



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 2022-2023



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REFERENCES AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity Registration: 1165309

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Judith Bacon - Lead Trustee – Turlin Moor
Debbie Dixon - Lead Trustee – Bourne (reappointed Dec 2022)
Andy Frost - Trustee
Alex King - Trustee
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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


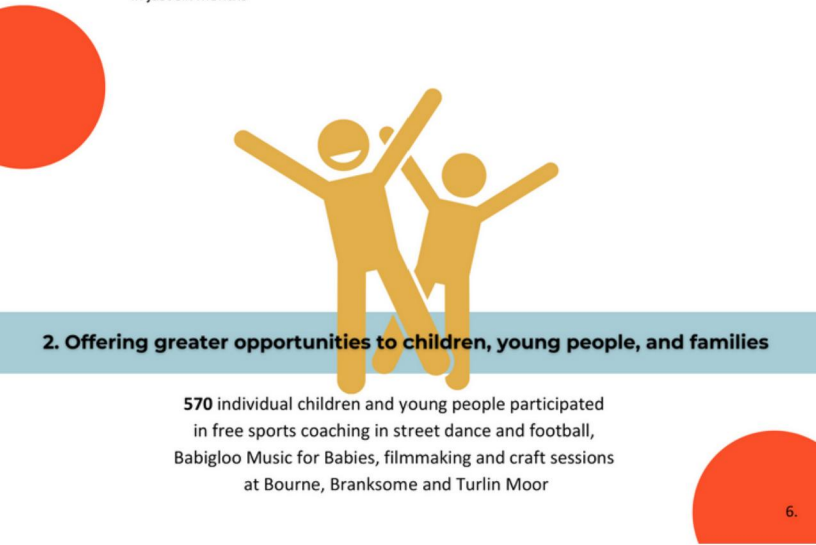
200+ local families attended our Family Fun Day in Turlin Moor



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

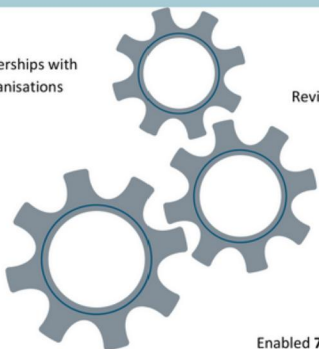
93 local residents participated in cookery demonstrations across our three sites

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

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 through 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/1ElmwM20DEq_oVF9Nyx_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 through 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 room 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 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.

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.

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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

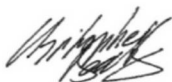
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Christopher Beale', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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.

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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 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.

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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

			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
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

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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	-
	<u>24,599</u>	<u>53,547</u>	<u>78,146</u>	<u>47,103</u>

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	<u>-</u>	<u>2,184,940</u>	<u>25,965</u>	<u>54,626</u>	<u>4,296</u>	<u>2,269,827</u>

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	<u>-</u>	<u>22,070</u>	<u>25,965</u>	<u>21,422</u>	<u>1,955</u>	<u>71,412</u>
Net book value						
As at 1 April	1,354,620	-	1,298	40,697	3,511	1,400,126
As at 31 March	<u>-</u>	<u>2,162,870</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,204</u>	<u>2,341</u>	<u>2,198,415</u>

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9 Debtors

	2023		2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
Accounts receivable	4,673	3,363	8,036
Prepayments and accrued income	310	850	1,160
	<u>4,983</u>	<u>4,213</u>	<u>9,196</u>
			<u>7,863</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

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

10a Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

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

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	<u>18,458</u>	<u>43,640</u>	<u>-47,565</u>		<u>14,533</u>
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	<u>1,838,043</u>	<u>456,654</u>	<u>-196,902</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,097,795</u>
Total funds	<u>1,856,501</u>	<u>500,294</u>	<u>-244,467</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,112,328</u>

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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 as 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