, including relocating the sewer. A design with costings was proposed to Wessex Water, who stated their sewer was in satisfactory condition and relocation was unnecessary. Although disappointed by this decision, the final solution saw us run a new pipe, with additional manholes, with Wessex Water allowing us to enter into a Build - Over Agreement.
A planning variation was subsequently agreed in May, enabling the project to proceed. We all enjoyed watching the old building being demolished in early June and we were very excited as the estimated one-year build programme commenced.

In November we held a Brick Laying Ceremony on site and were very pleased to be joined by over 40 funders and partners. Throughout the construction programme Amiri Construction Ltd maintained a safe and well-organised site and regularly produced newsletters for local residents.

With the construction programme underway, we continued applying for grants to support the Hub. We are very grateful to the Local Postcode Trust for providing a grant for just under £20,000 towards the new outdoor multi use games area, contributions towards landscaping from the Neighbourhood Fund, One Stop and an anonymous donation enabling us to purchase 2 trees.

At the end of the summer we heard we had been recommended to the Rank Foundation, by one of our early funders - the National Lottery. The Rank Foundation were inviting applications from nominated charities for funding to employ an unemployed person for 1 year on their 'Time to Shine' programme. We were proud and privileged to recommend Kerry Manning, Chair of the Bourne Big Local and long-time volunteer for the role and were thrilled when Kerry and Poole Communities Trust was successful in the application. Kerry started her one-year placement with the Trust in January 2022 and has proved a resounding success.

As 2022 started the Department of Communities, Media and Sport launched a Youth Investment Fund. Our application was successful and we were delighted to be awarded a grant of £50,000 for equipment to support young people.

To commemorate the death of Lord Rank, the Rank Foundation launched the Golden Awards, a grant of £20,000 to support activities for young people. We developed an application based on offering a choice of quality activities for young people to undertake in the summer and autumn; football coaching, basketball coaching, street dance and practical filmmaking. Huge thanks go to the Rank Foundation who awarded us the grant.

Throughout the year the Steering Group of local residents and key partners continued to meet and invited a wide range of possible future partners to discuss possible services which could be delivered from the Hub. This included Learning and Skills, Citizens Advice, Health Visiting, Live Well Dorset and Active Dorset. We look forward to these partners joining us in the Hub once open later in the year.

Turlin Moor

A key aim for Poole Communities Trust in 2021/22 was to further develop and sustain the Community Store (Moor Community Food: MCF) we set up in response to the pandemic and local need. MCF is making a significant impact on the Turlin Moor community: During 2021/22 we were helping between 60 to 70 families each week to purchase low-cost nutritional food. We also delivered to 10 families that couldn't get to the store and we

supported 2 to 4 families who did not have the means to pay. January 2022 saw our busiest weeks with up to 86 families shopping at MCF. We have 308 members who pay a one-off fee of £1; for each shop we ask for a suggested donation of £2.50.

It is important to highlight that MCF is for all the community of Turlin Moor; for people who can afford to shop elsewhere and for people who are experiencing barriers to accessing quality food. The community has the opportunity to give through the store, either as volunteers, or through donations of food or money. This is a collective effort to ensure that everyone including children and vulnerable adults have access to low-cost nutritional food, as well as an opportunity for all the community to contribute to each other's well-being.

We receive donations of food from supermarkets, community partners and we purchase food to provide a healthy and varied diet e.g., milk, eggs etc. In addition, the mobile Citizens Advice vehicle visits every Tuesday to support people with a range of issues like welfare benefits and housing.

We know from feedback that MCF helps people to:
Come together to support each other: *"It makes a big difference to me and many other ladies I have spoken to on my Tuesday visits. Another good thing is meeting local people who are now friends."*
Prevent problems from escalating: *"I only call on these facilities, when I genuinely need help, when money is so tight there's not enough left for my family's food."*
Budget: *"It's nice to go and shop without, worrying, that I haven't got enough money, and I can try different things, which I would never try." And "I would find things even more difficult without Moor Community Food."*
Cope with the impact of the pandemic: *"Even more so since the reduction of the Universal credit £20 a week covid allowance."*

We also asked people what difference would it make to you if the store was not here? *"Families that need urgent help would go hungry" - "Wouldn't get to meet others in my local community" - "Wouldn't have such a lovely sense of community."* We have also learnt that Christmas can bring particular stress to families, so we provided 120 hampers to people in need in 2021.

All this success is due to the hard work and skills of Mel Meadowcroft and the MCF team of 15 volunteers. By providing MCF the collective skills of the charity have improved, for example with problem solving, customer care etc. A key challenge we have going forward is to identify new sources of food supplies, in doing this we will work with partners like the Foodbank.

Through the commitment and skills of Mel Lucas Poole Communities Trust worked with other local residents to enhance the community of Turlin Moor for all. This included providing regular football sessions for young people (with 12 to 15 young footballers involved) and Mel and a team of young volunteers working with South Western Railway and the artist Trevor Loveys to improve the Hamworthy rail station with a series of beautiful murals which the young volunteers painted. Below is their artwork, it is vibrant and striking and has significantly improved the station for passengers and local residents. Mel and the team also organised for flower beds to be installed, to further renovate the area.

At the beginning of 2022 we saw our young team of artists and Trevor Loveys also work together to paint murals at the Branksome rail station.



We would also like to say thank you to Stacey Whitcher for helping us to organise football sessions and Nicky Smith for her help in supporting local family carers.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the year was £1,830,506 (2020/21: £194,019), with expenditure of £127,010 (2020/21: £87,802). This meant that by the end of the year the total level of funds stood at £1,856,501 (2019/20: £153,005).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a reserves policy and determined that this should be reviewed at least annually. In determining the policy, the Trustees sought to ensure that the Trust has sufficient free reserves that will provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. In setting the policy, the Trustees also had due regards to the manner of its operations and funding streams.

During 2021/22 our unrestricted funds increased from £9,606 at 31 March 2021 to £18,458 at 31 March 2022, however the Trustees recognise that we will have to further increase the unrestricted funds over the coming years as our turnover increases and the demands on our cash flow increase as we employ more staff. As a result, the Trustees will be establishing a new reserves policy which takes into account these new requirements, whilst ensuring that we cover any liabilities the charity would have to cover if it had to be wound up.

Plans for Future Periods

Poole Communities Trust has developed significantly since we first set up the charity in 2015, we now have two Community Centre's we are delivering with their respective communities in Bourne and Branksome and we are undertaking a substantial amount of work in Turlin Moor as a result we will be focusing on the following aims during 2022/23:

- Developing the charity across all three areas: Bourne, Branksome and Turlin Moor, so that we can deliver effective services across the organisation, but which meet the specific needs of the area we are working in. A priority will be to appoint our first Chief Officer for Poole Communities Trust to develop the charity.

- Establishing how we can involve more the communities in which we work in the decision-making processes of Poole Communities Trust.

- Reviewing and developing our longer-term maintenance plans for both Community Centres

- Enhancing the way in which we monitor and evaluate the impact of our work.

All of this is underpinned by our recognition that we always have to be focused on developing the long-term financial sustainability and resilience of the charity, which includes recruiting and retaining quality staff and volunteers (including trustees), fundraising, effectively managing our expenditure and ensuring that we are making a quality impact with the communities we work with.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the Poole Communities Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Examiner
Martin Arthur (FMAAT, FFA, FIPA, FFTA, MIH, ACIE) of Accountancy Co-op Ltd was re-appointed for a further year.

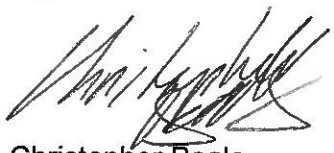
Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemptions of Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Christopher Beale
Chair of Trustees

Date:9 December 2022

Poole Communities Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2022
(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations	3	19,372	1,761,462	1,780,834	181,103
Incoming resources from charitable activities:	3a	31,088	18,584	49,672	12,916
Total incoming resources		50,460	1,780,046	1,830,506	194,019
Resources expended					
Expenditure on charitable activities:	4	-41,608	-85,402	-127,010	-87,802
Total resources expended		-41,608	-85,402	-127,010	-87,802
Net income for the year		8,852	1,694,644	1,703,496	106,217
Total funds brought forward		9,606	143,399	153,005	46,788
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	11	18,458	1,838,043	1,856,501	153,005

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

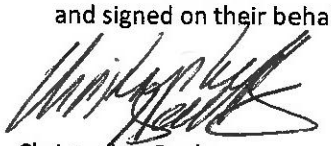
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Poole Communities Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	-	1,400,126	1,400,126	74,450
Total fixed assets		-	1,400,126	1,400,126	74,450
Debtors	9	6,128	1,735	7,863	1,604
Cash at bank & in hand		13,894	694,340	708,234	88,052
Total current assets		20,022	696,075	716,097	89,656
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-1,564	-258,158	-259,722	-11,101
Net current assets		18,458	437,917	456,375	78,555
Net assets		18,458	1,838,043	1,856,501	153,005
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		18,458	-	18,458	9,606
Restricted income funds		-	1,838,043	1,838,043	143,399
Total funds	11	18,458	1,838,043	1,856,501	153,005

For the year ended 31 March 2022, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 10 to 17 were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:



Christopher Beale
Chair of Trustees

Date: 9 December 2022

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparting their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the company is well placed to manage its risks successfully. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Cashflow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions within section 14.1 of the SORP (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 to not prepare a cashflow statement on the basis that the charity is defined as small.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Income recognition

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and,
- the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made; or,
- when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.
Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.
Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the Trust.

2.3 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds and their associated support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Leasehold buildings	- Over the term of the lease
Leasehold improvements	- 5 years
Plant and equipment	- 3 years
Office equipment	- 3 years

Items with an individual cost of less than £1,000 are fully depreciated in the year of acquisition.

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2.8 Pensions

The Trust makes an employer's contribution to a money purchase pension scheme for its employees. The Trust makes a matching contribution of 5% of salary for employees that make a 5% contribution from their own salary. The employer contributions are treated as an expense.

2.9 Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

3 Analysis of income from donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Donations from individuals	-	1,871	**1,871**	2,622
Grants from charitable trusts	1,100	1,238,571	**1,239,671**	141,401
Grants from government	8,000	518,220	**526,220**	37,080
Grants from companies	10,272	2,800	**13,072**	-
	19,372	1,761,462	**1,780,834**	181,103

3a Analysis of income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cafe sales income	150	-	**150**	27
Community Store income	-	8,151	**8,151**	5,092
Room Hire income	30,788	10,083	**40,871**	6,911
Other income	150	350	**500**	886
	31,088	18,584	**49,672**	12,916

4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Cost of sales				
Café cost of sales	38	-	**38**	903
Community store cost of sales	-	14,419	**14,419**	5,501
Operations				
Cleaning	2,518	6	**2,524**	675
Equipment	960	2,453	**3,413**	39,822
Light, power, heating	2,153	-	**2,153**	1,838
Water, sewerage,waste disposal	108	277	**385**	597
Repairs & maintenance	1,985	1,116	**3,101**	3,642
Room hire and rent	-	30,919	**30,919**	233
Security	172	-	**172**	850
Project Materials	2,500	5,941	**8,441**	-
Depreciation	-	5,193	**5,193**	5,867
Office and management				
IT Software and Consumables	1,546	1,066	**2,612**	190
Marketing & Advertising	852	875	**1,727**	5,814
Office stationery & consumables	-	72	**72**	1,000
Other miscellaneous expenses	1,902	199	**2,101**	880
Telephone & broadband	-	512	**512**	1,201
Staff Costs				
Salaries	26,240	21,804	**48,044**	29,322
Salaries - furlough recovery	-941	-	**-941**	-13,178
Travel by Staff	-	510	**510**	229
Administration				
Bank Fees	165	40	**205**	86
Independent examination fees	700	-	**700**	500
Insurance	710	-	**710**	647
Subscriptions	-	-	**-**	13
Professional services	-	-	**-**	1,170
	41,608	85,402	**127,010**	87,803

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

5 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

Net income / (expenditure) for the year is stated after charging:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	700	500

6 Staff costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	Total 2021
			£	£
Gross wages	26,240	21,804	**48,044**	29,322
Furlough grants received	-941	-	**-941**	-13,178
	25,299	21,804	**47,103**	16,145
Average number of full time equivalent staff			**1.0**	1.2

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000.

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or out-of-pocket expenses were paid to trustees during the year or the preceeding year.Furthermore, no charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

8 Fixed assets

	Assets under construction	Leasehold improvements	Plant & equipment	Office equipment	Total
		£	£	£	£
Cost					
As at 1 April	67,958	25,965	7,302	785	**102,010**
Additions	1,286,662	-	40,697	3,511	**1,330,870**
As at 31 March	1,354,620	25,965	47,999	4,296	**1,432,880**
Depreciation					
As at 1 April	-	19,474	7,302	785	**27,561**
Charge for the year	-	5,193	-	-	**5,193**
As at 31 March	-	24,667	7,302	785	**32,754**
Net book value					
As at 1 April	67,958	6,491	-	-	**74,449**
As at 31 March	1,354,620	1,298	40,697	3,511	**1,400,126**

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

9 Debtors

	2022			2021
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Accounts receivable	5,141	914	6,055	504
Prepayments and accrued income	987	821	1,808	1,100
	6,128	1,735	7,863	1,604

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022			2021
	£	£	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,564	258,158	**259,722**	11,101

11 Analysis of charitable funds

	B/f at 01-Apr-21	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers between funds	C/f at 31-Mar-22
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds	9,606	50,460	-41,608		**18,458**
Restricted funds					
Power to Change – Branksome Centre	6,000	-	-4,800		**1,200**
Bourne Valley legacy fund	492	-	-393		**99**
Turlin Moor Community Activities	24,960	29,632	-41,021		**13,571**
Bourne Valley Community Hub	111,947	1,750,414	-39,188		**1,823,173**
Restricted funds total	143,399	1,780,046	-85,402	-	**1,838,043**
Total funds	153,005	1,830,506	-127,010	-	**1,856,501**

12 Details of the restricted funds

Power to Change – Branksome Centre
A grant to support the development of the Branksome Centre, including funds for capital improvement works and staff costs in the first year.
Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets are expended as depreciation over their useful economic life

Bourne Valley legacy fund
Funds received from the Bourne Valley Community Association for use at the Branksome Centre.
Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets are expended as depreciation over their useful economic life.

Turlin Moor Community Activities
Donations and grants received to support community activities and community asset development in Turlin Moor.

Bourne Valley Community Hub
A project to build a Community Centre in Bourne.

13 Transactions with related parties
There were no transactions with related parties during the year.

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9th November 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Poole Communities Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 10 to 17 and the charity's books and records supplied to me in October 2022 and verified in November 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

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Independent examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.



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England & Wales - Charity number 1165309

Accounts

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for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Charity Registration Number: 1165309
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Poole Communities Trust
Reference and Administration Details
For the Year Ended 31 March 2021

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Company registration number
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Poole Communities Trust
Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing document

Poole Communities Trust is constituted as a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 14 March 2015, and registered as a charity on 28 January 2016. The 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.

Appointment of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Articles of Association require that there are at least three trustees. Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and are required to retire by rotation, with one third of the board of trustees retiring each year. Trustees who retire at an AGM may, if still willing to act, be reappointed. The board of trustees may also appoint new trustees during the year, although such persons will hold office until the next AGM, where they may be re-appointed.

Trustee induction

New trustees undergo an induction to brief them on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the charity. During the induction they meet employees and other trustees. Trustees are also encouraged to attend appropriate external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Management structure

The board of trustees governs and administers the charity and meets at least quarterly. They are responsible for the governance of the charity and for the use of its funds. In particular, the trustees are responsible for setting the charity's strategy and policies, and monitoring progress and fulfilment of these.

The Trust employs the following members of staff, who all have delegated authority (within the terms approved by the trustees) to implement the Trust's projects in Branksome and Turlin Moor:

- Jade Tidbury and Kyla Mares manage the Branksome Community Centre; our previous manager Nigel Barrow retired in August 2021.
- Our Community Development Worker for Tulrin Moor: Ann Khambatta, unfortunately died on 24 January 2021 and was replaced by:
- Mel Meadowcroft: Moor Community Food Co-ordinator.
- Mel Lucas: Community Development Worker.
- Stacey Whitcher (young people's football) Nicky Smith (support for family carers) have also been paid to assist us with our work on Turlin Moor.

The development of the Bourne Community Hub is led by a volunteer, Debbie Dixon.

Related parties

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager of the charity and another organisation with which the Trust transacts must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. In the current year, there were no such related party transactions.

Risk management

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises:

- an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity face; these include the risk of not accruing sufficient funds and income, health and safety risks at the buildings we manage, a lack of public support for our work and fraud and error;
- the establishment of policies, systems, and procedures to mitigate those risks identified; and,
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

Public Benefit

The Trustees have given due regard to public benefit when planning the charity's activities, in accordance with the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit (September 2013)

Objectives and Activities

Charitable purposes

The purposes of the Trust, as set out in our charitable objects, are:

> *The promotion for the benefit of the public of urban regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation (and in particular in the Borough of Poole) by all or any of the following means:*
>
> *(a) the relief of financial hardship:*
>
> *(b) the relief of unemployment:*
>
> *(c) the advancement of education, training, or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience:*
>
> *(d) the provision of financial assistance, technical assistance or business advice or consultancy in order to provide training and employment opportunities for unemployed people in cases of financial or other charitable need through help: (i) in setting up their own business, or (ii) to existing businesses:*
>
> *(e) the creation of training and employment opportunities by the provision of workspace, buildings, and/or land for use on favourable terms:*
>
> *(f) the provision of housing for those who are in conditions of need and the improvement of housing in the public sector or in charitable ownership provided that such power shall not extend to relieving any local authorities or other bodies of a statutory duty to provide or improve housing:*

(g) the maintenance, improvement, or provision of public amenities:

(h) the preservation of buildings or sites of historic or architectural importance:

(i) the provision of recreational facilities for the public at large or those who by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship, or social and economic circumstances, have need of such facilities:

(j) the protection or conservation of the environment:

(k) the provision of public health facilities and childcare:
(l) the promotion of public safety and prevention of crime:

(m) such other means as may from time to time be determined subject to the prior written consent of the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales.

Strategic plan

In pursuit of these charitable objects, the Trustees have developed a strategic plan to guide the charity through the period between 2019 and 2021. This plan sets out the Trust's vision, mission, long-term strategic objectives, and the values that will underpin its work:

Vision

Our vision is that of strong communities and sustainable economies in Poole's less advantaged areas, supported by high quality community assets.

Mission

To promote economic and community growth in the less advantaged areas of Poole, by developing, managing, and advising on a range of community assets.

Long-term strategic objectives

- To support local communities in less advantaged areas of Poole by developing and sustaining high quality spaces for community activities, recreational activities, and the delivery of social welfare services.

- To support sustainable local economic development in less advantaged areas of Poole by providing flexible and affordable workspace for voluntary organisations, social enterprises, small businesses, and the training of unemployed people.

- To improve the local environment in less advantaged areas of Poole by creating attractive community assets from under-utilised and/or heritage buildings, and by incorporating green technology and renewable energy into Trust properties.

Values

The following key values will underpin the Trust's work:

- Rooted in the community: We respond to local need.
- Inclusive: We embrace and promote our differences.
- Collaborative: We work in partnership with others.
- Integrity: We behave ethically, honestly, and fairly.

- Not-for-profit: We re-invest all financial surpluses in community assets.

Achievements and Performance

In the year to 31 March 2021, the Trust like all organisations experienced significant challenges because of the pandemic and lockdowns. The way in which we delivered our services, worked with communities, and raised funds were all severely affected. However as highlighted below the Trust continued to have a considerable impact on the following communities in Poole: Branksome, Bourne, and Turlin Moor.

Branksome Community Centre

The pandemic meant that we had to close the Centre for large parts of the year and even when open, we had to restrict the use of the Centre. However, we did so safely, and we did not have to close the Centre, nor cancel any activities because of an outbreak of the virus. We also accommodated additional activities which supported the community through the pandemic including the local Community Store.

With the support of a volunteer: Rachel Wigg, we used part of our time to collect feedback from hirers and members of the community about what they thought about the Centre and what activities we should be delivering in the future. Following are some of the key responses from 16 of our hirers, five of the hirers deliver sporting activities, four dance and two hirers educational support, the other hirers provide the following activities: Arts, crafts, dog training, music, and support for children.

Question	Rating, hirers gave a score out of ten	Comments
Is the Centre well organised and are you are looked after as a hirer?	9	We love using the centre and have always been accommodated and well communicated with. Generally happy with centre, get on well with Nigel and like being there. Few little niggly things like rubbish, double bookings, and a padlock issue once but overall, pretty good. I feel I have been very well supported in starting up my activities here and when staff/volunteers are on site they are always very helpful. Yes, I think the centre does a great job, we really enjoy having it as our home.
Is it a good venue for your activities and participants?	8.5	It's ideal for us. It is a great location with parking and affordable and next to the park with good clean facilities in the centre. Very lucky to have it as a venue, very good and easy to split the hall in half to do different activities, works well with Covid restrictions We think it's a great location with a good amount of parking, the facilities on site are always clean and usable

Are the rates we charge fair for the amenities you get?	9	Yes, think it is fair and makes it manageable for us to book it. You don't charge enough compared with other places but also doesn't want prices to increase, when we were starting out it was very helpful as we only needed a few students to make it viable Definitely and the patience, I have time and opportunity to build up my dance group even in this hard time

The trustees are particularly appreciative of the efforts of Nigel Barrow our Centre Manager, Helen Davis his assistant and all our volunteers who achieved so much for the community in such a difficult year.

Developing the Bourne Community Hub

The year started with the first of the lockdowns and we were grateful for the contact made by some of our major funders indicating their flexibility about previously agreed deadlines in the light of the pandemic. Frustratingly but understandably the opening of our new play park was delayed until July when restrictions were lifted. We decided against an official opening since less was known about the relative safety of outdoor events at this point in the year and it was early in the vaccination rollout. However, the play park continues to be very well used by local children and we were delighted to see grandparents, parents and children also using the park for picnics in the summer.

During the early part of lockdown, we were able to complete the work required to launch our new website following a Business Development Grant from Power to Change. This proved invaluable during the pandemic, as we were able to provide public information on the services we were providing and to enable potential volunteers to contact us.

We spent a significant amount of time working with colleagues at BCP Council on the 99-year lease for the Community Hub and the license for the temporary building for use by the pre-school and youth club during construction. We wish to record our thanks to the Head of Communities and the Senior Estates Surveyor.

Our thanks to the Bourne Big Local and Talbot Village Trust, who continued their huge commitment to the project and increased their grants. This enabled us to commission the detailed work necessary to finalise the design and prepare for the competitive tendering process for construction.

We received 4 tenders from local/regional building contractors and undertook a quality and price evaluation with the support of our Quantity Surveyor. This process led to 2 potential contractors being identified and interviews were held. Whilst all contractors had submitted prices above our target budget, those interviewed indicated that they would be prepared to work with the Trust to achieve an affordable contract sum.

The Board of Trustees considered the Tendering Report and appointed Amiri Construction Ltd as the preferred contractor. We are grateful to the Design Team and Amiri Construction Ltd for working with us to identify a range of savings to reduce the costs and to BCP Council and Power To Change for additional grants, which enabled us to enter into a contract for construction.

Although the target sum for construction was reached, we continued to fund raise to support the costs of the temporary building and for fixtures, fittings, and furnishings for the new

Community Hub.

As the financial year drew to a close, an order was placed for the temporary building and the pre-school and youth service were planning the move into their new temporary home at the end of May. This will enable demolition of the former youth club to commence and construction to start in the summer.

Turlin Moor

Ann Khambatta continued to work (apart from April 2020 whilst on furlough) with local volunteers to support the community of Turlin Moor, throughout the pandemic and the various lockdowns. Initially Ann and her team distributed 1,000 leaflets to all the households about how they could access support. They regularly updated our Turlin Moor Facebook page (400+ followers) with information, and supported 15 people e.g., with their shopping. A key aim was to support people who had become lonely and/or isolated during lockdown and either provide support to them or signpost them to other help.

After consulting with the local community this work soon developed, into setting up a Community Store: Moor Community Food, to achieve the following outcomes for local people:

- The provision of low-cost quality food and advice so that people can maintain healthy diets.
- To provide a hub where local people can meet each other safely, maintain their friendships and find out about what is happening on Turlin Moor.

Underpinning this is that Moor Community Food is for all people living on Tulrin Moor; for people who can afford to shop elsewhere and for people who are experiencing barriers to accessing quality food e.g., they have lost their jobs or are on a low income. The community has the opportunity to give through the store, either as volunteers; there are 17 volunteers who help at the store or through donations of food or money.

Moor Community Food was opened in June 2020 and was soon supporting between 60 to 70 families a week and supporting up to 15 young carers each week with food deliveries. We would also like to thank our partners for their support of Moor Community Food: The Hamworthy Church, Fareshare, the Tatnam Organic Patch and BCP Council and our funders The National Lottery Community Fund and Awards for All.

When there were opportunities Ann and her team of volunteers provided a variety of activities for young people during 2020/21, including football with AFC Bournemouth and a programme of summer events. Ann also began to plan with BCP Council, South Western Railway and the artist Trevor Loveys, how young people could enhance the Hamworthy rail station with murals and graffiti.

Unfortunately, before this project could be formally launched Ann died on 24 January 2021. Ann has left a significant and visible legacy on Tulrin Moor with local volunteers, Ann led on:

- Renovating the Foreland Road play park.
- Implementing an annual programme of activities to support young people, including a major consultative exercise for a new wheel park.
- Developing Moor Community Food as a major local support service.

Crucially Ann developed the skills of local people and gave them opportunities to make a difference in their community. As a result, following Ann's death, Poole Communities Trust appointed two of our key volunteers as paid workers to take forward our projects on Tulrin

Moor: Mel Meadowcroft is leading on Moor Community Food and Mel Lucas with the community development programme.

Financial Review

The charity's income for the year was £194,019 (2019/20: £152,644), with expenditure of £87,802 (2019/20: £148,879). This meant that by the end of the year the total level of funds stood at £153,005 (2019/20: £46,788).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have established a reserves policy and determined that this should be reviewed at least annually. In determining the policy, the Trustees sought to ensure that the Trust has sufficient free reserves that will provide the charity with adequate financial stability and the means for it to meet its charitable objectives for the foreseeable future. In setting the policy, the Trustees also had due regards to the manner of its operations and funding streams.

The Trustees have agreed a reserves policy which takes into account of the cash flow requirements of the charity's day to day operations. The policy that seeks to maintain free reserves at a level equivalent to between approximately three- and six-months operational expenditure. This amounts to holding reserves in the range of between £10,000 and £20,000. As at 31 March 2021, the level of unrestricted reserves increased to £9,606 (2019/20: £8,707), which was nearly in line with the reserves policy.

Plans for Future Periods

In addition to tackling the continuing challenges arising from the pandemic in sustaining our services, we will be focusing on the following aims during 2021/22:

- Undertaking further fundraising to enhance the services we can deliver to the communities we support and improving the facilities at the Branksome Community Centre and Bourne Hub. We are exploring how we can undertake joint fundraising initiatives for all three of the communities we work in, previously we have focused on fundraising for a specific project/area.

- Integrating our procedures so that that we are managing all our projects to the same standards. This will be particularly important when the Bourne Hub opens, and we will be running it alongside the Branksome Community Centre and our Turlin Moor projects.

- Increasing our understanding of the impact of our work on the communities we support, through research and evaluation.

- Implementing a new strategic plan, which embeds an outcomes framework, across all our projects.

Trustees' Responsibilities in Relation to the Financial Statements

The charity trustees (who are also the directors of the Poole Communities Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and Financial Reporting Standard 102 Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the

incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Examiner
Martin Arthur (FMAAT, FFA, FIPA, FFTA, MIH, ACIE) of Accountancy Co-op Ltd was re-appointed for a further year.

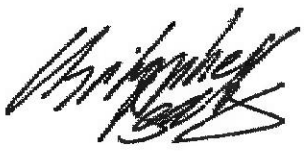
Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies' exemptions of Section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees



Christopher Beale
Chair of Trustees

Date: 7 December 2021

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15th November 2021

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Poole Communities Trust

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 10 to 17 and the charity's books and records supplied to me in June 2021 and verified in November 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Trustees (who are also the Directors of the Company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 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 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as 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.

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Independent examiner's statement

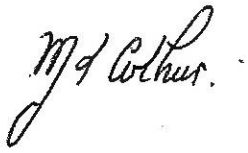
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

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.



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Poole Communities Trust
Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2021
(incorporating the Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations	3	18,228	162,875	181,103	97,379
Incoming resources from charitable activities:	3a	7,065	5,851	12,916	55,265
Total incoming resources		25,293	168,726	194,019	152,644
Resources expended					
Cost of raising funds		0	0	0	0
Expenditure on charitable activities:	4	-24,394	-63,408	-87,802	-148,879
Total resources expended		-24,394	-63,408	-87,802	-148,879
Net income / (expenditure) for the year		899	105,318	106,217	3,765
Total funds brought forward		8,707	38,081	46,788	43,023
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	**0**
Total funds carried forward	11	9,606	143,399	153,005	46,788

£87,802

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

Poole Communities Trust
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8	0	74,450	74,450	12,358
Total fixed assets		0	74,450	74,450	12,358
Stock		0	0	0	292
Debtors	9	1,461	143	1,604	3,942
Cash at bank & in hand		13,612	74,440	88,052	70,895
Total current assets		15,073	74,583	89,656	75,129
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	-5,467	-5,634	-11,101	-40,699
Net current assets		9,606	68,949	78,555	34,430
Net assets		9,606	143,399	153,005	46,788
Funds of the charity					
Unrestricted funds		9,606	-	9,606	8,707
Restricted income funds		-	143,399	143,399	38,081
Total funds	11	9,606	143,399	153,005	46,788

For the year ended 31 March 2021, the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements on pages 10 to 17 were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee 

Date: 7 December 2021

The notes on pages 12 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

1 Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparting their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16th July 2014 (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015), the Charities Act 2011 and the Companies Act 2006. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and the company is well placed to manage its risks successfully. Accordingly, they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the annual report and accounts.

1.3 Cashflow Statement

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions within section 14.1 of the SORP (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1 to not prepare a cashflow statement on the basis that the charity is defined as small.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Income recognition

Items of income are recognised and included in the accounts when all of the following criteria are met:

- the charity has entitlement to the funds;
- any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met or are fully within the control of the charity
- there is sufficient certainty that receipt of the income is considered probable; and,
- the amount can be measured reliably.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of:

- the date on which the charity is aware that probate has been granted;
- the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made; or,
- when a distribution is received from the estate.

Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

2.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.
Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.
Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the Trust.

2.3 Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

- Costs of raising funds and their associated support costs.
- Expenditure on charitable activities to further the purposes of the charity and their associated support costs

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

2.4 Tangible fixed assets

Fixed assets are capitalised at cost and are depreciated over their estimated useful economic lives on a straight line basis as follows:

Leasehold buildings	- Over the term of the lease
Leasehold improvements	- 5 years
Plant and equipment	- 3 years
Office equipment	- 3 years

Items with an individual cost of less than £1,000 are fully depreciated in the year of acquisition.

2.5 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid after taking account of any trade discounts due.

2.6 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.7 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2.8 Pensions

The Trust makes an employer's contribution to a money purchase pension scheme for its employees. The Trust makes a matching contribution of 5% of salary for employees that make a 5% contribution from their own salary. The employer contributions are treated as an expense.

2.9 Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

3 Analysis of income from donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021 £ Total	2020 £ Total
Donations from individuals	814	1,808	2,622	19,369
Grants from charitable trusts	0	141,401	141,401	70,022
Grants from government	17,414	19,666	37,080	7,988
Grants from companies	0	0	0	0
	18,228	162,875	181,103	97,379

3a Analysis of income

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Cafe sales income	27	5,092	5,119	16,427
Room Hire income	6,911	0	6,911	847
Other income	127	759	886	37,991
	7,065	5,851	12,916	55,265

4 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Cost of sales	903	5501	6,404	8,360
Operations				
Cleaning	675	0	675	449
Equipment	397	39,425	39,822	1,409
Light, power, heating	1,838	0	1,838	7,149
Water, Sewerage,waste disposal	597	0	597	3,405
Repairs & Maintenance	3,642	0	3,642	3,738
Room Hire and Rent	0	233	233	480
Security	850	0	850	116
Project Materials	0	0	0	61,913
Depreciation	65	5,802	5,867	7,889
Office and management				
IT Software and Consumables	190	0	190	175
Marketing & Advertising	3,504	2,310	5,814	5,291
Office stationery & consumables	916	84	1,000	698
Other miscellaneous expenses	0	880	880	825
Telephone & broadband	1,129	72	1,201	1,231
Rates	0	0	0	-2,193
Staff Costs				
Salaries	20,370	8,952	29,322	24,567
Salaries - furlough recovery	-12,888	-290	-13,178	0
Travel by Staff	0	229	229	24
Administration				
Bank Fees	86	0	86	65
Independent examination fees	500	0	500	500
Insurance	647	0	647	662
Subscriptions	13	0	13	646
Legal expenses	0	0	0	1,740
Professional services	960	210	1,170	19,740
	24,394	63,408	87,802	148,879

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

5 Net income / (expenditure) for the year

Net income / (expenditure) for the year is stated after charging:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	500	500

6 Staff costs

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
			£	£
Gross wages	20370	8,952	29,322	24,567
Furlough grants received	-12888	-290	-13,178	0
Employer's national insurance contributions	0	0	0	0
Pension contributions	0	0	0	0
	7,482	8,662	16,144	24,567
Average number of full time equivalent staff			1.2	1.2

There were no employees whose emoluments exceeded £60,000.

7 Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or out-of-pocket expenses were paid to trustees during the year or the preceeding year.Furthermore, no charity trustee received payment for professional or other services supplied to the charity.

8 Fixed assets

	Leasehold improvements	Plant & equipment	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
As at 1 April	25,966	7,303	785	34,054
Additions				
Asset under construction	67,958	0	0	67,958
As at 31 March	93,923	7,303	785	102,011
Depreciation				
As at 1 April	-14,281	-6,693	-720	-21,694
Charge for the year	-5,193	-610	-65	-5,868
As at 31 March	-19,474	-7,303	-785	-27,562
Net book value				
As at 1 April	16,877	3,043	327	20,247
As at 31 March	74,450	0	0	74,450

Poole Communities Trust
Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

9 Debtors

	2021			2020
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
	£	£	£	£
Accounts receivable	504	0	504	3,295
Prepayments and accrued income	957	143	1,100	647
	1,461	143	1,604	3,942

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

				2020
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	0	0	0	0
Taxation and social security costs	0	0	0	0
Accruals and deferred income	5,467	5,634	11,101	40,699
Other creditors	0		0	0
	5,467	5,634	11,101	40,699

11 Analysis of charitable funds	B/f at 01-Apr-20	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers between funds	C/f at 31-Mar-21
	£	£	£		£
Unrestricted funds	8,707	25,293	-24,394		9,606
Restricted funds					
Power to Change – Branksome Centre	10,800	0	-4,800		6,000
Bourne Valley legacy fund	1,493	0	-1,001		492
Coop Community Fund	0	0	0		0
Branksome Centre sport hall improvements	0		0		0
Play More Skate Moor – Turlin Moor	1,216	41,926	-18,182		24,960
Bourne Valley Community Hub	24,572	126,800	-39,425		111,947
Restricted funds total	38,081	168,726	-63,408	0	143,399
Total funds	46,788	194,019	-87,802	0	153,005

12 Details of the restricted funds

Power to Change – Branksome Centre

A grant to support the development of the Branksome Centre, including funds for capital improvement works and staff costs in the first year
Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets are expended as depreciation over their useful economic life

Bourne Valley legacy fund

Funds received from the Bourne Valley Community Association for use at the Branksome Centre.
Funds used for the purchase of fixed assets are expended as depreciation over their useful economic life.

Play More Skate More- Turlin Moor

Donations and grants received to support community asset development in Turlin Moor

Bourne Valley Community Hub

A project to build a Community Centre in Bourne.

13 Transactions with related parties

There were no transactions with related parties during the year.