



CHERRY GROCE FOUNDATION

Trustees' Annual Report

31 March 2023

Charity Number: 1165412

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Registered CIO: **1165412**

Principal Office: 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA

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CHARITY DETAILS

The trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023.

FULL NAME Cherry Groce Foundation(CGF)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1165412

PRINCIPAL OFFICE 336 Brixton Road
London
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TRUSTEES	Kaleb Hailu	Appointed 28.10.2020
	Lee Lawrence	Appointed 1.04.2016
	Rochelle Small	Appointed 03.03.2022
	Simon Jones	Appointed 03.03.2022
	Fitzroy Dawson	Appointed 03.03.2022
	Nyemeh Badjan	Appointed 03.03.2022
	Steven McKay BSC MRICS	Appointed 01.04.2016

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

The trustees present their report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 12 and comply with the charity's constitution and applicable law.

TRUSTEES

The trustee's names on page 2 have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Constitution of the CIO. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

AIMS AND OBJECTS

Cherry Groce Foundation exists to:

To relieve the need of those with a physical or mental impairment / disability by:-

1. Acting as a resource for disabled persons and their carers;
2. Providing or assisting in the provision of activities that will enable disabled persons and their carers to participate within the community;
3. Providing or assisting in the provision of facilities and activities for recreation with the object of improving their quality of life;
4. Advancing education;
5. Advocating for the rights of disabled persons and their carers; and
6. Promoting and delivering other activities that support those affected by disability that meets the agreement of the trustees.

GOVERNANCE

The charity is governed by 3 trustees and managed by 5 Management Committee Members. The charity has a further 4 volunteers who support its activities.

In developing strategies, setting objectives, and undertaking activities, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Cherry Groce Foundation continues to act as a resource for disabled persons and their carers by providing information, advice, guidance and practical support to Black Minority Ethnic groups in particular and the wider community for public benefit.

Our partnership with Mobility Transport continues as we work together to provide transport using a wide range of adapted vehicles for clients who are either wheelchair bound or have other physical impairments. Our aim is to enhance quality of life with minimal complications.

During the fiscal year 2022-2023, the charity made approximately 718 journeys for clients attending personal, hospital appointments, therapy sessions, education classes and leisurely activities.

DURING THE YEAR UNDER REVIEW

During the fiscal year 2022-2023 the charity received the remaining funding balance from Social Investment Business (SIB) who work in partnership with The Ubele Initiative.

We also received funding for collaboration with JP Morgan and Mayors office to attend Met Pop events.

We also made a successful application to Lambeth Social Changing Lives Social Value Engagement Programme to support The Louder I Will Sing education programme 2023 in Lambeth schools.

PROJECTS

CHERRY GROCE MEMORIAL ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY:

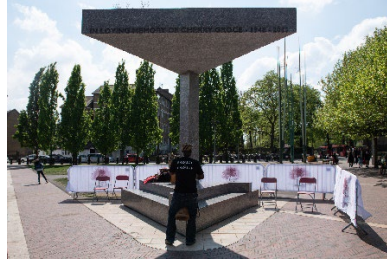
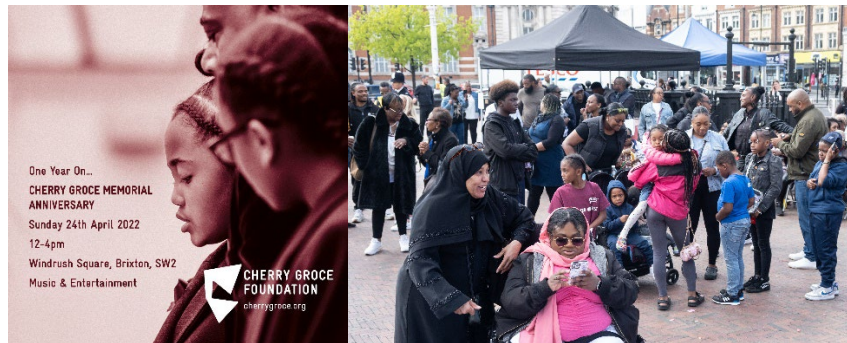
At the beginning of 2022, we decided to mark the first anniversary of the unveiling of the Cherry Groce Memorial. Sunday 24 April 2022 marked the first anniversary of the unveiling of the Cherry Groce Memorial. The Memorial exists as a place where members of the public can connect to our story and with each other/s, to begin to understand the concept of justice and reconciliation.

The Foundation is committed to building a better future and the event allowed us to uplift our community's spirit and promote unity, considering the pandemic by which we had all been affected by.

There was a combination of:

- Music
- Speakers
- Stalls
- Performers
- Fundraising & awareness
- Children's entertainment

This was also an opportunity which allowed us to inform the community about our new aims and objectives. We used the day to invite members of our community to give testimonials, telling us what the memorial has meant to them over the past year.



EDUCATION PROGRAMME – The Louder I Will Sing

The programme provides resources for teachers in primary and secondary schools. It enables them to bring the concepts and dimensions of justice to life for students, rooted in a vital moment of British history, the story of Cherry Groce.

The programme begins with an assembly led by Lee Lawrence, son of Cherry Groce, where he shares his mother's story and their fight for justice. Through a series of lessons, students learn about the historical and cultural context surrounding the events. They are also provided with practical ways to contribute to building a more fair and inclusive society.

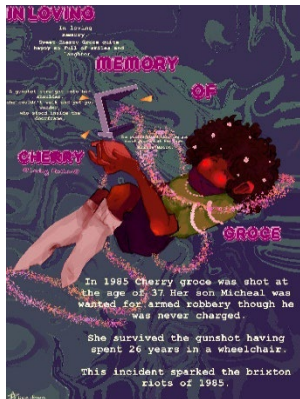
The programme concludes with a follow-up session at the Black Cultural Archives (BCA) and a visit to the Cherry Groce Memorial.



Visit at the Memorial



BCA visit



Winning poster



Memorial with achievement certificate

SPEAKING EVENTS

Through his speaking events, Lee Lawrence continues to educate people about the injustice that Cherry Groce suffered. For example, this year alone, as part of his commitment to the charity Lee he has delivered presentations for different schools & organisations such as:

- Sit up & Stand Up 2 Knife Violence Joins Blue Light Services
- Highgate Wood School

The team continue to regularly attend Hendon Police College, Community Passing Out Parade (POP) week and been instrumental as part of the training of new recruits. The founder presents to the new recruits about his story and the use of Restorative Justice.

The Operations manager is a trained community facilitator, who has a vital and valued role in directly impacting the way the newest officers consider how they provide the best possible service effectively, equitably and fairly, as part of wider reforms within the Met Police to renew policing by consent – delivering More Trust, Less Crime and High Standards.



Black History Month –JP Morgan & Calabash

We had the opportunity to collaborate with JP Morgan and Calabash African Caribbean Elders. The BHM event provided a Caribbean lunch, and the elders observed a performance by Anika of Kora Ltd. They sang along to old songs and danced.



This was also an opportunity for volunteers to capture stories shared by the elders. This event was a success and well received by the elders, JP Morgan volunteers, stakeholders, etc.

We collaborated again with JP Morgan and Calabash for Christmas lunch where the elders providing Christmas lunch, entertainment, games and gifting of hampers.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31st March 2022 and the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be in line with expectations.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the charity's needs. This is based on the charity's size and the level of commitments held. The Trustees aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil their charitable objectives.

RISK REVIEW

The trustees conduct periodic reviews of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and systems and procedures to manage those risks identified are implemented so as to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of those risks materialise.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small charity provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act.

Statement as to disclosure of information to independent examiner

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant information of which the charity's independent examiner are unaware and each trustee has taken all the steps that he or she ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant information and establish that the independent examiner is aware of that information.

Trustee declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above, on the 30 April 2021, and is signed on their behalf by Lee Lawrence:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Lawrence', is written over a horizontal line.

Lee Lawrence, **Trustee**

Independent Examiners Report

To the trustees of Cherry Groce Foundation, I report on the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 9 to 15.

Responsibility of Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43(3)a of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993Act; and
- 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 company and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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 trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - a. proper accounting records are kept; and
 - b. accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records. Or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date:.....31.01.2024.....

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

		Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	Funds	Funds	£	£
Donations	2.1	1,803	37,367	39,170	58,374
Charitable Activities		0	20,192	20,192	34,640
Other Trading Activities		0	0	0	0
Investment Income		0	13	13	6
Other Income		5,042	0	5,042	0
Total £		6,845	57,571	64,416	93,020
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Raising Fund	3.1	0	0	0	1,000
Charity Activities	3.2	882	104,166	105,048	81,758
Other	3.3	0	0	0	0
Total £		882	104,166	105,048	82,758
Net gains (losses) on investments		0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure) £		5,963	(46,595)	(40,632)	10,262
Transfer between reserves £		0	0	0	0
Total funds brought forward at 1 April £		8,919	30,271	39,190	28,928
Total funds carried forward at 31 March £		14,882	(16,324)	(1,442)	39,190

The notes form part of these financial statements.

Statement of total recognised gains and losses.

The Charity does not have any gains and losses other than the income and Expenditure for the period to report.

**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	2023		2022	
		£	£		£
ASSETS					
Tangible assets	1.6		3,062		0
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors		-	-		
Cash at bank and in hand		6,221	41,590		
		6,221	41,590		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		20,780	2,400		
Net current assets or current liabilities £			(14,559)		39,190
Total assets less total liabilities £			(11,497)		39,190
Funds of the charity					
Funds brought forward			39,190		28,928
Restricted funds			20,073		30,271
Unrestricted funds			(31,570)		8,919
Total charity funds £			(11,497)		39,190

These financial statements were approved and signed by the trustees on the 31 January 2023.



Lee Lawrence, **Trustee**

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Exemption from audit

The charity is exempt from the requirements relating to preparing audited accounts in accordance with the audit requirement of the Act.

The trustees have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question.

The trustees declare that they have approved the accounts above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees on 26 January 2023:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Lawrence', is written over a horizontal line.

Lee Lawrence, **Trustee**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are as follow:

1.1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2015).

1.2 Incoming resources

Donations and similar incoming resources are accounted for on receipt by the charity, any pledges of income also gift aid refunds are accrued in the accounting period that they arise.

1.3 Investment income

Investment income consists of interest received from saving and deposit accounts at the bank.

1.4 Resources expended

Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT that cannot be recovered.

1.5 Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

- Restricted - these are funds which can only be used in accordance with the charitable specific purpose;
- Unrestricted (general funds) - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

1.6 Depreciation Tangible Assets

Individual fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised at cost. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates on assets in order to write off their cost less any residual value over their estimated useful. The rates of depreciation are as follow:

- Fixtures & Fittings 20%
- Motor Vehicle 25%
- Computer Equipment 20% reducing balance
- Plant and Machinery 33.33% reducing balance

1.7 Staff costs and trustees' remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trustees		
Remuneration	0	0
Value of contributions to trustees pension	0	0
Total £	0	0
Employees		
Wages & Salaries	29,127	16,474
Social security costs	0	0
Pensions	1,678	0
Volunteers	1,125	530
Total £	31,929	17,004

1.8 Related Party Transactions

The charity was under the control of the Trustee throughout the current year. No transactions with related parties were undertaken such as that required disclosure.

2. Resources Expended

The notes on this page do not form part of the financial statements.

	2023			2022
	Unrestrict ed funds	Restrictred funds		Total
<u>COST OF RAISING FUNDS</u>	£	£		£
FUND RAISNG COSTS		0.00	0.00	1000.00
<u>EXPENDITURE ON CHARITAQBLE ACTIVITIES</u>				
ACCOUNTING FEES	881.76		881.76	750.00
ADVERTISING & PROMOTION		4840.00	4840.00	400.00
CHARITY ACTIVITY		3267.23	3267.23	14411.00
COMMUNITY TRANSPORT		37366.80	37366.80	40387.00
CONSULTANCY		6166.68	6166.68	5133.00
COST OF GOODS SOLD		1320.91	1320.91	-
ENTERTAINMENT		1550.00	1550.00	
GENERAL EXPENSES		228.13	228.13	
INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION			0.00	450.00
INSURANCE		3598.83	3598.83	12734.00
INTEREST ON LATE PAYMENT OF		263.37	263.37	
IT/INTERENT		1360.76	1360.76	258.00
MOTOR VEHICLE EXPENSES		130.00	130.00	
OFFICE SUPPLIES			0.00	30.00
PENSIONS COSTS		794.80	794.80	
PRINTING & STATIONERY		908.74	908.74	437.00
RATES		331.94	331.94	189.00
RENT		1152.42	1152.42	1113.00
SALARY		38981.45	38981.45	4010.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS		96.00	96.00	96.00
TELEPHONE		634.77	634.77	493.00
TRAVEL & SUBSISTENCE		48.35	48.35	337.00
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES		1124.95	1124.95	530.00
	881.76	104166.13	105047.89	82758.00