



# **Annual Report and Accounts 2020**

## Ashton United in the Community

### Report of the trustees for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

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Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1166483

Date Registered: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Trustees

The trustees serving during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were as follows:

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## Objectives and activities

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1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
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  - (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
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Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and are shown copies of policy documents.

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### **Organisation**

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### **Related parties and co-operation with other organisations**

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Trustee Carol Finnigan declares that her spouse Andrew Finnigan is appointed as the Community Development Officer and, declaring a conflict of interest, absents herself from any discussions related to the role during trustees meetings.

### **A review of achievements and performance**

The early part of 2020 started with AUITC providing Media Training courses. The courses, 'Introduction to Media', were delivered free to participants by media professionals from My Tameside, James Dean and Josh Littlehales, and were open to all to attend. The course was split into modules where people could book one or more of the modules they were interested in, on the dates determined. The sessions were for 2½hrs on Monday and Thursday evenings in January/February 2020 and were 'taster' sessions aimed at giving an overview to people wanting to understand more about media engagement in a sports and/or charity background.

Of 12 participants across the programme 11 were either happy or very happy about the content and delivery with responses to the course evaluation such as:

'I was worried it would be beyond me but I understood everything, felt comfortable and had a few laughs alongside learning a lot'

'Good look at Facebook & Twitter, learnt some good general info and some top tips'

At the end of January, collaborating with partners from Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, New Charter Homes and Broadoak Community Centre we were able to launch New Year, New You New Opportunities – Little People and Friends was free weekly play sessions designed to give partners the opportunity to support building confidence in parents and build awareness of their critical role in their child's development, accessible peer support; and also, helping to further map the early years system from a beneficiary perspective and collect that much needed quantitative data to give a valuable insight into the system. Little People and Friends was well received by local people with numbers increasing weekly from a standing start. 5 child minders and 5 parents, between 20 – 25 children, age 0 – 3 were attending each week by March. What was interesting and worthy of note was that, many parents and tots groups exclude Child Minders, as they are seen as a business, but we are of the view that these local children still benefit from socialising. We had a group of parents and childminders ready to take on the running of the group and move to a bigger space at the Broadoak & Smallshaw Community Centre but COVID-19 stopped that! As soon as possible the charity will support our partners will reach out to engage this group and support home learning and child development, encouraging engagement with books and puppets.

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On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 our newly appointed Community Development Manager resigned, for personal reasons. Given the nature of the work being undertaken it was decided by the trustees to extend the working hours of the Volunteer Coordinator and redeploy him as a Community Development Officer to be supported by trustee Julie Wilson as Line Manager and Project Manager Steve Hobson acting in a strategic capacity. Both officers supporting the Community Development Officer were operating in a voluntary capacity, both with extensive knowledge and experience of the voluntary sector.

Plans for HurstFest 2020 were well under way until the Covid-19 pandemic started to spread rapidly and the difficult decision to cancel was made in early March when it became apparent that the safety of people might be compromised if the event were to go ahead. By the end of March, early April, the decision to cancel was vindicated by Government advice regarding the cancellation of all such events and suspension of all football activities at Hurst Cross.

With the steadily increasing spread of Covid-19 the demands on Ashton United in the Community grew rapidly. Local people looked to the charity for support and the trustees responded swiftly to focus all of the charities resources on tackling local need. Ashton United in the Community operating in Smallshaw-Hurst during the Covid 19 pandemic recognised early that we were reaching out to some of the most vulnerable people in the community of Ashton, if not England.

Consequently the focus of the charity's efforts was shifted from March off to support those most in need in our community. AUITC formed a partnership with Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, St John's Church, Ashton United Football Club and Broadoak Community Centre to target local need under the auspices of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group.



The partners swiftly undertook some consultation and research to identify what local people needed to address the situation they found themselves in, compounded by Covid-19. The immediate need was to combat mental and physical health and wellbeing brought about by the National

lockdown. People were suffering loneliness and isolation, lack of food and increased poverty in an area already in the top 25 most deprived in England.



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AUITC and Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community collaborated with both financial and staffing resources, and Ashton United Football Club the use of facilities, to set up a Pop-Up Food Pantry, and deliver Pop-Up events distributing activity sets and Fare Share food packs for families across the neighbourhood. During the early days local people were canvassed regarding their immediate needs with some volunteering to support local resilience to the pandemic.



Others gave their views on the type of activities they would like to see to occupy children during lockdown.

From mid-April the partnership was able to provide a weekly theme of activities, with free resources to families with which to follow the theme and events as follows:

### April – Colouring and games



Just got ours, thank you so much, very much appreciated  
after an emotional day! Kids love them ❤️ xx - Dawn

## Ashton United in the Community

### May – VE Day, Slime, Growing Sunflowers, Bubble Paints

We had a request from Angela Rayner MP to choose three of your VE Day pictures to frame and put up in parliament. It was so hard to choose!



Our volunteers selected these three amazing pics from the Selby family, Beth and McKenzie Carr and Tanish Mistry ❤️💙❤️💙❤️💙

They look fantastic! I'm so proud of all the children's work. I'm looking forward to putting them up in the Palace (*Westminster*) so everyone else who visits including our international guests once we are through this pandemic can see how talented the children from Ashton are. 😊

Angela Rayner MP,  
Labour Deputy Leader  
Patron AUITC



He loves messy stuff haha 😂  
thank you again such a lovely thing to do for the community  
😊 xx - Anon



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My children and I absolutely love what you are all doing for our local community.

These kind of activity packs that you are giving the families are just what they need to keep them occupied during these strange times.

Thank you so much ❤️ ❤️ - Dawn





## Ashton United in the Community

### June - Face Painting, AUFC Gifts, Pom Poms, Painting & Printing



Guess what we've been doing today ..... thank you so much we had such a good day the minis are now looking online at Snazzaroo

😊👤👉 x x - Sammie





## Ashton United in the Community

July - Projectors, Under the sea, Mixed Greens, Mini Beasts, Science, Fareshare



Thank you so very much for my pack, I'm grateful for the delivery, while I've been in work all the lockdown, you have been and are an amazing team 🙌🥰❤️ - Leanne



Having fun in the sun doing some experiments with his science activity. Thank you so much you are all amazing 😊😊 - Anon



Thank you for our mixed green veg activity. Maisy has really enjoyed it. You are all doing a great job of keeping our children entertained during this difficult time. 😊😊

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### August – Origami, Clay Modelling, Rice Krispie Buns, Fareshare



Here is an amazing team, and each week activities that my girls love, best thing since lockdown... staff are brilliant and friendly pop down or message get joined up xxx - Emma

I left the girls to make the rice crispy cakes by themselves. I just supervised when they microwaved the chocolate. They

did pretty good and didn't make too much mess and Tilly 'helped' to clean up after 😊😊 - Anon



And parent's wanted to have a go too!!

Not only the kids enjoying the aired dried clay.

Mummy had a little play earlier, my little clay- Anon

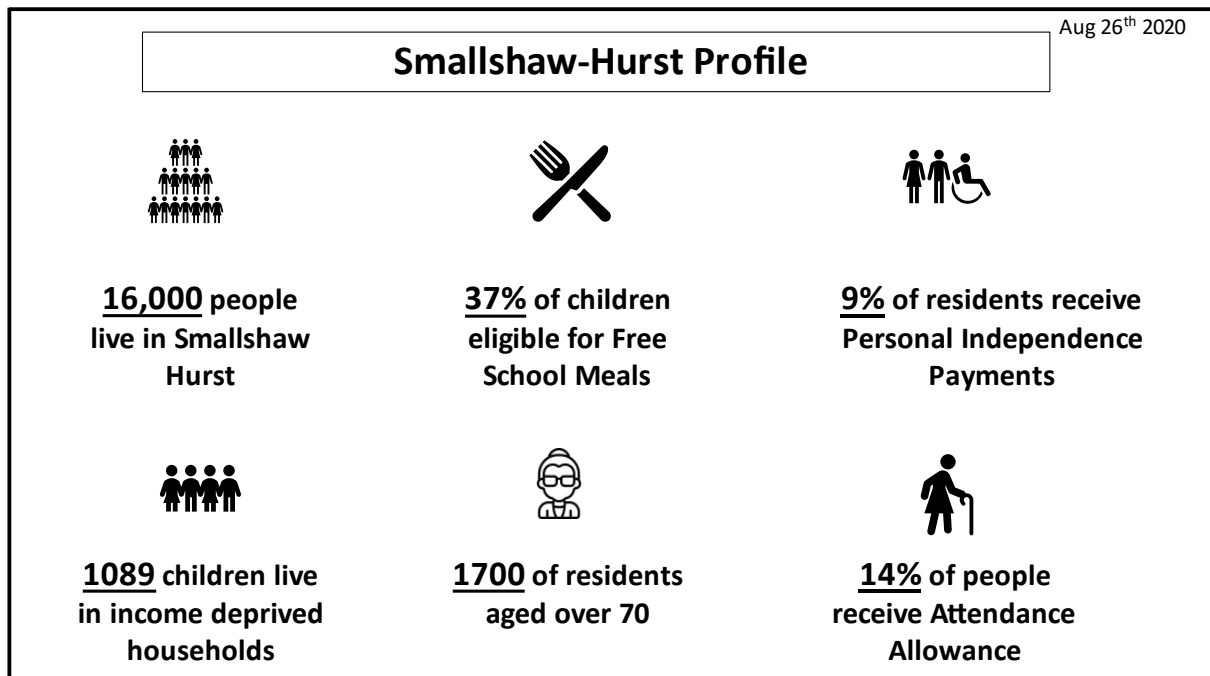


Whilst the weekly activities were proving to be a huge success and a lifeline to so many families we were still able to provide food distributed at our pop up events as part of the holiday hunger initiative, and through our Food Pantry operating out of Ashton United Football Club

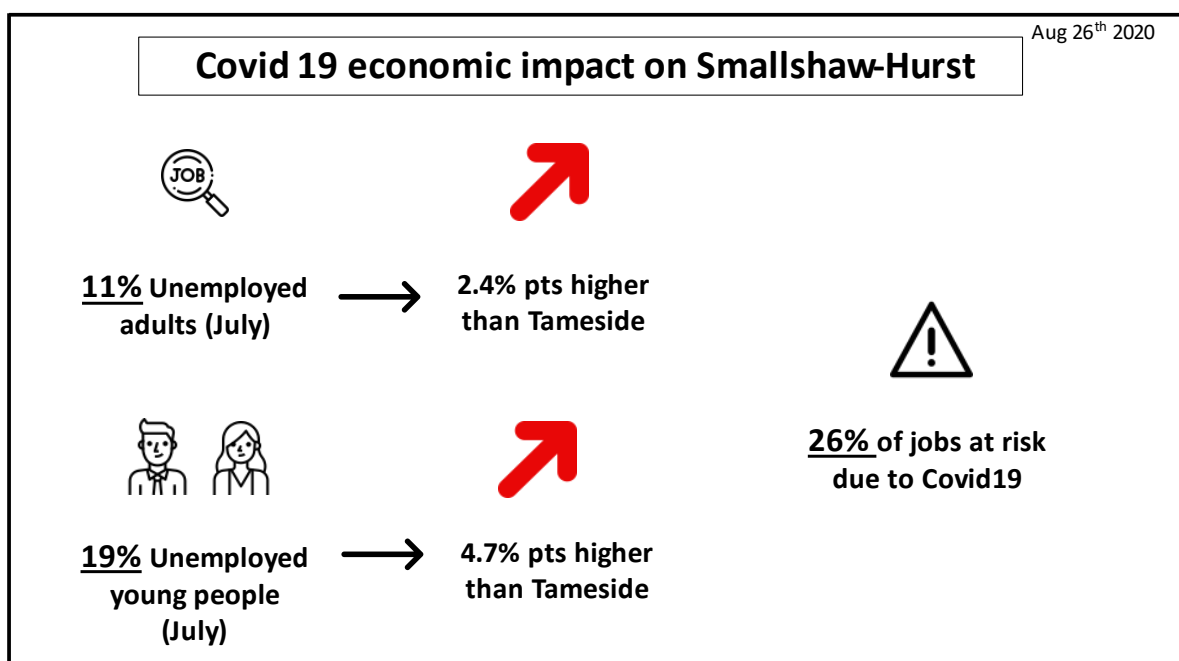


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By August 2020 the impact of Covid-19 was becoming more apparent and a piece of research was undertaken, coordinated by our partners Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, which examined the profile of Smallshaw Hurst and compared the economic impact of Covid-19 on people already suffering from the effects of deprivation.



The research, measured against the statistics for the wider borough, clearly demonstrated that the impact on people in Smallshaw – Hurst was disproportionate to the rest of Tameside as a whole.



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By the end of August 2020, working with our friends under the title of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group, we had been able to make a huge impact on the lives of local people, who were turning to us in numbers for support.



In September 2020 the schools returned and the need for weekly activities dissipated whereupon the focus of the charity was more towards developing a food pantry. A steering group was established with a view to exploring the opportunity for a Food Pantry to become a more permanent feature of the community, and an entity in its own right.

Community events and neighbourhood support continued however they were limited by the restrictions imposed on communities by the Government, and to ensure the safety of everyone engaging with what was on offer.

Rather than simply cancelling the planned events we demonstrated the resilient nature of the charity and the people we support by adapting to the challenges presented to us.



At Halloween it was simply a case of adapting the Food Pantry offer to include games and activities for children to enjoy.

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Swiftly followed by an alternative to the Pensioners Party the delivery of food hampers in lieu, prepared by our volunteers in the kitchens at Hurst Cross stadium.



And of course the kids couldn't miss out on Father Christmas visiting, albeit socially distanced.



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### Robins Recycling Shows GR8 Teamwork

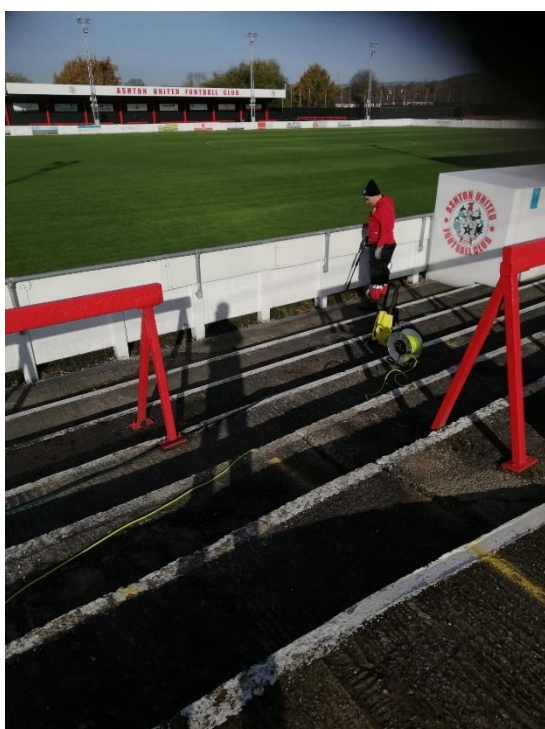
Community news out of Hurst Cross: in the run up to Christmas the team displayed a great team effort to provide some furniture to local families. Ashton United Co-Chairman David Burke was replacing two, two-seater settees in his home and called upon Ashton United in the Community to find a 'home' for each.



The community team utilised their local contacts and quickly found two families that would benefit from the gift.

How do we shift them was the next problem? Up stepped Paul Marr, Managing Director of Ashton United club kit suppliers, GR8 Sports, who offered his own time and transport to make sure two families received an early Christmas present.

Ashton United is a strong supporter of Ashton United in the Community; not just a football club, a family run club that embraces its community and recognises that, in difficult times everyone should all pull together. Importantly our football club partner and their suppliers hold similar values.



### Volunteering

A cornerstone of our work is providing local people with volunteering opportunity. During 2020 some people have been restricted to the amount of time they could offer to volunteer, and indeed some were unable to volunteer due to concerns over their personal safety through shielding. This being said, over the year 66 volunteers were engaged and have delivered 12,666 hours volunteering their time, each volunteer reporting their commitment each month.

They have been engaged daily volunteering at Hurst Cross, through home working, supporting the food pantry, pop up events, holiday hunger and giving general support to our efforts to combat Covid-19. In 2019 the estimated average equivalent market hourly wage

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rate across a range of volunteer activities was around £13.70 (Power to Change 'Assessing the value of volunteers in community businesses' report June 2020). If we were to place a nominal value of £10 per hour on our volunteers time this equates to a social value contribution to volunteering of £126,660

Once again we believe the year has been a huge success albeit in very challenging circumstances. The grant support we have received towards the staffing costs has been the key driver of our success. We've learned that the volunteers we work with thrive on the varying opportunities they are given. They tell us that through social interaction and commitment to volunteering they gained confidence and learned new skills, such that they want to reach out across the wider community and support others, both individuals and organisations, to make positive change in their lives.

**Matchdays** – Saturday and Tuesday fixtures for Ashton United throughout the football season.



Volunteers attend prior, during and after games to meet and greet fans, carry out pitch and facilities maintenance, stewarding duties, media, etc. This is the opportunity for people to socialise, learn new skills, put their training into practice. Here we see volunteers learning about grounds maintenance and pitch renovation methods.

## Case Studies

### Individual 1 - No Child Should Go Hungry (NCSGH) December Campaign.

*Claire* (not her real name) is mum to five children and her youngest child is pre-school age. Her husband works full time and earns above average wage, but they struggle to make ends meet, particularly over the Christmas period and during school holidays. She says the weekly food pantry has provided a lifeline to her and her family. The variety of food available provides ingredients, fresh fruit and vegetables for breakfast, dinner and tea and more recently, ideas for recipes.

Claire reports 'I come to Ashton United Football Club and everyone is warm and welcoming, I was nervous at first but came with a friend, I look forward to the weekly chat with the volunteers and I also enjoy the FaceBook page. I get to find out other information as well and I also know that it isn't just my family in this situation, where my husband works full time and we still struggle financially, I can't thank these guys enough'.

**Individual 2 – *Stuart's story*** (not his real name) an unemployed family man low on confidence and self-esteem, first became involved with Ashton United in the Community through attending the Food Pantry with his partner and children. Having been so grateful for the support given to him he offered to volunteer his time as '*my way of giving back for the support received*'. After several weeks helping out at

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Food Pantry, on ground maintenance duties, and on match days as a steward Stuart's confidence and self-esteem grew and he was able to secure full time employment. He still remains a committed volunteer in his spare time.

### **Smallshaw Hurst Profile – A United Community**

Smallshaw Hurst and District, where Hurst Cross and AUITC is located, and all of our events and activities take place, is a neighbourhood in the top 2% most deprived in England. The events and activities we have provided are aimed at the people from the local community with most if not all reflecting the fact that those taking part have little or no disposable income. Where children are involved most are children who are living in poverty, many with parents not in employment, education or training, from single parent families, or in the care system. AUITC, together with AUFC and Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community SSHCC is a founder member of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group, and a member of Growing Well in Tameside Partnership, working to support a number of providers across our community. The SSHCC is made up from a collaboration of statutory, voluntary, private organisations, local stakeholders, local communities, children, young people and families seeking to effect systems change in support of local people.

This includes:

Tameside MBC – population health, early years, children and young people's partnership forum, education, Integrated Care Foundation Trust, CCG, GP's, Health Young Minds, TOG Mind, local schools, Ashton 6th Form College, JIGSAW Housing Group, voluntary groups, Broadoak and Smallshaw Community Centre, Greater Manchester Police, Action Together, Active Tameside, Ashton United in the Community, Ashton United FC, local faith groups, local early years providers and local parents. This collaboration is not exhaustive and continues to link into groups, services and people who have a role to play in ensuring a positive impact on children's lives. The work delivered is closely linked to the outcomes of the partnership with shared monitoring and evaluation of activities. SSHCC has a full-time analyst to manage monitoring and evaluation of joint projects.

AUITC has worked throughout the year with these partners to deliver joined up working to the benefit of local people.

A strong and effective partnership structure has enabled joint consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnership benefits from the likes of:







- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.



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The partnership has thrived over the past 2 years and continues to develop as joint initiatives come on stream and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute.

### Smallshaw-Hurst Community Action Group - 2020 Highlights

 <p><b>215</b> families registered for our activity packs</p>	 <p><b>337</b> people joined our Facebook group</p>	 <p><b>175</b> children received pack lunches at pop up events</p>
 <p><b>756</b> Fareshare food packs distributed</p>	 <p><b>2200</b> children's activity packs distributed</p>	 <p><b>100+</b> families attended COVID-19 compliant Xmas events</p>

## Strong Political Support

Throughout the year we were grateful to be able to call upon the strong support of local elected



members who 'rolled up their sleeves' and got stuck into the task of supporting local constituents.

Such was the interest in this initiative that our local Councillors, Leigh Drennan and Mike Glover, attended and were delighted to help out by distributing the food parcels.

They were ably supported by both of our Patrons Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party who found time during her very busy schedule to help pack food for our Holiday Hunger project; and Jonathan Sayer who supported the charity with fundraising through his Mischief Theatre Company

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### **Financial review**

During the year Ashton United in the Community were successful in a number of grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations providing grant support (predominantly over £500) toward a number of objectives:

- Action Together Tameside Wellbeing Fund
- ASDA Foundation
- TESCO
- Jigsaw Housing
- Councillor Mike Glover
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- HM Government
- Save the Children Fund
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Jonathan Sayer
- Ashton United FC players, management & officials.

The grants enable AUITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. The early part of 2020 was spent delivering projects in support of funding secured in 2019, with other grant funding support primarily focussed on delivering improved outcomes for local people impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

### **Accounts**

The year started very well with plenty of great ideas planned for the forthcoming year ahead and a substantial budget to work with. Unfortunately, the year and the plans were quickly halted with the Covid19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown of schools and various outlets – this amounted to a huge challenge for the charity as we had many things planned, we discussed how this was to impact the local area and the community generally.

We gained various grants over the year, mainly from the government and local organisations (named above) that could see the hard work that the charity was doing, we used the grant money really well and the hard work has been rewarded with the charity being more recognised and having a bigger presence in the area.

### **Investment powers and policy**

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

### **Reserves policy and going concern**

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2020 was £65,379.18 of which £10,059.83 are free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

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The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

### **Risk management**

As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

### **Plans for Future Periods**

The appointment of a full time Community Development Officer during 2020, to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with, has been a 'game changer' for the charity and is something we hope to expand upon during 2021.

The main thrust of the charity's work for the early part of 2020 will be supporting the establishment of a Food Pantry as an independent entity. We will help Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group secure Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status and offer peer support to the group as it begins to 'stand on its own two feet'.

Covid-19 permitting we will explore the opportunity to organise and deliver HurstFest 2021, the date of which will be dependent upon restrictions being lifted. In a similar vein we would look to be part of the organising group for Ashton Band contest, should it too go ahead.

We will continue to support the development of women and girls football and utilise the restricted funding we hold specifically for this purpose.

AUITC is a managing partner of the Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC) and Growing Well in Tameside Partnership (GWT), working to support a number of providers across our community. We will continue to support the growth of these partnerships and to support the joint initiatives surrounding local need, developed through consultation with local people.

The charity will continue to support volunteering across all aspects of opportunity available in conjunction with Ashton United FC and our partners. This will involve, amongst other things, organising a volunteer recognition event and pop up events across the district that will include seasonal events e.g. children's Halloween and older persons Christmas parties. Volunteers will continue to learn new skills e.g. media training, stadium maintenance, stewarding, catering, customer service, and more.

These activities will be delivered through the Community Development Officer engaging with partners and the community to determine what is needed and how they would like that need to be met in an inclusive way. Support will be given to people to address their complex needs e.g. CV writing, work readiness training, interview techniques, etc. and is designed through social engagement to help improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce loneliness and isolation, and increase knowledge and skills.



### Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees



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Treasurer

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Registered Charity No. 1166483

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Trustee Carol Finnigan declares that her spouse Andrew Finnigan is appointed as the Community Development Officer and, declaring a conflict of interest, absents herself from any discussions related to the role during trustees meetings.

## **A review of achievements and performance**

The early part of 2020 started with AUITC providing Media Training courses. The courses, 'Introduction to Media', were delivered free to participants by media professionals from My Tameside, James Dean and Josh Littlehales, and were open to all to attend. The course was split into modules where people could book one or more of the modules they were interested in, on the dates determined. The sessions were for 2½hrs on Monday and Thursday evenings in January/February 2020 and were 'taster' sessions aimed at giving an overview to people wanting to understand more about media engagement in a sports and/or charity background.

Of 12 participants across the programme 11 were either happy or very happy about the content and delivery with responses to the course evaluation such as:

'I was worried it would be beyond me but I understood everything, felt comfortable and had a few laughs alongside learning a lot'

'Good look at Facebook & Twitter, learnt some good general info and some top tips'

At the end of January, collaborating with partners from Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, New Charter Homes and Broadoak Community Centre we were able to launch New Year, New You New Opportunities – Little People and Friends was free weekly play sessions designed to give partners the opportunity to support building confidence in parents and build awareness of their critical role in their child's development, accessible peer support; and also, helping to further map the early years system from a beneficiary perspective and collect that much needed quantitative data to give a valuable insight into the system. Little People and Friends was well received by local people with numbers increasing weekly from a standing start. 5 child minders and 5 parents, between 20 – 25 children, age 0 – 3 were attending each week by March. What was interesting and worthy of note was that, many parents and tots groups exclude Child Minders, as they are seen as a business, but we are of the view that these local children still benefit from socialising. We had a group of parents and childminders ready to take on the running of the group and move to a bigger space at the Broadoak & Smallshaw Community Centre but



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COVID-19 stopped that! As soon as possible the charity will support our partners will reach out to engage this group and support home learning and child development, encouraging engagement with books and puppets.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 our newly appointed self-employed Community Development Manager resigned, for personal reasons. Given the nature of the work being undertaken it was decided by the trustees to extend the working hours of the Volunteer Coordinator and redeploy him as a self-employed Community Development Officer to be supported by trustee Julie Wilson as Line Manager and Project Manager Steve Hobson acting in a strategic capacity. Both officers supporting the Community Development Officer were operating in a voluntary capacity, both with extensive knowledge and experience of the voluntary sector.

Plans for HurstFest 2020 were well under way until the Covid-19 pandemic started to spread rapidly and the difficult decision to cancel was made in early March when it became apparent that the safety of people might be compromised if the event were to go ahead. By the end of March, early April, the decision to cancel was vindicated by Government advice regarding the cancellation of all such events and suspension of all football activities at Hurst Cross.

With the steadily increasing spread of Covid-19 the demands on Ashton United in the Community grew rapidly. Local people looked to the charity for support and the trustees responded swiftly to focus all of the charities resources on tackling local need. Ashton United in the Community operating in Smallshaw-Hurst during the Covid 19 pandemic recognised early that we were reaching out to some of the most vulnerable people in the community of Ashton, if not England.

Consequently the focus of the charity's efforts was shifted from March off to support those most in need in our community. AUITC formed a partnership with Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, St John's Church, Ashton United Football Club and Broadoak Community Centre to target local need under the auspices of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group.

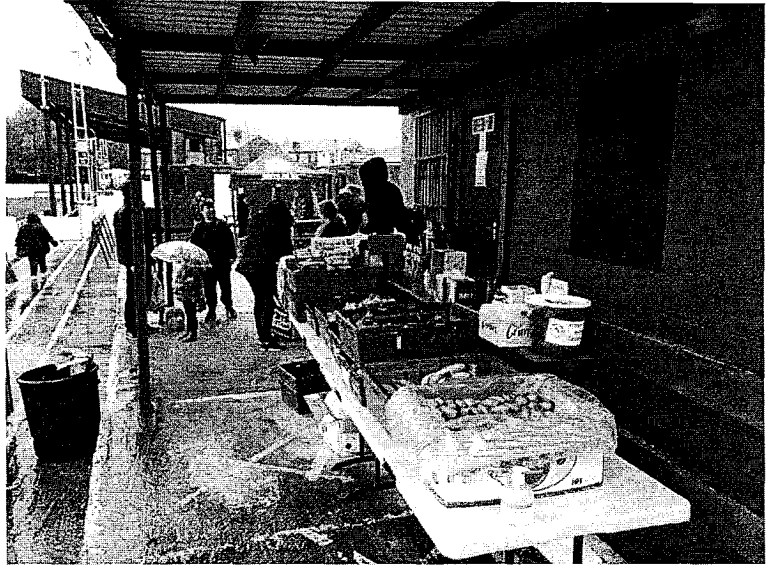


The partners swiftly undertook some consultation and research to identify what local people needed to address the situation they found themselves in, compounded by Covid-19. The immediate need was to combat mental and physical health and wellbeing brought about by the National

lockdown. People were suffering loneliness and isolation, lack of food and increased poverty in an area already in the top 25 most deprived in England.

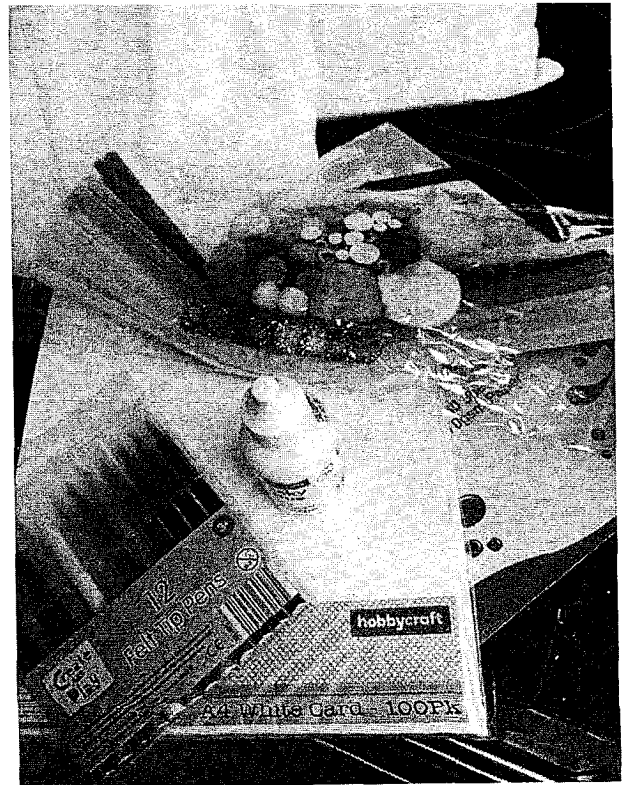
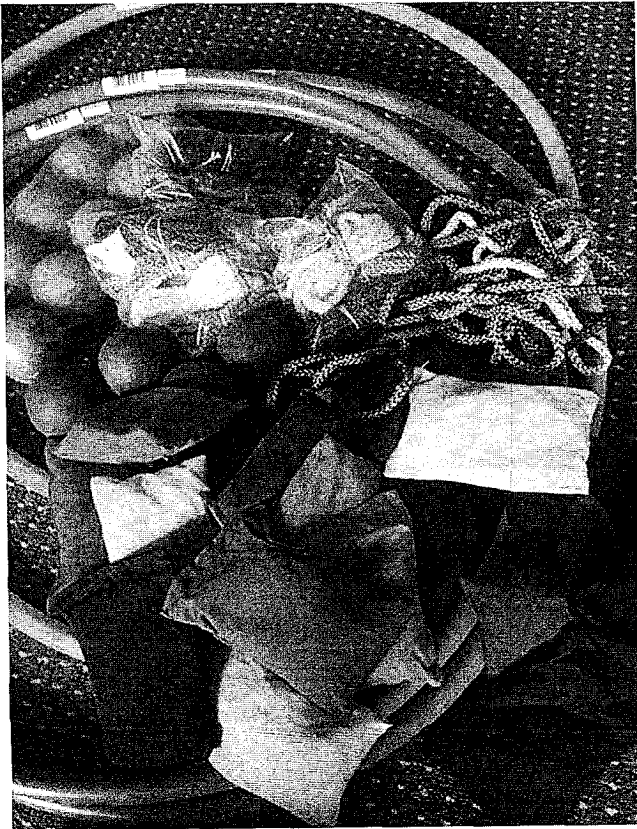
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AUITC and Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community collaborated with both financial and staffing resources, and Ashton United Football Club the use of facilities, to set up a Pop-Up Food Pantry, and deliver Pop-Up events distributing activity sets and Fare Share food packs for families across the neighbourhood. During the early days local people were canvassed regarding their immediate needs with some volunteering to support local resilience to the pandemic. Others gave their views on the type of activities they would like to see to occupy children during lockdown.



From mid-April the partnership was able to provide a weekly theme of activities, with free resources to families with which to follow the theme and events as follows:

### April – Colouring and games



Just got ours, thank you so much, very much appreciated  
after an emotional day! Kids love them ♥ ☐xx - Dawn

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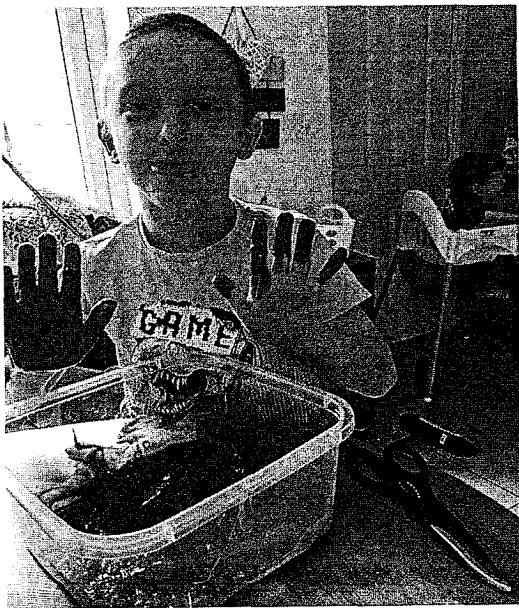
### May – VE Day, Slime, Growing Sunflowers, Bubble Paints

We had a request from Angela Rayner MP to choose three of your VE Day pictures to frame and put up in parliament. It was so hard to choose!

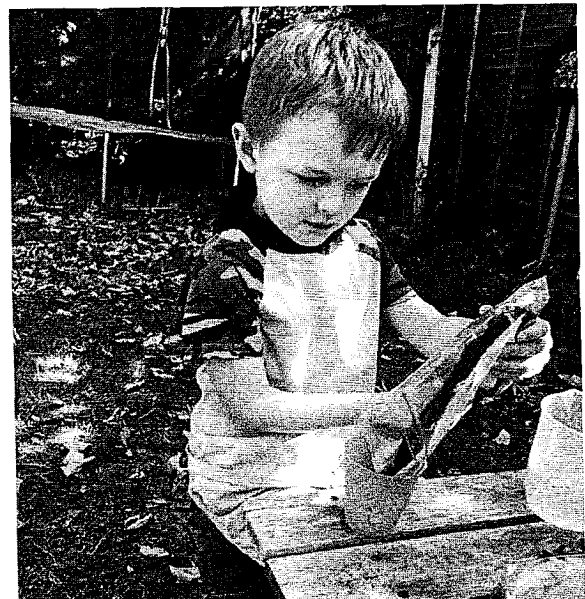


They look fantastic! I'm so proud of all the children's work. I'm looking forward to putting them up in the Palace (*Westminster*) so everyone else who visits including our international guests once we are through this pandemic can see how talented the children from Ashton are. 😊  
 Angela Rayner MP,  
 Labour Deputy Leader  
 Patron AUITC

Our volunteers selected these three amazing pics from the Selby family, Beth and McKenzie Carr and Tanish Mistry ♡☐♡☐♡☐♡☐♡



He loves messy stuff haha 😊  
 thank you again such a lovely thing to do for the community  
 😊 xx - Anon







My children and I absolutely love what you are all doing for our local community.

These kind of activity packs that you are giving the families are just what they need to keep them occupied during these strange times.

Thank you so much ♡☐♡☐ - Dawn



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June - Face Painting, AUFC Gifts, Pom Poms, Painting & Printing



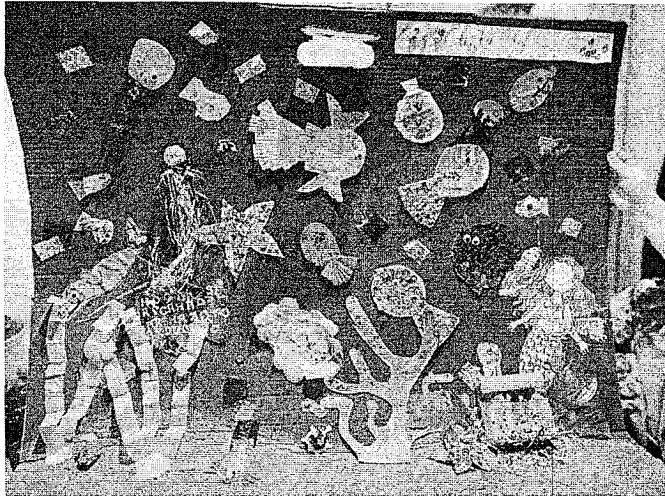
Guess what we've been doing today ..... thank you so much we had such a good day the minis are now looking online at Snazzaroo

😊👤🎨🧠📺🎵 x x - Sammie

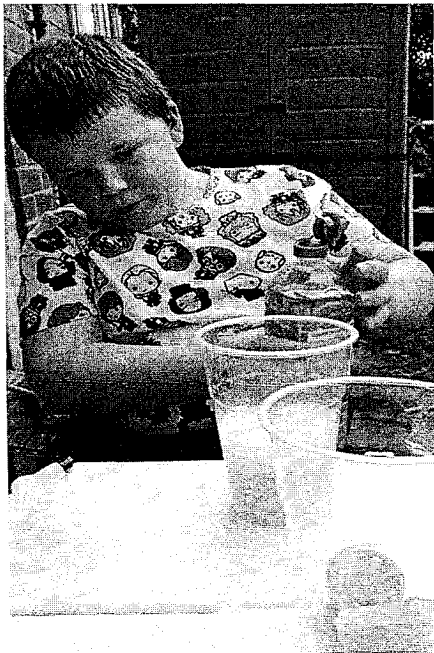
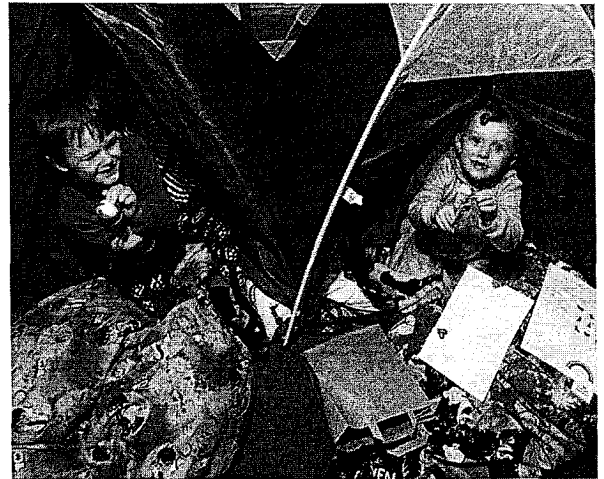


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July - Projectors, Under the sea, Mixed Greens, Mini Beasts, Science, Fareshare



Thank you so very much for my pack, I'm grateful for the delivery, while I've been in work all the lockdown, you have been and are an amazing team 🙌👩🏻❤️ - Leanne



Having fun in the sun doing some experiments with his science activity. Thank you so much you are all amazing 😊😊 - Anon

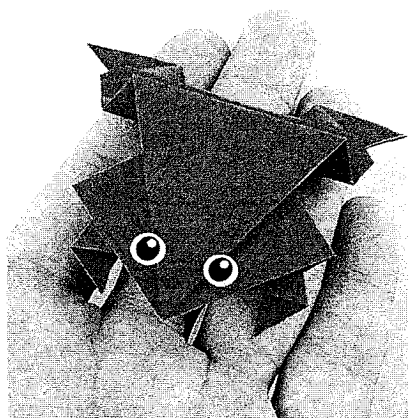


Thank you for our mixed green veg activity. Maisy has really enjoyed it. You are all doing a great job of keeping our children entertained during this difficult time. 😊😊



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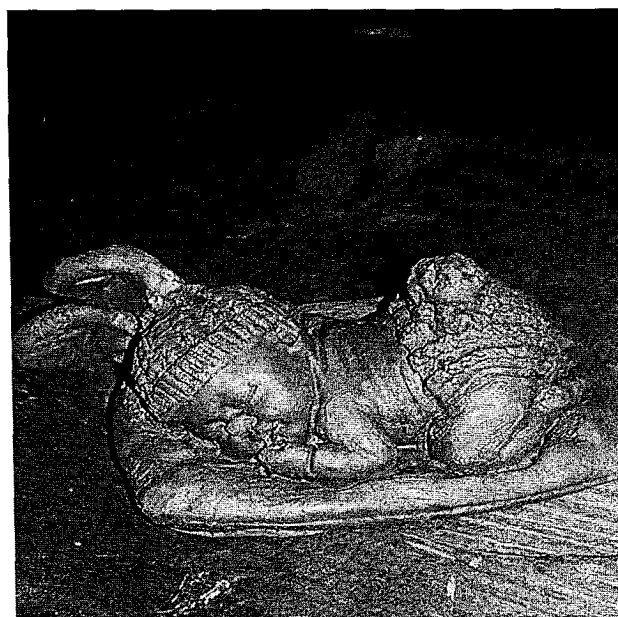
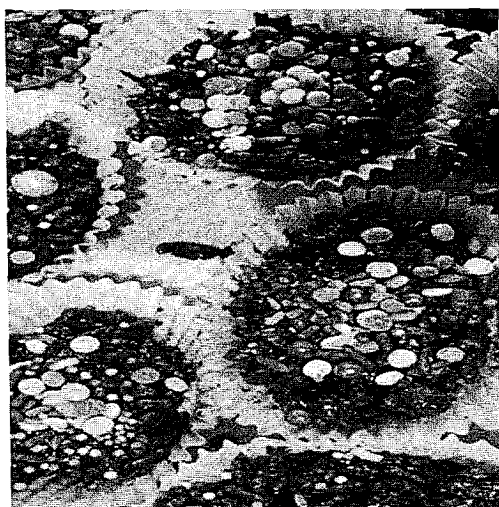
August – Origami, Clay Modelling, Rice Krispie Buns, Fareshare



Here is an amazing team, and each week activities that my girls love, best thing since lockdown... staff are brilliant and friendly pop down or message get joined up xxx - Emma

I left the girls to make the rice crispy cakes by themselves. I just supervised when they microwaved the chocolate. They

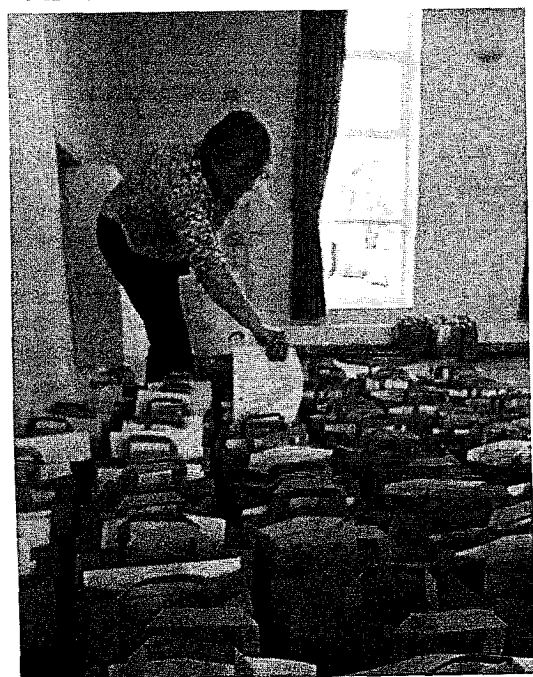
did pretty good and didn't make too much mess and Tilly 'helped' to clean up after 😊😊 - Anon



And parent's wanted to have a go too!!

Not only the kids enjoying the aired dried clay.

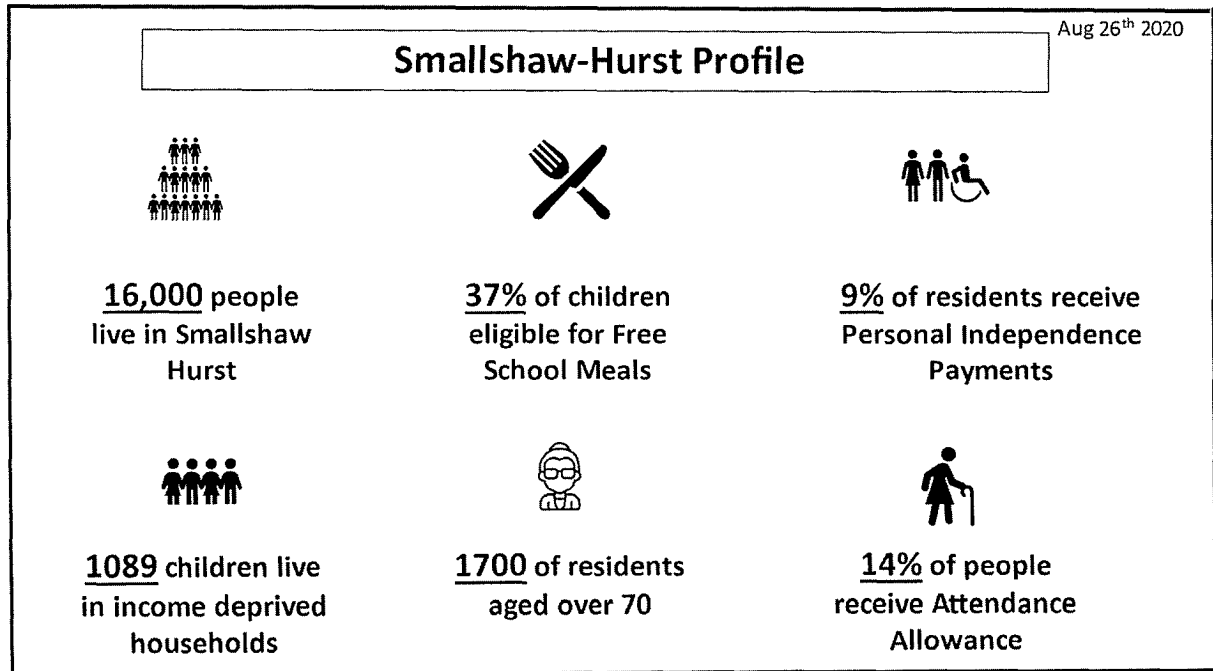
Mummy had a little play earlier, my little clay- Anon



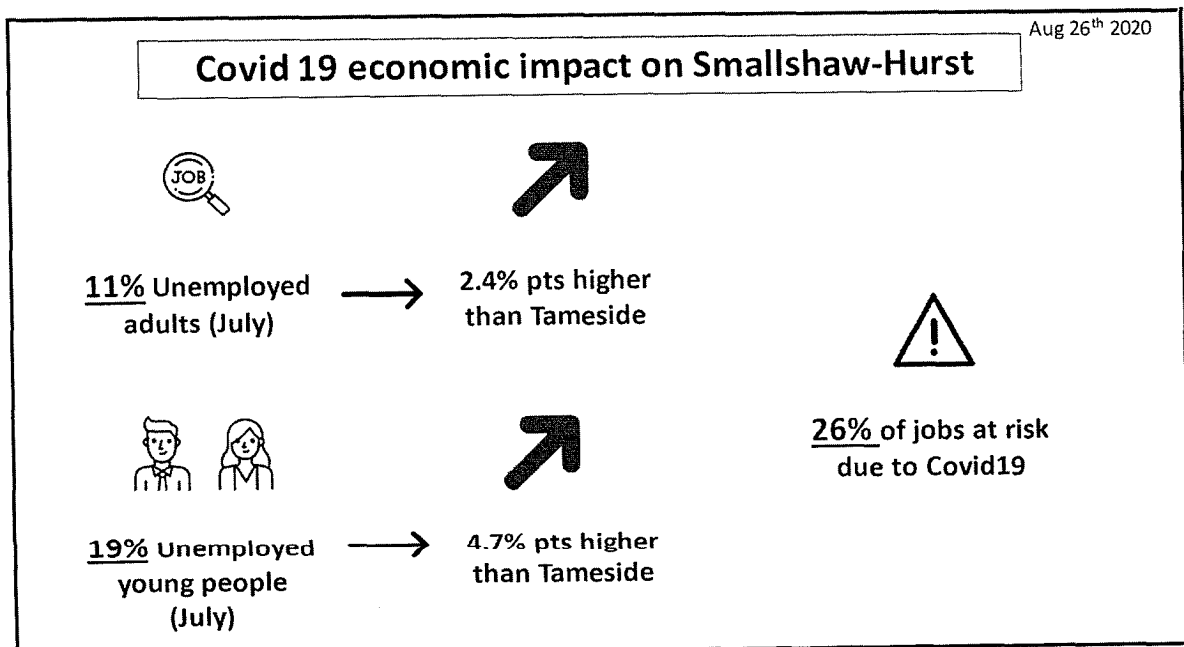
Whilst the weekly activities were proving to be a huge success and a lifeline to so many families we were still able to provide food distributed at our pop up events as part of the holiday hunger initiative, and through our Food Pantry operating out of Ashton United Football Club

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By August 2020 the impact of Covid-19 was becoming more apparent and a piece of research was undertaken, coordinated by our partners Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, which examined the profile of Smallshaw Hurst and compared the economic impact of Covid-19 on people already suffering from the effects of deprivation.



The research, measured against the statistics for the wider borough, clearly demonstrated that the impact on people in Smallshaw – Hurst was disproportionate to the rest of Tameside as a whole.



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By the end of August 2020, working with our friends under the title of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group, we had been able to make a huge impact on the lives of local people, who were turning to us in numbers for support.



In September 2020 the schools returned and the need for weekly activities dissipated whereupon the focus of the charity was more towards developing a food pantry. A steering group was established with a view to exploring the opportunity for a Food Pantry to become a more permanent feature of the community, and an entity in its own right.

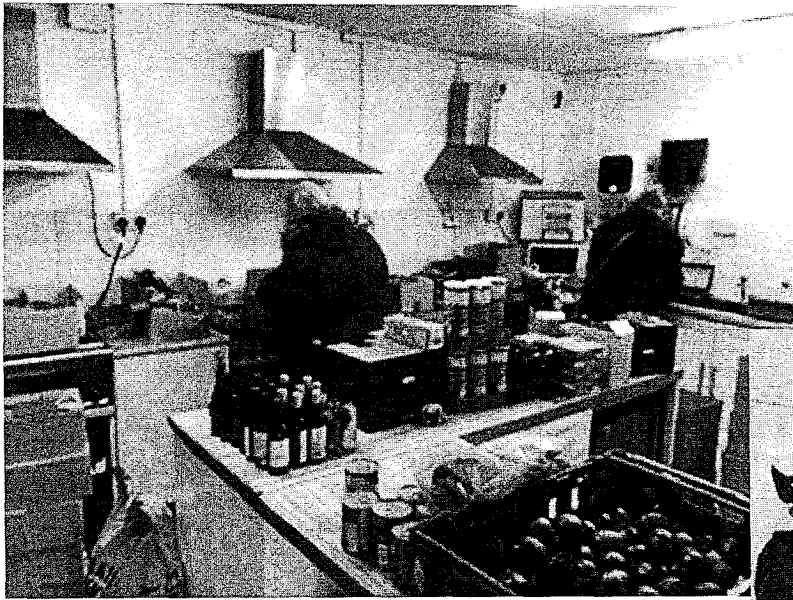
Community events and neighbourhood support continued however they were limited by the restrictions imposed on communities by the Government, and to ensure the safety of everyone engaging with what was on offer.

Rather than simply cancelling the planned events we demonstrated the resilient nature of the charity and the people we support by adapting to the challenges presented to us.



At Halloween it was simply a case of adapting the Food Pantry offer to include games and activities for children to enjoy.

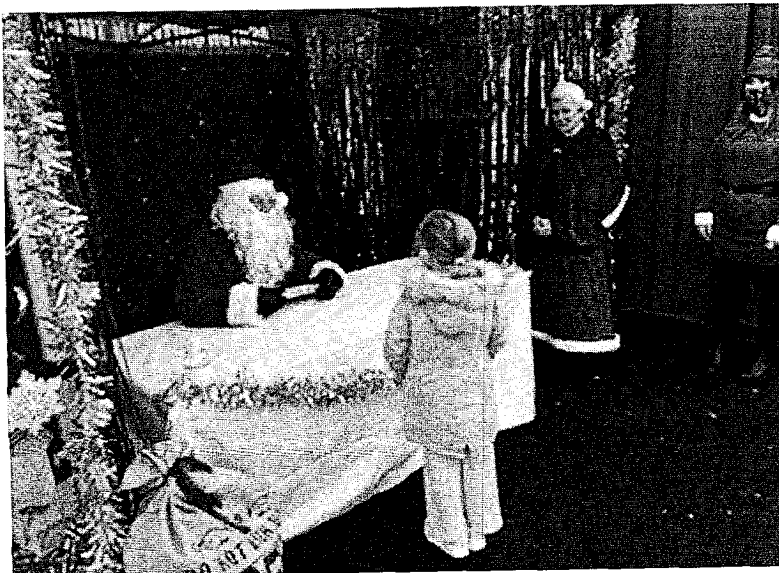


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Swiftly followed by an alternative to the Pensioners Party the delivery of food hampers in lieu, prepared by our volunteers in the kitchens at Hurst Cross stadium.



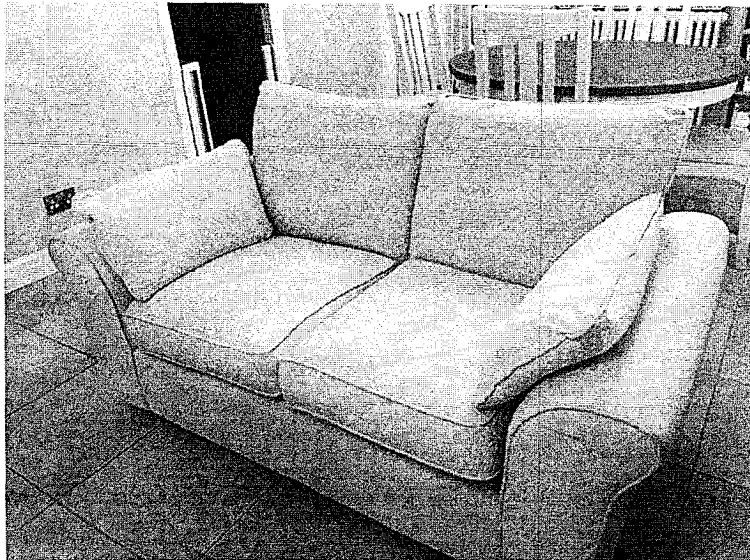
And of course the kids couldn't miss out on Father Christmas visiting, albeit socially distanced.



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### Robins Recycling Shows GR8 Teamwork

Community news out of Hurst Cross: in the run up to Christmas the team displayed a great team effort to provide some furniture to local families. Ashton United Co-Chairman David Burke was replacing two, two-seater settees in his home and called upon Ashton United in the Community to find a 'home' for each.



The community team utilised their local contacts and quickly found two families that would benefit from the gift.

How do we shift them was the next problem? Up stepped Paul Marr, Managing Director of Ashton United club kit suppliers, GR8 Sports, who offered his own time and transport to make sure two families received an early Christmas present.

Ashton United is a strong supporter of Ashton United in the Community; not just a football club, a family run club that embraces its community and recognises that, in difficult times everyone should all pull together. Importantly our football club partner and their suppliers hold similar values.



### Volunteering

A cornerstone of our work is providing local people with volunteering opportunity. During 2020 some people have been restricted to the amount of time they could offer to volunteer, and indeed some were unable to volunteer due to concerns over their personal safety through shielding. This being said, over the year 66 volunteers were engaged and have delivered 12,666 hours volunteering their time, each volunteer reporting their commitment each month.

They have been engaged daily volunteering at Hurst Cross, through home working, supporting the food pantry, pop up events, holiday hunger and giving general

support to our efforts to combat Covid-19. In 2019 the estimated average equivalent market hourly wage rate across a range of volunteer activities was around £13.70 (Power to Change 'Assessing the value of

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volunteers in community businesses' report June 2020). If we were to place a nominal value of £10 per hour on our volunteers' time this equates to a social value contribution to volunteering of £126,660

Once again we believe the year has been a huge success albeit in very challenging circumstances. The grant support we have received towards the staffing costs has been the key driver of our success. We've learned that the volunteers we work with thrive on the varying opportunities they are given. They tell us that through social interaction and commitment to volunteering they gained confidence and learned new skills, such that they want to reach out across the wider community and support others, both individuals and organisations, to make positive change in their lives.

**Matchdays** – Saturday and Tuesday fixtures for Ashton United throughout the football season.



Volunteers attend prior, during and after games to meet and greet fans, carry out pitch and facilities maintenance, stewarding duties, media, etc. This is the opportunity for people to socialise, learn new skills, put their training into practice. Here we see volunteers learning about grounds maintenance and pitch renovation methods.

### Case Studies

#### **Individual 1 - No Child Should Go Hungry (NCSGH) December Campaign.**

*Claire* (not her real name) is mum to five children and her youngest child is pre-school age. Her husband works full time and earns above average wage, but they struggle to make ends meet, particularly over the Christmas period and during school holidays. She says the weekly food pantry has provided a lifeline to her and her family. The variety of food available provides ingredients, fresh fruit and vegetables for breakfast, dinner and tea and more recently, ideas for recipes.

Claire reports 'I come to Ashton United Football Club and everyone is warm and welcoming, I was nervous at first but came with a friend, I look forward to the weekly chat with the volunteers and I also enjoy the FaceBook page. I get to find out other information as well and I also know that it isn't just my family in this situation, where my husband works full time and we still struggle financially, I can't thank these guys enough'.

**Individual 2 – *Stuart's story*** (not his real name) an unemployed family man low on confidence and self-esteem, first became involved with Ashton United in the Community through attending the Food Pantry with his partner and children. Having been so grateful for the support given to him he offered to volunteer his time as '*my way of giving back for the support received*'. After several weeks helping out at

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Food Pantry, on ground maintenance duties, and on match days as a steward Stuart's confidence and self-esteem grew and he was able to secure full time employment. He still remains a committed volunteer in his spare time.

### **Smallshaw Hurst Profile – A United Community**

Smallshaw Hurst and District, where Hurst Cross and AUITC is located, and all of our events and activities take place, is a neighbourhood in the top 2% most deprived in England. The events and activities we have provided are aimed at the people from the local community with most if not all reflecting the fact that those taking part have little or no disposable income. Where children are involved most are children who are living in poverty, many with parents not in employment, education or training, from single parent families, or in the care system. AUITC, together with AUFC and Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community SSHCC is a founder member of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group, and a member of Growing Well in Tameside Partnership, working to support a number of providers across our community. The SSHCC is made up from a collaboration of statutory, voluntary, private organisations, local stakeholders, local communities, children, young people and families seeking to effect systems change in support of local people.

This includes:

Tameside MBC – population health, early years, children and young people's partnership forum, education, Integrated Care Foundation Trust, CCG, GP's, Health Young Minds, TOG Mind, local schools, Ashton 6th Form College, JIGSAW Housing Group, voluntary groups, Broadoak and Smallshaw Community Centre, Greater Manchester Police, Action Together, Active Tameside, Ashton United in the Community, Ashton United FC, local faith groups, local early years providers and local parents. This collaboration is not exhaustive and continues to link into groups, services and people who have a role to play in ensuring a positive impact on children's lives. The work delivered is closely linked to the outcomes of the partnership with shared monitoring and evaluation of activities. SSHCC has a full-time analyst to manage monitoring and evaluation of joint projects.

AUITC has worked throughout the year with these partners to deliver joined up working to the benefit of local people.

A strong and effective partnership structure has enabled joint consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnership benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.



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The partnership has thrived over the past 2 years and continues to develop as joint initiatives come on stream and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute.

### Smallshaw-Hurst Community Action Group - 2020 Highlights



215 families registered for our activity packs



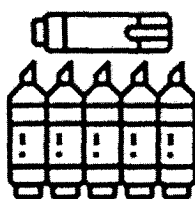
337 people joined our Facebook group



175 children received pack lunches at pop up events



756 Fareshare food packs distributed



2200 children's activity packs distributed



100+ families attended COVID-19 compliant Xmas events

### Strong Political Support

Throughout the year we were grateful to be able to call upon the strong support of local elected



members who 'rolled up their sleeves' and got stuck into the task of supporting local constituents.

Such was the interest in this initiative that our local Councillors, Leigh Drennan and Mike Glover, attended and were delighted to help out by distributing the food parcels.

They were ably supported by both of our Patrons Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party who found time during her very busy schedule to help pack food for our Holiday Hunger project; and Jonathan Sayer who supported the charity with fundraising through his Mischief Theatre Company

## Financial review

During the year Ashton United in the Community were successful in a number of grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations providing grant support (predominantly over £500) toward a number of objectives:

- Action Together Tameside Wellbeing Fund
- ASDA Foundation
- Community Fund
- New Charter Housing/Jigsaw Housing
- Councillor Mike Glover
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Groundwork
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Jonathan Sayer
- Ashton United FC players, management & officials.

The grants enable AUITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. The early part of 2020 was spent delivering projects in support of funding secured in 2019, with other grant funding support primarily focussed on delivering improved outcomes for local people impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Accounts

The year started very well with plenty of great ideas planned for the forthcoming year ahead and a substantial budget to work with. Unfortunately, the year and the plans were quickly halted with the Covid19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown of schools and various outlets – this amounted to a huge challenge for the charity as we had many things planned, we discussed how this was to impact the local area and the community generally.

We gained various grants over the year, mainly from the government and local organisations (named above) that could see the hard work that the charity was doing, we used the grant money really well and the hard work has been rewarded with the charity being more recognised and having a bigger presence in the area.

## Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

## Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2020 was £6,449 of which all are free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

## **Risk management**

As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

The appointment of a full time self-employed Community Development Officer during 2020, to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with, has been a 'game changer' for the charity and is something we hope to expand upon during 2021.

The main thrust of the charity's work for the early part of 2020 will be supporting the establishment of a Food Pantry as an independent entity. We will help Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group secure Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status and offer peer support to the group as it begins to 'stand on its own two feet'.

Covid-19 permitting we will explore the opportunity to organise and deliver HurstFest 2021, the date of which will be dependent upon restrictions being lifted. In a similar vein we would look to be part of the organising group for Ashton Band contest, should it too go ahead.

We will continue to support the development of women and girls football and utilise the restricted funding we hold specifically for this purpose.

AUITC is a managing partner of the Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC) and Growing Well in Tameside Partnership (GWT), working to support a number of providers across our community. We will continue to support the growth of these partnerships and to support the joint initiatives surrounding local need, developed through consultation with local people.

The charity will continue to support volunteering across all aspects of opportunity available in conjunction with Ashton United FC and our partners. This will involve, amongst other things, organising a volunteer recognition event and pop up events across the district that will include seasonal events e.g. children's Halloween and older persons Christmas parties. Volunteers will continue to learn new skills e.g. media training, stadium maintenance, stewarding, catering, customer service, and more.

These activities will be delivered through the Community Development Officer engaging with partners and the community to determine what is needed and how they would like that need to be met in an inclusive way. Support will be given to people to address their complex needs e.g. CV writing, work readiness training, interview techniques, etc. and is designed through social engagement to help improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce loneliness and isolation, and increase knowledge and skills.

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### Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees

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John North

Treasurer

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1166483**

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 which are set out on pages 23 to 32.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity 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. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 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 Examiners 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 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 have in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,
- have not been met; or

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

Signed: ..... *A.M. King* .....

AM King FCCA  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Community Accountancy Service Ltd  
The Grange, Pilgrim Drive, Beswick,  
Manchester, M11 3TQ

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
**(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

			Total Funds	Total Funds	
			Year Ended	Year Ended 31	
			31 December	December	
			2020	2019	
Further Details	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds			
	£	£	£	£	
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	(3)	3,541	2,256	5,797	8,516
Charitable Activities	(4)	987	53,240	54,227	45,365
Other Trading Activities	(5)	-	-	-	418
<b>Total</b>		4,528	55,496	60,024	54,299
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising Funds	(6)	53	5,274	5,327	7,845
Charitable Activities	(6)	1,307	32,472	33,779	41,712
Other	(6)	-	-	-	80
<b>Total</b>		1,360	37,746	39,106	49,637
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		3,168	17,750	20,918	4,662
Transfers between funds	(17)	(1,761)	1,761	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		1,407	19,511	20,918	4,662
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	(17)	5,042	40,504	45,546	40,884
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	(17)	6,449	60,015	66,464	45,546

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible assets	(11)	920	2,203
Total fixed assets		<u>920</u>	<u>2,203</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Stocks	(12)	-	-
Debtors	(13)	311	1,206
Cash at Bank & in Hand		65,713	42,497
Total current assets		<u>66,024</u>	<u>43,703</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(14)	480	360
Net current assets or liabilities		<u>65,544</u>	<u>43,343</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		66,464	45,546
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(16)	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<u><u>66,464</u></u>	<u><u>45,546</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted income funds	(17)	60,015	40,504
Unrestricted income funds	(17)	6,449	5,042
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>66,464</u></u>	<u><u>45,546</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees Management Committee

John North

Carol Finnigan

Date: 25th March 2021

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

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	23,216	6,017
<b>Cash flows from investment activities:</b>		
Interest	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(2,760)
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	-	(2,760)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	23,216	3,257
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	42,497	39,240
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<b>65,713</b>	<b>42,497</b>



## Notes to the accounts

**1. Accounting policies****(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**(b) Funds structure**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are 13 restricted funds (2019: 7).

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

**(c) Income recognition**

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 income receivable can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

**(d) Expenditure Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**(f) Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on type of expense. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 8.

**(g) Costs of raising funds**

The costs of raising funds consists of events.

**(h) Charitable Activities**

Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 7.

**(i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged on the following basis:

Equipment	33.33% on cost
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**(j) Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their varying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**(k) Pensions**

The charity currently does not administer contributions to a pension scheme on behalf of individuals.

**(l) Debtors**

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

**(m) 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. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration**

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2019: £nil).

The self-employed volunteer project manager is the husband of a trustee. The Charity Commission have given approval for this and the trustee is not involved in any decisions regarding this role.

**3. Donations and Legacies**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations	3,541	2,256	5,797	8,516
	3,541	2,256	5,797	8,516
Previous reporting period:	1,103	7,413	8,516	

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted grants:				
Asda Foundation	487	-	487	-
Groundwork	500	-	500	-
Restricted grants:				
National League Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Jigsaw Housing - Food Pantry	-	2,000	2,000	-
New Charter Housing	-	5,600	5,600	-
Community Fund	-	-	-	9,900
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	-	9,640	9,640	-
Tameside MBC	-	10,000	10,000	-
Tameside Action Together - Smallshaw	-	1,000	1,000	-
Tameside Action Together	-	25,000	25,000	25,465
	987	53,240	54,227	45,365
Previous reporting period	-	45,365	45,365	

## 5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-	-	418
	-	-	-	418
Previous reporting period	418	-	418	

## 6. Expenditure

	Community Engagement in Tameside	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on raising funds:</b>			
Advertising	300	300	3,848
Event costs	5,027	5,027	3,997
	5,327	5,327	7,845
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>			
DBS Costs	48	48	349
Training	1,440	1,440	2,370
Freelance Costs	19,511	19,511	23,031
Telephone	384	384	120
Referees Fees	150	150	45
Travel Costs	40	40	27
Refreshments	2,621	2,621	1,713
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	229
Equipment	2,215	2,215	939
Grounds Maintenance	-	-	30
Bank Charges	-	-	69
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	668
Room & Facility Hire	2,664	2,664	2,220
Clothing & Kit	-	-	5,690
Computer & Internet Costs	1,593	1,593	380
Insurance	346	346	361
Governance	480	480	360
Post, Printing & Stationery	1,004	1,004	756
Depreciation	1,283	1,283	2,355
	33,779	33,779	41,712
<b>Other expenditure:</b>			
Sundry	-	-	80
	-	-	80
	39,106	39,106	49,637
Unrestricted funds		1,360	997
Restricted funds		37,746	48,640
		39,106	49,637

**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

As per note 6.

**8. Allocation of governance and support costs**

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below:

	General Support	Governance	Total	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	480	480	type of expense
	-	480	480	

**9. Analysis of staff costs**

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	-	-
Redundancy	-	-
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-
Support costs	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2019: nil).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and volunteer project manager. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £nil (2018: £nil).

No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

The volunteer project manager is self-employed.

**10. Independent Examiner Fees**

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Independent examination fees	480	360
	480	360



**11. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 01 January 2020	10,815	10,815
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2020	10,815	10,815
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 01 January 2020	8,612	8,612
Charge for Year	1,283	1,283
At 31 December 2020	9,895	9,895
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
At 31 December 2020	920	920
At 31 December 2019	2,203	2,203

**12. Stocks**

The charity does not hold stocks of any items.

**13. Analysis of debtors**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors	-	1,000
Prepayments	311	206
	311	1,206

Debtors and prepayments relate to restricted funds in 2020 and 2019.

**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	480	360
	480	360

**15. Deferred income**

The CIO did not have any deferred income at the period end.

**16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
	-	-

## 17. Analysis of charitable funds

## Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	5,042	4,528	(1,360)	(1,761)	6,449
	5,042	4,528	(1,360)	(1,761)	6,449

## Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	4,518	1,521	(997)	-	5,042
	4,518	1,521	(997)	-	5,042

## Name of unrestricted fund:

General Fund

## Description, nature and purpose of the fund

The "free reserves" after allowing for all designated funds

## Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations for Women's Team	2,389	1,658	(1,746)	-	2,301
Donations for Food Pantry	-	598	-	-	598
The Big Lottery Fund	546	-	-	-	546
National League Trust	2,121	-	(2,038)	-	83
Jigsaw Housing - Food Pantry	-	2,000	-	1,146	3,146
High Sheriff	126	-	-	-	126
Awards for All	604	-	-	-	604
New Charter Housing	-	5,600	(2,876)	(2,000)	724
Community Fund	7,694	-	(6,440)	(1,254)	-
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	-	9,640	(24)	-	9,616
Tameside MBC	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Tameside Action Together - Smallshaw	-	1,000	(4,861)	3,869	8
Tameside Action Together	27,024	25,000	(19,761)	-	32,263
	40,504	55,496	(37,746)	1,761	60,015

Transfers were made from Community Fund into unrestricted funds during the year. This was with the consent of the funder.

## Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	7,413	(5,024)	-	2,389
The Big Lottery Fund	1,618	-	(1,072)	-	546
National League Trust	8,528	10,000	(16,407)	-	2,121
High Sheriff	616	-	(490)	-	126
Awards for All	604	-	-	-	604
Community Fund	-	9,900	(2,206)	-	7,694
Tameside Action Together	25,000	25,465	(23,441)	-	27,024
	36,366	52,778	(48,640)	-	40,504

Name of restricted fund:	Description, nature and purpose of the fund
Donations for Women's Team	for the women's team
Donations for Food Pantry	for the food pantry
The Big Lottery Fund	for HurstFest 2020
National League Trust	to support 'Volunteer Matter' programme with both capital and revenue costs
Jigsaw Housing - Food Pantry	for the food pantry
High Sheriff	towards general running costs associated with HurstFest
Awards for All	towards a governance, business planning and capacity building project
New Charter Housing	for activity packs for children during school holidays and lockdown
Community Fund	for a volunteer project
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	for setting up a food pantry
Tameside MBC	winter pressure grant
Tameside Action Together - Smallshaw	for a hunger/poverty project and for school children during school holidays
Tameside Action Together	to support 'Volunteer Matter' programme with both capital and revenue costs

#### 18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	920	920
Cash at bank and in hand	6,929	-	58,784	65,713
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(480)	-	311	(169)
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,015</b>	<b>66,464</b>

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Previous reporting period:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	363	-	1,840	2,203
Cash at bank and in hand	4,679	-	37,818	42,497
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	-	846	846
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,504</b>	<b>45,546</b>

#### 19. Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised on a transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at an amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds	20,918	4,662
Add back depreciation	1,283	2,355
Deduct investment income	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	895	(1,060)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	120	60
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>23,216</b>	<b>6,017</b>

# **ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

Registered Charity No. 1166483

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# **Annual Report and Accounts 2020**

## ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY

### Report of the trustees for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

### Reference and administrative information

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Name: Ashton United in the Community

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1166483

Date Registered: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### Trustees

The trustees serving during the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 were as follows:

Michael George Brown

Carol Finnigan

John North                      Treasurer

Christopher Tomlisson                      (appointed May 2020)

Victor Tomlisson                      Secretary

Julie Wilson

David Burke

Kenneth Philburn

### Project Manager

Stephen Hobson

### Principal Office

11 Thornlee Court

Grotton

Oldham

OL4 5RG

### Independent Examiners

Community Accountancy Service Limited

The Grange

Pilgrim Drive

Beswick

Manchester

M11 3TQ

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### Bankers

Trustee Savings Bank  
8 Halifax Road  
Todmorden  
OL14 5AD

### Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in Tameside, Greater Manchester, and the surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
  - (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
  - (b) advancing education;
  - (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives, in planning future activities, and setting the policies for the year.

The charity furthers its charitable purposes for the public benefit through undertaking community activities defined following consultation with users and local people e.g. through a community audit

### Structure, governance and management

Ashton United in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 3rd March 2015 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1166483 with the Charity Commission on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

### Appointment of trustees

As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

## **Trustee induction and training**

Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and are shown copies of policy documents.

## **Organisation**

The trustees administer the charity and meet monthly. A volunteer Project Manager has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by a paid Community Development Officer operating on a freelance basis.

## **Related parties and co-operation with other organisations**

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Trustee Carol Finnigan declares that her spouse Andrew Finnigan is appointed as the Community Development Officer and, declaring a conflict of interest, absents herself from any discussions related to the role during trustees meetings.

## **A review of achievements and performance**

The early part of 2020 started with AUITC providing Media Training courses. The courses, 'Introduction to Media', were delivered free to participants by media professionals from My Tameside, James Dean and Josh Littlehales, and were open to all to attend. The course was split into modules where people could book one or more of the modules they were interested in, on the dates determined. The sessions were for 2½hrs on Monday and Thursday evenings in January/February 2020 and were 'taster' sessions aimed at giving an overview to people wanting to understand more about media engagement in a sports and/or charity background.

Of 12 participants across the programme 11 were either happy or very happy about the content and delivery with responses to the course evaluation such as:

'I was worried it would be beyond me but I understood everything, felt comfortable and had a few laughs alongside learning a lot'

'Good look at Facebook & Twitter, learnt some good general info and some top tips'

At the end of January, collaborating with partners from Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, New Charter Homes and Broadoak Community Centre we were able to launch New Year, New You New Opportunities – Little People and Friends was free weekly play sessions designed to give partners the opportunity to support building confidence in parents and build awareness of their critical role in their child's development, accessible peer support; and also, helping to further map the early years system from a beneficiary perspective and collect that much needed quantitative data to give a valuable insight into the system. Little People and Friends was well received by local people with numbers increasing weekly from a standing start. 5 child minders and 5 parents, between 20 – 25 children, age 0 – 3 were attending each week by March. What was interesting and worthy of note was that, many parents and tots groups exclude Child Minders, as they are seen as a business, but we are of the view that these local children still benefit from socialising. We had a group of parents and childminders ready to take on the running of the group and move to a bigger space at the Broadoak & Smallshaw Community Centre but

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COVID-19 stopped that! As soon as possible the charity will support our partners will reach out to engage this group and support home learning and child development, encouraging engagement with books and puppets.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 our newly appointed self-employed Community Development Manager resigned, for personal reasons. Given the nature of the work being undertaken it was decided by the trustees to extend the working hours of the Volunteer Coordinator and redeploy him as a self-employed Community Development Officer to be supported by trustee Julie Wilson as Line Manager and Project Manager Steve Hobson acting in a strategic capacity. Both officers supporting the Community Development Officer were operating in a voluntary capacity, both with extensive knowledge and experience of the voluntary sector.

Plans for HurstFest 2020 were well under way until the Covid-19 pandemic started to spread rapidly and the difficult decision to cancel was made in early March when it became apparent that the safety of people might be compromised if the event were to go ahead. By the end of March, early April, the decision to cancel was vindicated by Government advice regarding the cancellation of all such events and suspension of all football activities at Hurst Cross.

With the steadily increasing spread of Covid-19 the demands on Ashton United in the Community grew rapidly. Local people looked to the charity for support and the trustees responded swiftly to focus all of the charities resources on tackling local need. Ashton United in the Community operating in Smallshaw-Hurst during the Covid 19 pandemic recognised early that we were reaching out to some of the most vulnerable people in the community of Ashton, if not England.

Consequently the focus of the charity's efforts was shifted from March off to support those most in need in our community. AUITC formed a partnership with Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, St John's Church, Ashton United Football Club and Broadoak Community Centre to target local need under the auspices of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group.



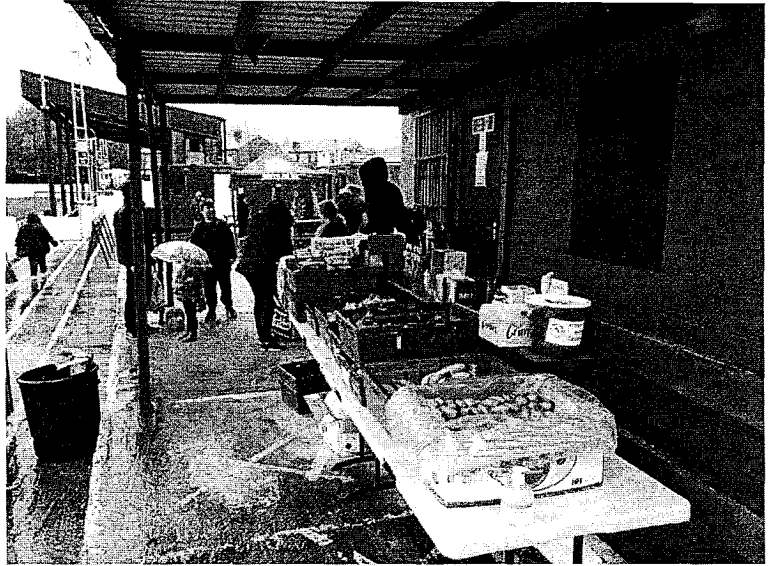
The partners swiftly undertook some consultation and research to identify what local people needed to address the situation they found themselves in, compounded by Covid-19. The immediate need was to combat mental and physical health and wellbeing brought about by the National

lockdown. People were suffering loneliness and isolation, lack of food and increased poverty in an area already in the top 25 most deprived in England.



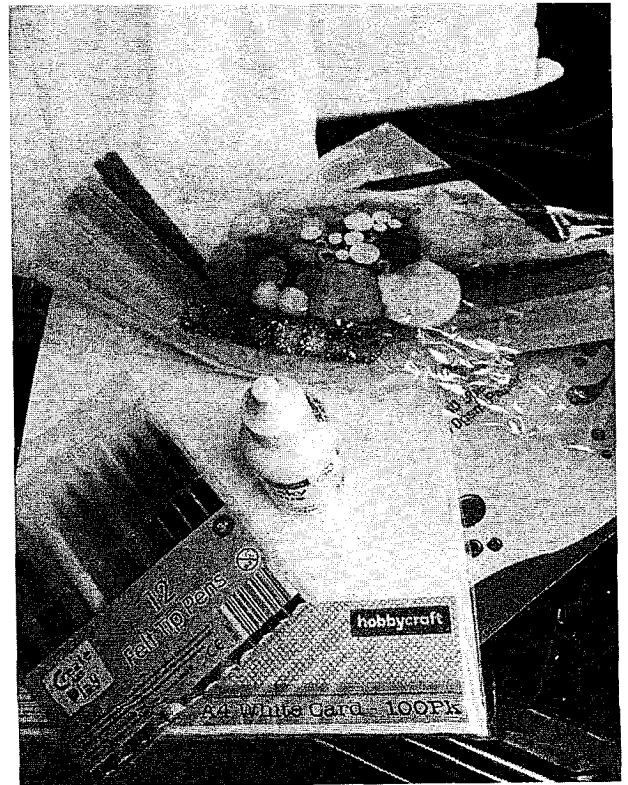
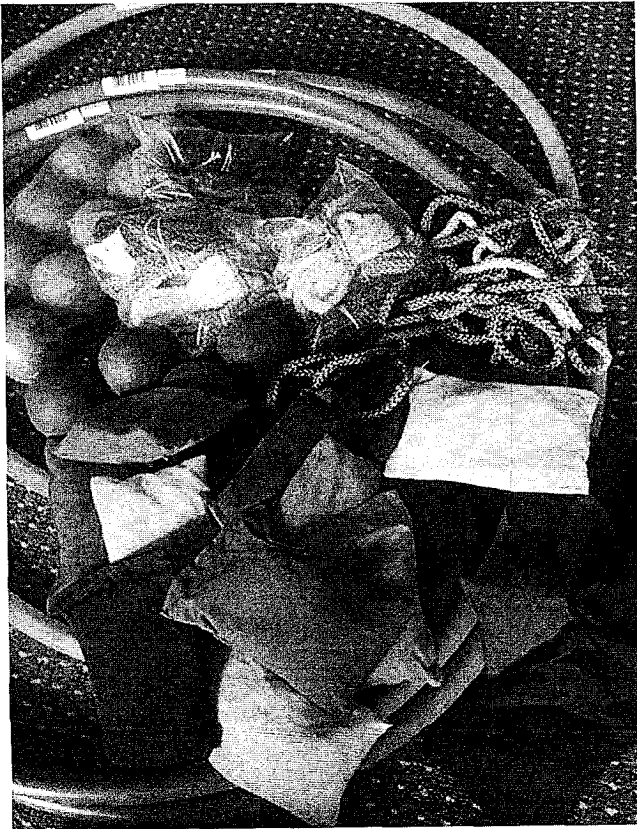
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AUITC and Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community collaborated with both financial and staffing resources, and Ashton United Football Club the use of facilities, to set up a Pop-Up Food Pantry, and deliver Pop-Up events distributing activity sets and Fare Share food packs for families across the neighbourhood. During the early days local people were canvassed regarding their immediate needs with some volunteering to support local resilience to the pandemic. Others gave their views on the type of activities they would like to see to occupy children during lockdown.



From mid-April the partnership was able to provide a weekly theme of activities, with free resources to families with which to follow the theme and events as follows:

### April – Colouring and games



Just got ours, thank you so much, very much appreciated  
after an emotional day! Kids love them ♥ ☐xx - Dawn

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### May – VE Day, Slime, Growing Sunflowers, Bubble Paints

We had a request from Angela Rayner MP to choose three of your VE Day pictures to frame and put up in parliament. It was so hard to choose!



They look fantastic! I'm so proud of all the children's work. I'm looking forward to putting them up in the Palace (*Westminster*) so everyone else who visits including our international guests once we are through this pandemic can see how talented the children from Ashton are. 😊

Angela Rayner MP,  
Labour Deputy Leader  
Patron AUITC

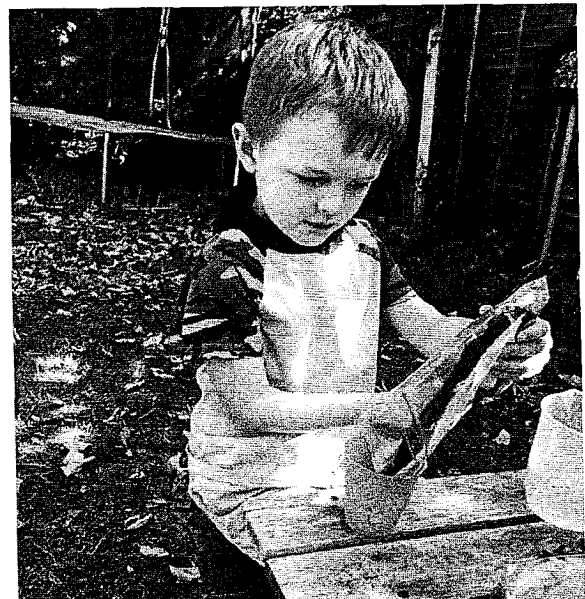
Our volunteers selected these three amazing pics from the Selby family, Beth and McKenzie Carr and Tanish Mistry ♡☐♡☐♡☐♡☐♡



He loves messy stuff haha 😊

thank you again such a lovely thing to do for the community

😊 xx - Anon





My children and I absolutely love what you are all doing for our local community.

These kind of activity packs that you are giving the families are just what they need to keep them occupied during these strange times.

Thank you so much ♡☐♡☐ - Dawn



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June - Face Painting, AUFC Gifts, Pom Poms, Painting & Printing



Guess what we've been doing today ..... thank you so much we had such a good day the minis are now looking online at Snazzaroo

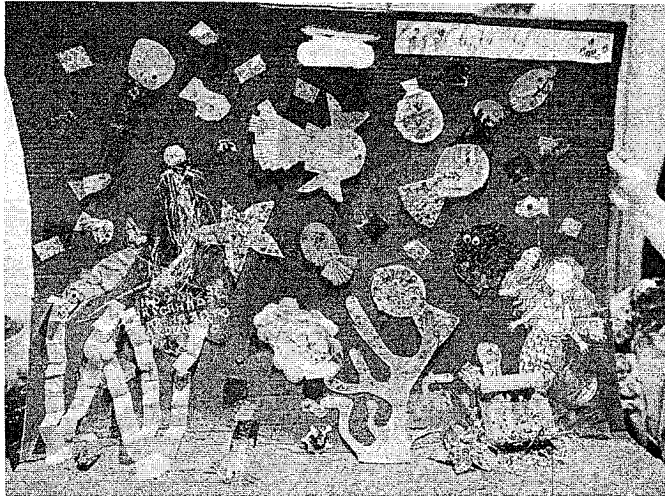
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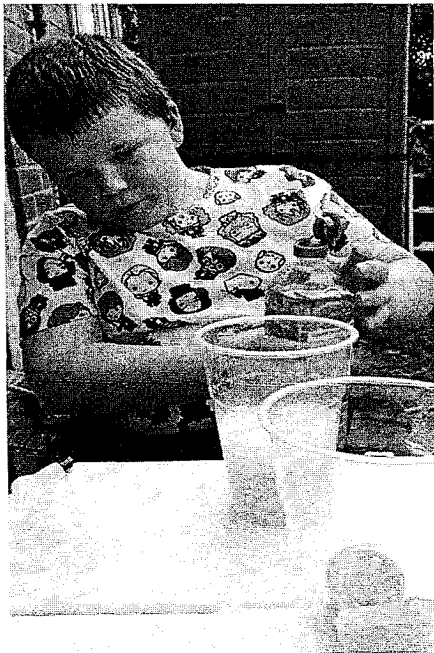


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July - Projectors, Under the sea, Mixed Greens, Mini Beasts, Science, Fareshare



Thank you so very much for my pack, I'm grateful for the delivery, while I've been in work all the lockdown, you have been and are an amazing team 🙌👩🏻❤️ - Leanne



Having fun in the sun doing some experiments with his science activity. Thank you so much you are all amazing 😊😊 - Anon

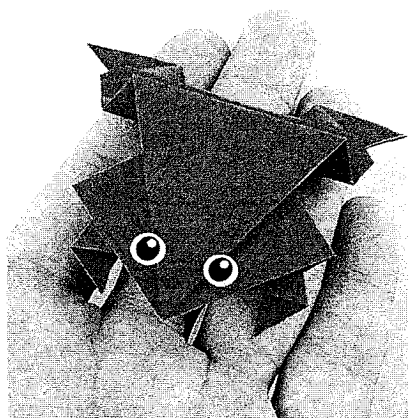


Thank you for our mixed green veg activity. Maisy has really enjoyed it. You are all doing a great job of keeping our children entertained during this difficult time. 😊😊



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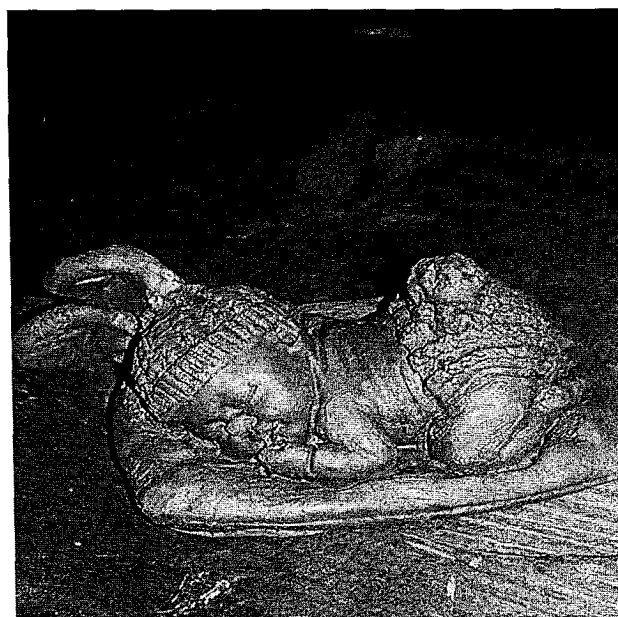
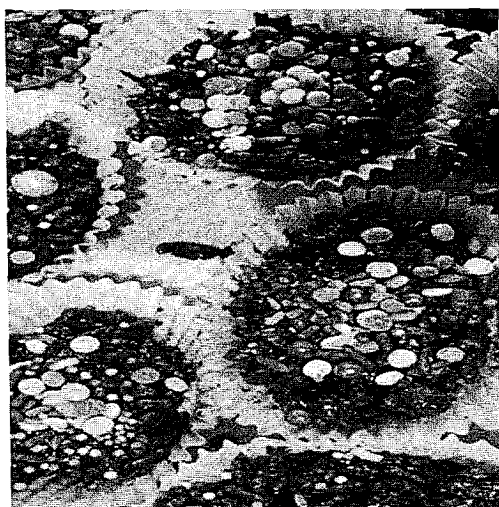
August – Origami, Clay Modelling, Rice Krispie Buns, Fareshare



Here is an amazing team, and each week activities that my girls love, best thing since lockdown... staff are brilliant and friendly pop down or message get joined up xxx - Emma

I left the girls to make the rice crispy cakes by themselves. I just supervised when they microwaved the chocolate. They

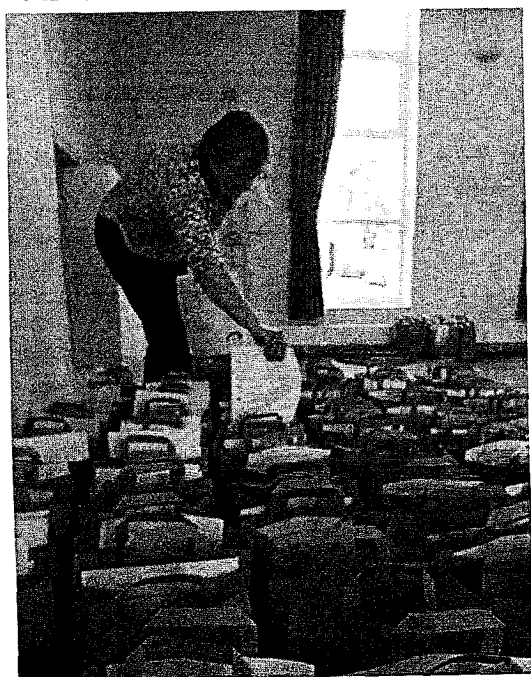
did pretty good and didn't make too much mess and Tilly 'helped' to clean up after 😊😊 - Anon



And parent's wanted to have a go too!!

Not only the kids enjoying the aired dried clay.

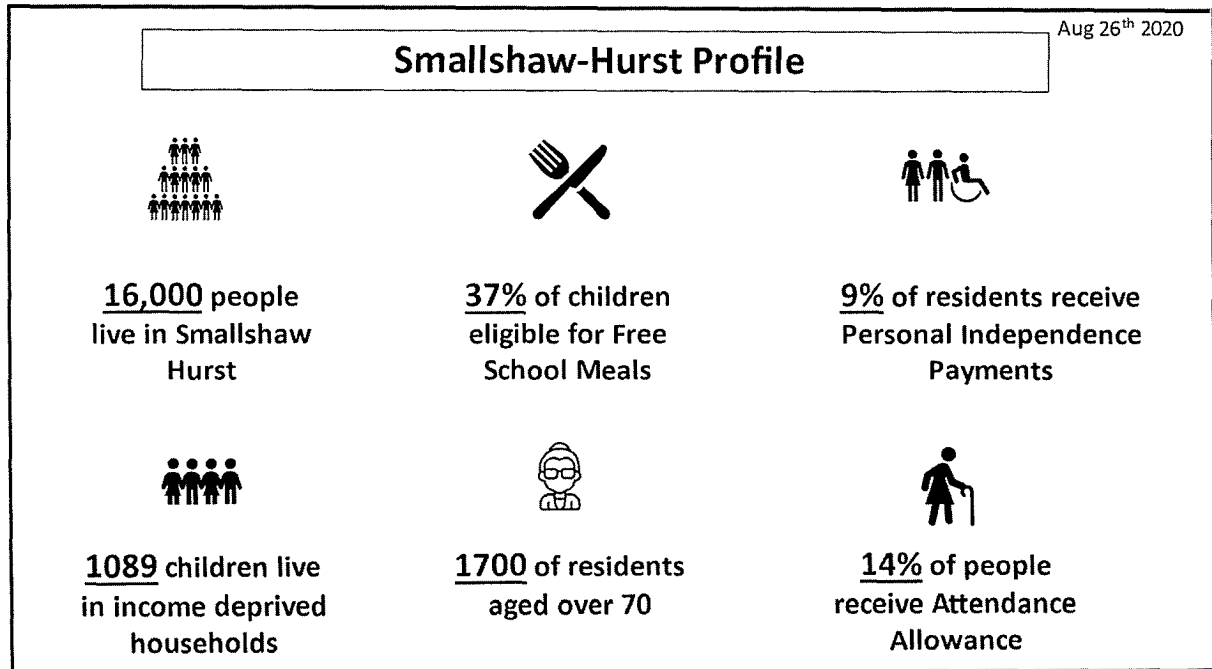
Mummy had a little play earlier, my little clay- Anon



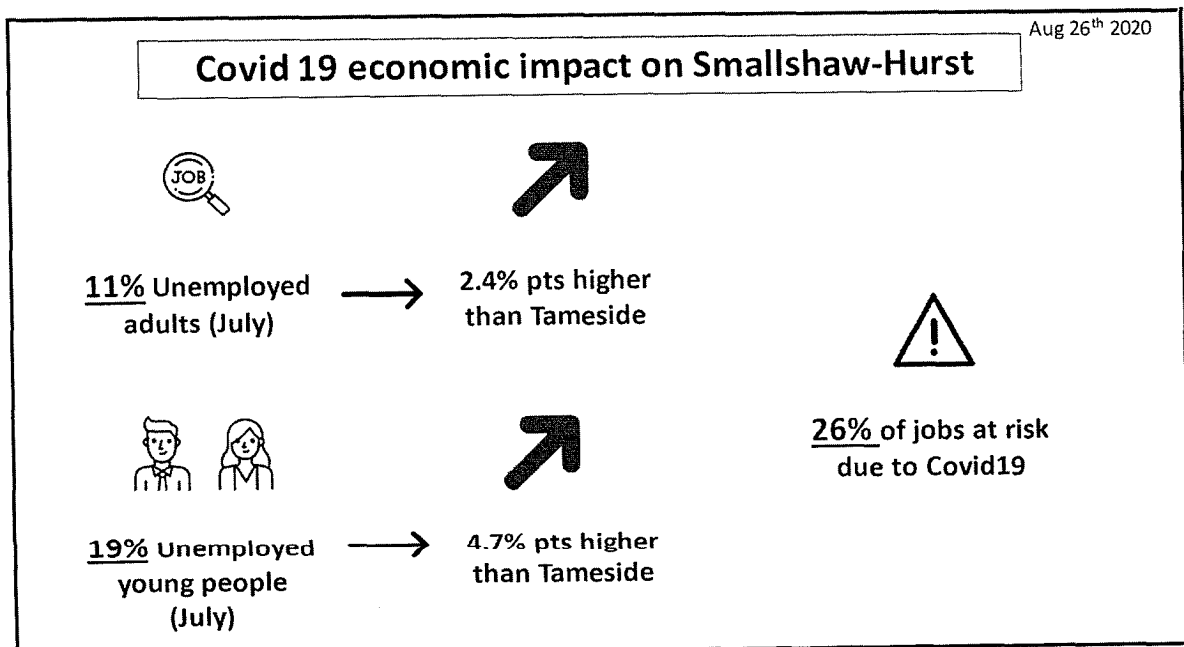
Whilst the weekly activities were proving to be a huge success and a lifeline to so many families we were still able to provide food distributed at our pop up events as part of the holiday hunger initiative, and through our Food Pantry operating out of Ashton United Football Club

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By August 2020 the impact of Covid-19 was becoming more apparent and a piece of research was undertaken, coordinated by our partners Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community, which examined the profile of Smallshaw Hurst and compared the economic impact of Covid-19 on people already suffering from the effects of deprivation.



The research, measured against the statistics for the wider borough, clearly demonstrated that the impact on people in Smallshaw – Hurst was disproportionate to the rest of Tameside as a whole.



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By the end of August 2020, working with our friends under the title of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group, we had been able to make a huge impact on the lives of local people, who were turning to us in numbers for support.



In September 2020 the schools returned and the need for weekly activities dissipated whereupon the focus of the charity was more towards developing a food pantry. A steering group was established with a view to exploring the opportunity for a Food Pantry to become a more permanent feature of the community, and an entity in its own right.

Community events and neighbourhood support continued however they were limited by the restrictions imposed on communities by the Government, and to ensure the safety of everyone engaging with what was on offer.

Rather than simply cancelling the planned events we demonstrated the resilient nature of the charity and the people we support by adapting to the challenges presented to us.



At Halloween it was simply a case of adapting the Food Pantry offer to include games and activities for children to enjoy.

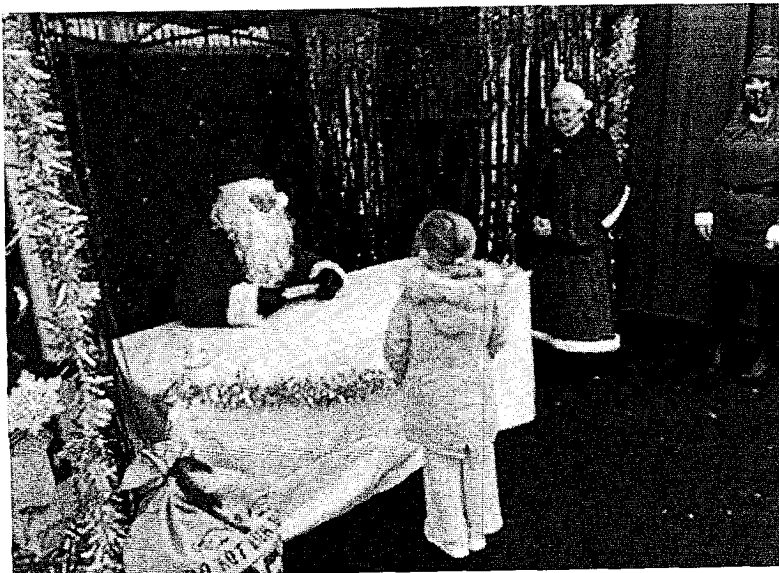
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Swiftly followed by an alternative to the Pensioners Party the delivery of food hampers in lieu, prepared by our volunteers in the kitchens at Hurst Cross stadium.



And of course the kids couldn't miss out on Father Christmas visiting, albeit socially distanced.



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### Robins Recycling Shows GR8 Teamwork

Community news out of Hurst Cross: in the run up to Christmas the team displayed a great team effort to provide some furniture to local families. Ashton United Co-Chairman David Burke was replacing two, two-seater settees in his home and called upon Ashton United in the Community to find a 'home' for each.



The community team utilised their local contacts and quickly found two families that would benefit from the gift.

How do we shift them was the next problem? Up stepped Paul Marr, Managing Director of Ashton United club kit suppliers, GR8 Sports, who offered his own time and transport to make sure two families received an early Christmas present.

Ashton United is a strong supporter of Ashton United in the Community; not just a football club, a family run club that embraces its community and recognises that, in difficult times everyone should all pull together. Importantly our football club partner and their suppliers hold similar values.



### Volunteering

A cornerstone of our work is providing local people with volunteering opportunity. During 2020 some people have been restricted to the amount of time they could offer to volunteer, and indeed some were unable to volunteer due to concerns over their personal safety through shielding. This being said, over the year 66 volunteers were engaged and have delivered 12,666 hours volunteering their time, each volunteer reporting their commitment each month.

They have been engaged daily volunteering at Hurst Cross, through home working, supporting the food pantry, pop up events, holiday hunger and giving general

support to our efforts to combat Covid-19. In 2019 the estimated average equivalent market hourly wage rate across a range of volunteer activities was around £13.70 (Power to Change 'Assessing the value of



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volunteers in community businesses' report June 2020). If we were to place a nominal value of £10 per hour on our volunteers' time this equates to a social value contribution to volunteering of £126,660

Once again we believe the year has been a huge success albeit in very challenging circumstances. The grant support we have received towards the staffing costs has been the key driver of our success. We've learned that the volunteers we work with thrive on the varying opportunities they are given. They tell us that through social interaction and commitment to volunteering they gained confidence and learned new skills, such that they want to reach out across the wider community and support others, both individuals and organisations, to make positive change in their lives.

**Matchdays** – Saturday and Tuesday fixtures for Ashton United throughout the football season.



Volunteers attend prior, during and after games to meet and greet fans, carry out pitch and facilities maintenance, stewarding duties, media, etc. This is the opportunity for people to socialise, learn new skills, put their training into practice. Here we see volunteers learning about grounds maintenance and pitch renovation methods.

### Case Studies

#### **Individual 1 - No Child Should Go Hungry (NCSGH) December Campaign.**

*Claire* (not her real name) is mum to five children and her youngest child is pre-school age. Her husband works full time and earns above average wage, but they struggle to make ends meet, particularly over the Christmas period and during school holidays. She says the weekly food pantry has provided a lifeline to her and her family. The variety of food available provides ingredients, fresh fruit and vegetables for breakfast, dinner and tea and more recently, ideas for recipes.

Claire reports 'I come to Ashton United Football Club and everyone is warm and welcoming, I was nervous at first but came with a friend, I look forward to the weekly chat with the volunteers and I also enjoy the FaceBook page. I get to find out other information as well and I also know that it isn't just my family in this situation, where my husband works full time and we still struggle financially, I can't thank these guys enough'.

**Individual 2 – *Stuart's story*** (not his real name) an unemployed family man low on confidence and self-esteem, first became involved with Ashton United in the Community through attending the Food Pantry with his partner and children. Having been so grateful for the support given to him he offered to volunteer his time as '*my way of giving back for the support received*'. After several weeks helping out at

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Food Pantry, on ground maintenance duties, and on match days as a steward Stuart's confidence and self-esteem grew and he was able to secure full time employment. He still remains a committed volunteer in his spare time.

### **Smallshaw Hurst Profile – A United Community**

Smallshaw Hurst and District, where Hurst Cross and AUITC is located, and all of our events and activities take place, is a neighbourhood in the top 2% most deprived in England. The events and activities we have provided are aimed at the people from the local community with most if not all reflecting the fact that those taking part have little or no disposable income. Where children are involved most are children who are living in poverty, many with parents not in employment, education or training, from single parent families, or in the care system. AUITC, together with AUFC and Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community SSHCC is a founder member of Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group, and a member of Growing Well in Tameside Partnership, working to support a number of providers across our community. The SSHCC is made up from a collaboration of statutory, voluntary, private organisations, local stakeholders, local communities, children, young people and families seeking to effect systems change in support of local people.

This includes:

Tameside MBC – population health, early years, children and young people's partnership forum, education, Integrated Care Foundation Trust, CCG, GP's, Health Young Minds, TOG Mind, local schools, Ashton 6th Form College, JIGSAW Housing Group, voluntary groups, Broadoak and Smallshaw Community Centre, Greater Manchester Police, Action Together, Active Tameside, Ashton United in the Community, Ashton United FC, local faith groups, local early years providers and local parents. This collaboration is not exhaustive and continues to link into groups, services and people who have a role to play in ensuring a positive impact on children's lives. The work delivered is closely linked to the outcomes of the partnership with shared monitoring and evaluation of activities. SSHCC has a full-time analyst to manage monitoring and evaluation of joint projects.

AUITC has worked throughout the year with these partners to deliver joined up working to the benefit of local people.

A strong and effective partnership structure has enabled joint consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnership benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

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The partnership has thrived over the past 2 years and continues to develop as joint initiatives come on stream and partners gain the confidence and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute.

### Smallshaw-Hurst Community Action Group - 2020 Highlights



215 families registered for our activity packs



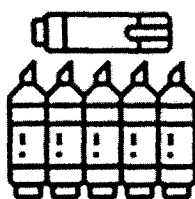
337 people joined our Facebook group



175 children received pack lunches at pop up events



756 Fareshare food packs distributed



2200 children's activity packs distributed



100+ families attended COVID-19 compliant Xmas events

### Strong Political Support

Throughout the year we were grateful to be able to call upon the strong support of local elected



members who 'rolled up their sleeves' and got stuck into the task of supporting local constituents.

Such was the interest in this initiative that our local Councillors, Leigh Drennan and Mike Glover, attended and were delighted to help out by distributing the food parcels.

They were ably supported by both of our Patrons Angela Rayner MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party who found time during her very busy schedule to help pack food for our Holiday Hunger project; and Jonathan Sayer who supported the charity with fundraising through his Mischief Theatre Company

## Financial review

During the year Ashton United in the Community were successful in a number of grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations providing grant support (predominantly over £500) toward a number of objectives:

- Action Together Tameside Wellbeing Fund
- ASDA Foundation
- Community Fund
- New Charter Housing/Jigsaw Housing
- Councillor Mike Glover
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Groundwork
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Jonathan Sayer
- Ashton United FC players, management & officials.

The grants enable AUITC to develop as a charity and engage with local people who are supporters of the football club, and the wider community. The early part of 2020 was spent delivering projects in support of funding secured in 2019, with other grant funding support primarily focussed on delivering improved outcomes for local people impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Accounts

The year started very well with plenty of great ideas planned for the forthcoming year ahead and a substantial budget to work with. Unfortunately, the year and the plans were quickly halted with the Covid19 pandemic and the subsequent lockdown of schools and various outlets – this amounted to a huge challenge for the charity as we had many things planned, we discussed how this was to impact the local area and the community generally.

We gained various grants over the year, mainly from the government and local organisations (named above) that could see the hard work that the charity was doing, we used the grant money really well and the hard work has been rewarded with the charity being more recognised and having a bigger presence in the area.

## Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

## Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2020 was £6,449 of which all are free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

## **Risk management**

As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

The appointment of a full time self-employed Community Development Officer during 2020, to support volunteering and deliver a broad range of experiences for local people to engage with, has been a 'game changer' for the charity and is something we hope to expand upon during 2021.

The main thrust of the charity's work for the early part of 2020 will be supporting the establishment of a Food Pantry as an independent entity. We will help Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group secure Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) status and offer peer support to the group as it begins to 'stand on its own two feet'.

Covid-19 permitting we will explore the opportunity to organise and deliver HurstFest 2021, the date of which will be dependent upon restrictions being lifted. In a similar vein we would look to be part of the organising group for Ashton Band contest, should it too go ahead.

We will continue to support the development of women and girls football and utilise the restricted funding we hold specifically for this purpose.

AUITC is a managing partner of the Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC) and Growing Well in Tameside Partnership (GWT), working to support a number of providers across our community. We will continue to support the growth of these partnerships and to support the joint initiatives surrounding local need, developed through consultation with local people.

The charity will continue to support volunteering across all aspects of opportunity available in conjunction with Ashton United FC and our partners. This will involve, amongst other things, organising a volunteer recognition event and pop up events across the district that will include seasonal events e.g. children's Halloween and older persons Christmas parties. Volunteers will continue to learn new skills e.g. media training, stadium maintenance, stewarding, catering, customer service, and more.

These activities will be delivered through the Community Development Officer engaging with partners and the community to determine what is needed and how they would like that need to be met in an inclusive way. Support will be given to people to address their complex needs e.g. CV writing, work readiness training, interview techniques, etc. and is designed through social engagement to help improve confidence and self-esteem, reduce loneliness and isolation, and increase knowledge and skills.

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### Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees

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John North

Treasurer

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021



**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1166483**

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020 which are set out on pages 23 to 32.

**Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity 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. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 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 Examiners 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 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 have in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act,
- have not been met; or

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

Signed: ..... *A.M. King* .....

AM King FCCA  
Date: 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Community Accountancy Service Ltd  
The Grange, Pilgrim Drive, Beswick,  
Manchester, M11 3TQ

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**  
**(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**

				Total Funds	Total Funds
				Year Ended	Year Ended 31
				31 December	December
				2020	2019
Further Details	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds			
	£	£		£	£
<b>Income from:</b>					
Donations and legacies	(3)	3,541	2,256	5,797	8,516
Charitable Activities	(4)	987	53,240	54,227	45,365
Other Trading Activities	(5)	-	-	-	418
<b>Total</b>		4,528	55,496	60,024	54,299
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising Funds	(6)	53	5,274	5,327	7,845
Charitable Activities	(6)	1,307	32,472	33,779	41,712
Other	(6)	-	-	-	80
<b>Total</b>		1,360	37,746	39,106	49,637
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		3,168	17,750	20,918	4,662
Transfers between funds	(17)	(1,761)	1,761	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		1,407	19,511	20,918	4,662
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward	(17)	5,042	40,504	45,546	40,884
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	(17)	6,449	60,015	66,464	45,546

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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

**BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed assets:</b>			
Tangible assets	(11)	920	2,203
Total fixed assets		<u>920</u>	<u>2,203</u>
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Stocks	(12)	-	-
Debtors	(13)	311	1,206
Cash at Bank & in Hand		65,713	42,497
Total current assets		<u>66,024</u>	<u>43,703</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(14)	480	360
Net current assets or liabilities		<u>65,544</u>	<u>43,343</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		66,464	45,546
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(16)	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		<u><u>66,464</u></u>	<u><u>45,546</u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity:</b>			
Restricted income funds	(17)	60,015	40,504
Unrestricted income funds	(17)	6,449	5,042
<b>Total charity funds</b>		<u><u>66,464</u></u>	<u><u>45,546</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees Management Committee

John North

Carol Finnigan

Date: 25th March 2021

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

## Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2020

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	23,216	6,017
<b>Cash flows from investment activities:</b>		
Interest	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(2,760)
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>	-	(2,760)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	23,216	3,257
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	42,497	39,240
<b>Cash and cash equivalents carried forward</b>	<b>65,713</b>	<b>42,497</b>

## Notes to the accounts

**1. Accounting policies****(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

**(b) Funds structure**

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are 13 restricted funds (2019: 7).

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

**(c) Income recognition**

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 income receivable can be measured reliably.

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 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 those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

**(d) Expenditure Recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

**(e) Irrecoverable VAT**

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

**(f) Allocation of support and governance costs**

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on type of expense. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 8.

**(g) Costs of raising funds**

The costs of raising funds consists of events.

**(h) Charitable Activities**

Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 7.

**(i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged on the following basis:

Equipment	33.33% on cost
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**(j) Realised gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their varying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

**(k) Pensions**

The charity currently does not administer contributions to a pension scheme on behalf of individuals.

**(l) Debtors**

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

**(m) 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. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration**

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2019: £nil).

The self-employed volunteer project manager is the husband of a trustee. The Charity Commission have given approval for this and the trustee is not involved in any decisions regarding this role.

**3. Donations and Legacies**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Donations	3,541	2,256	5,797	8,516
	3,541	2,256	5,797	8,516
Previous reporting period:	1,103	7,413	8,516	

**4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted grants:				
Asda Foundation	487	-	487	-
Groundwork	500	-	500	-
Restricted grants:				
National League Trust	-	-	-	10,000
Jigsaw Housing - Food Pantry	-	2,000	2,000	-
New Charter Housing	-	5,600	5,600	-
Community Fund	-	-	-	9,900
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	-	9,640	9,640	-
Tameside MBC	-	10,000	10,000	-
Tameside Action Together - Smallshaw	-	1,000	1,000	-
Tameside Action Together	-	25,000	25,000	25,465
	987	53,240	54,227	45,365
Previous reporting period	-	45,365	45,365	



## 5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising events	-	-	-	418
	-	-	-	418
Previous reporting period	418	-	418	

## 6. Expenditure

	Community Engagement in Tameside	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure on raising funds:</b>			
Advertising	300	300	3,848
Event costs	5,027	5,027	3,997
	5,327	5,327	7,845
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>			
DBS Costs	48	48	349
Training	1,440	1,440	2,370
Freelance Costs	19,511	19,511	23,031
Telephone	384	384	120
Referees Fees	150	150	45
Travel Costs	40	40	27
Refreshments	2,621	2,621	1,713
Volunteer Expenses	-	-	229
Equipment	2,215	2,215	939
Grounds Maintenance	-	-	30
Bank Charges	-	-	69
Repairs and Maintenance	-	-	668
Room & Facility Hire	2,664	2,664	2,220
Clothing & Kit	-	-	5,690
Computer & Internet Costs	1,593	1,593	380
Insurance	346	346	361
Governance	480	480	360
Post, Printing & Stationery	1,004	1,004	756
Depreciation	1,283	1,283	2,355
	33,779	33,779	41,712
<b>Other expenditure:</b>			
Sundry	-	-	80
	-	-	80
	39,106	39,106	49,637
Unrestricted funds		1,360	997
Restricted funds		37,746	48,640
		39,106	49,637

**7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

As per note 6.

**8. Allocation of governance and support costs**

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below:

	General Support	Governance	Total	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	480	480	type of expense
	-	480	480	

**9. Analysis of staff costs**

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	-	-
Redundancy	-	-
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	-	-
	-	-
	-	-
Charitable activities	-	-
Support costs	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

The average number of employees during the year was nil (2019: nil).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and volunteer project manager. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £nil (2018: £nil).

No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

The volunteer project manager is self-employed.

**10. Independent Examiner Fees**

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Independent examination fees	480	360
	480	360

**11. Tangible Fixed Assets**

	Equipment	Total
	£	£
<b>Cost</b>		
At 01 January 2020	10,815	10,815
Additions	-	-
At 31 December 2020	10,815	10,815
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 01 January 2020	8,612	8,612
Charge for Year	1,283	1,283
At 31 December 2020	9,895	9,895
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
At 31 December 2020	920	920
At 31 December 2019	2,203	2,203

**12. Stocks**

The charity does not hold stocks of any items.

**13. Analysis of debtors**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Debtors	-	1,000
Prepayments	311	206
	311	1,206

Debtors and prepayments relate to restricted funds in 2020 and 2019.

**14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Other creditors and accruals	480	360
	480	360

**15. Deferred income**

The CIO did not have any deferred income at the period end.

**16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
	-	-

## 17. Analysis of charitable funds

## Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	5,042	4,528	(1,360)	(1,761)	6,449
	5,042	4,528	(1,360)	(1,761)	6,449

## Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	4,518	1,521	(997)	-	5,042
	4,518	1,521	(997)	-	5,042

## Name of unrestricted fund:

General Fund

## Description, nature and purpose of the fund

The "free reserves" after allowing for all designated funds

## Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations for Women's Team	2,389	1,658	(1,746)	-	2,301
Donations for Food Pantry	-	598	-	-	598
The Big Lottery Fund	546	-	-	-	546
National League Trust	2,121	-	(2,038)	-	83
Jigsaw Housing - Food Pantry	-	2,000	-	1,146	3,146
High Sheriff	126	-	-	-	126
Awards for All	604	-	-	-	604
New Charter Housing	-	5,600	(2,876)	(2,000)	724
Community Fund	7,694	-	(6,440)	(1,254)	-
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	-	9,640	(24)	-	9,616
Tameside MBC	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Tameside Action Together - Smallshaw	-	1,000	(4,861)	3,869	8
Tameside Action Together	27,024	25,000	(19,761)	-	32,263
	40,504	55,496	(37,746)	1,761	60,015

Transfers were made from Community Fund into unrestricted funds during the year. This was with the consent of the funder.

## Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2019	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	-	7,413	(5,024)	-	2,389
The Big Lottery Fund	1,618	-	(1,072)	-	546
National League Trust	8,528	10,000	(16,407)	-	2,121
High Sheriff	616	-	(490)	-	126
Awards for All	604	-	-	-	604
Community Fund	-	9,900	(2,206)	-	7,694
Tameside Action Together	25,000	25,465	(23,441)	-	27,024
	36,366	52,778	(48,640)	-	40,504

Name of restricted fund:	Description, nature and purpose of the fund
Donations for Women's Team	for the women's team
Donations for Food Pantry	for the food pantry
The Big Lottery Fund	for HurstFest 2020
National League Trust	to support 'Volunteer Matter' programme with both capital and revenue costs
Jigsaw Housing - Food Pantry	for the food pantry
High Sheriff	towards general running costs associated with HurstFest
Awards for All	towards a governance, business planning and capacity building project
New Charter Housing	for activity packs for children during school holidays and lockdown
Community Fund	for a volunteer project
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	for setting up a food pantry
Tameside MBC	winter pressure grant
Tameside Action Together - Smallshaw	for a hunger/poverty project and for school children during school holidays
Tameside Action Together	to support 'Volunteer Matter' programme with both capital and revenue costs

#### 18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	-	-	920	920
Cash at bank and in hand	6,929	-	58,784	65,713
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(480)	-	311	(169)
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,449</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>60,015</b>	<b>66,464</b>

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2019
	£	£	£	£
<b>Previous reporting period:</b>				
Tangible fixed assets	363	-	1,840	2,203
Cash at bank and in hand	4,679	-	37,818	42,497
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	-	-	846	846
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,042</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,504</b>	<b>45,546</b>

#### 19. Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised on a transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at an amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### 20. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Year Ended 31 December 2020	Year Ended 31 December 2019
	£	£
Net movement in funds	20,918	4,662
Add back depreciation	1,283	2,355
Deduct investment income	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	895	(1,060)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	120	60
<b>Net cash used in operating activities</b>	<b>23,216</b>	<b>6,017</b>