

BLOSSOM PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1168022

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2016-07-05

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE RESIDENT IN TOWER HAMLETS FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS ACTIVITIES WILL INCLUDE:• PROMOTING THE EDUCATION AND TRAINING OF DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE WHO THROUGH THEIR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES ARE IN NEED AND UNABLE TO GAIN EMPLOYMENT AND IN PARTICULAR TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT SCHEMES WHERE SUCH PEOPLE MAY RECEIVE TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT• THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS HAVING NEED OF FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES• BEFRIENDING SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY THROUGH; OUTREACH AND TELEPHONE TO INDIVIDUALS REGULARLY FOR HARD TO REACH AND VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS. • PROVISION OF A DAY RESOURCES CENTRE, TO OFFER RESOURCE CENTRE I.E. LUNCHEON CLUB FOR THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE ADULTS SUFFERING FROM ISOLATION AND NEGLECT • INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ADVOCACY THROUGH OFFERING INFORMATION, ADVICE AND ADVOCACY SERVICE FOR THE ELDERLY AND VULNERABLE ADULTS• TRAINING FOR ADULTS, PROVIDING AND ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION TO THOSE WHO ARE NOT IN EMPLOYMENT OR WHOSE ENGLISH IS A SECOND LANGUAGE. • PROVIDING SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH MENTAL AND PHYSICAL LONG TERM CONDITIONS. ALSO OFFERING ASSISTANCE IN THE COMMUNITY BY WAY OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT, ADVISORY SERVICES, SUCH OTHER SERVICES AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY SHALL CONSIDER APPROPRIATE. • VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES, THROUGH ENCOURAGING LOCAL RESIDENTS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND BUILD EXPERIENCE TO FURTHER EDUCATION/WORK OPPORTUNITIES.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY)."

Activities: Be-friending services for the elderly Outreach and telephone to individuals regularly for hard to reach and vulnerable individuals. Day resources Centre, to offer resource Centre i.e. Luncheon club for the elderly and vulnerable adults suffering from isolation and neglect Offering information, advice and advocacy service for the elderly and vulnerable adults Training

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£85,164	£52,617	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,692	£28,768	-	-
2023-03-31	£93,030	£63,284	-	-
2022-03-31	£50,942	£62,802	-	-
2021-03-31	£53,281	£62,034	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sheikh Ahmed	Chair	2023-11-13
Abu Shaid		2026-03-30
Jamal Hussain		2026-03-30

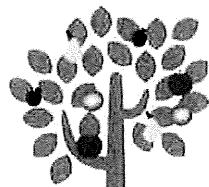
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THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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Blossom Project Ltd

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Blossom Project Ltd

Charity Registration number: 1168022

Trustees

Hasina Begum Chair

Ruzna Begum

Sheikh Ahmed

Company Secretary

Ruzna Begum Secretary

General Members

Rufia Begum

Rubina Begum

Helal Miah

Masud Ahmed

Yasmin Siddiqa Khanom

Lena Begum

Zakir Asir

Bank

Lloyds Bank

Account number: 27454562

Sort code: 30-99-50

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2025

Trustees' Report:

Introduction from the Chair

As we look ahead, our vision for Blossom Project is to continue evolving as a vibrant and inclusive community hub.

We remain committed to creating welcoming spaces where residents of Tower Hamlets, regardless of background, can access services and activities that might otherwise be out of reach. Whether through our community café, exercise classes, after-school tuition, arts and crafts, intergenerational activities, or meeting spaces for local groups, Blossom Project strives to be a place where everyone can come together to grow, learn, and thrive.

Our mission is to support all ages, cultures, and backgrounds, breaking down barriers and fostering belonging. Blossom Project plays a vital role in connecting people, strengthening relationships, and enhancing social cohesion.

We remain committed to supporting men's and women's mental health, providing services for those facing emotional and psychological conditions. Alongside this, we continue to create meaningful opportunities for children and families, nurturing well-being and building resilience in the younger generation.

Tackling social isolation and loneliness - especially among older people - remains a priority. Through befriending schemes, outreach programmes, and social activities, we work to ensure that older adults feel connected and supported within the community.

Looking forward, we are excited to expand our offerings further, creating opportunities for learning, training, personal development, and family celebrations in an affordable, accessible environment. Blossom Project remains dedicated to activities that support mental health, well-being, and social connection across all ages.

We recognise that challenges continue to evolve. The rising cost of living and austerity measures create greater demand for accessible services. Blossom Project is proud to meet this need, and we are committed to finding innovative ways to adapt while ensuring our services remain effective and sustainable.

In 2025, we aim to grow our network of partners and collaborators, co-developing new projects with the local community to ensure our work stays relevant, inclusive, and impactful. By

embracing inclusive planning and adapting to financial and social pressures, we will build on our successes and expand our capacity to meet the evolving needs of Tower Hamlets residents.

Finally, I extend heartfelt thanks to our trustees, members, volunteers, funders, and supporters. Your dedication, expertise, and generosity remain instrumental in the growth of Blossom Project. Together, we continue to make a lasting difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Hasina Begum (**Blossom Project Chair of Trustees**)

Blossom Project Aim and Objectives

The charity aims to support the residents of Tower Hamlets and surrounding areas, particularly those in disadvantaged communities, by addressing the needs of individuals facing hardship due to age, infirmity, disability, youth, or poverty. We achieve this through advancing education, providing training for employment, and offering recreational and leisure facilities to improve quality of life. Our work includes services such as be-friending for the elderly, adult education and training, healthy eating initiatives, mental and physical health support, and activities for children and families.

We achieve this through:

- **Be-friending services** for the elderly, including outreach and regular telephone support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable individuals.
- **Day Resource Centre**, offering services like a luncheon club and trips for elderly and vulnerable adults suffering from isolation and neglect.
- **Information, advice, and advocacy** for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- **Adult education and training** for those not in employment or for non-English speakers, helping with education advancement.
- **Health promotion** services, supporting mental and physical well-being, including healthy eating initiatives and services for individuals with long-term conditions.
- **Children and family services**, offering support for families and providing services that promote well-being and healthy development.
- **Volunteering opportunities** to help residents build confidence and experience, aiding further education and work prospects.

Blossom Together Project: Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation

Originally funded by Tower Hamlets Council and now self-funded by the Blossom Project, Blossom Together is a key initiative aimed at reducing loneliness and isolation within the local community. Tower Hamlets, one of the most deprived boroughs in London, has a significant number of residents facing social isolation, particularly the elderly, those with disabilities, and individuals living in poverty. Over 1 in 3 older residents report feeling lonely, a figure much higher than the national average, highlighting the urgent need for services that combat isolation. This project directly aligns with our objective to support vulnerable individuals, particularly those facing hardship due to age, infirmity, disability, and poverty.

In 2024-2025, our outreach worker and dedicated volunteers engaged with hard-to-reach individuals who experience loneliness, providing tailored support to improve their social well-being. Through a variety of activities such as tea and coffee mornings, intergenerational conversational English sessions, walking clubs, light exercise, urban gardening, arts and crafts, and trips we created opportunities for participants to connect, build relationships, and improve their mental and physical health.



This year, we supported 65 local residents in Tower Hamlets, directly addressing the social isolation faced by individuals in disadvantaged communities.

Mental health concerns in the borough are also prevalent, with 1 in 4 adults expected to experience mental health issues at some point in their lives, further underscoring the need for programs that support well-being. By fostering social inclusion and creating a sense of belonging, Blossom Together contributes directly to our core objectives of enhancing quality of life, advancing education, and supporting mental and physical health for vulnerable individuals in the area.



The Blossom Together Project facilitated day trips to tackle social isolation and loneliness building friendships, confidence, and treasured memories together

Trips played a particularly vital role in the Blossom Together programme this year. For many participants, opportunities to leave their immediate neighbourhoods are rare due to financial hardship, mobility issues, or lack of confidence. Our seaside outing was especially meaningful it gave residents the chance to enjoy fresh air, nature, and a change of scenery, which many had not experienced for years. Shared experiences like this fostered joy, strengthened friendships, and created lasting memories. These trips not only reduced isolation but also promoted physical activity, mental stimulation, and a renewed sense of belonging.

Community Café: A Warm Space for Connection

Since its inception in 2017, the Community Café has grown in response to an urgent need to address social isolation among older adults and vulnerable individuals in Tower Hamlets. The borough, with its significant levels of deprivation, has many residents who experience loneliness, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, or living in poverty. According to recent studies, over 25% of older adults in the borough report feeling socially isolated, and the Community Café serves as a vital lifeline to tackle this challenge.

Supported by the Blossom Together project, the Community Café hosts weekly tea and coffee mornings and lunchtime gatherings, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for local residents. Our volunteers play a crucial role, working tirelessly to ensure that individuals have a warm, friendly space to meet, share a meal, and build meaningful connections with others. By offering this regular, no-cost service, the Café not only combats isolation but also contributes to improving the overall well-being of participants, offering them both social interaction and a sense of belonging.

In 2024-2025, the Café continued to be a central part of our efforts to improve the quality of life for local residents. Through these gatherings, we also supported participants in engaging with other services, offering information, advice, and community resources to further enhance their lives. This initiative is directly in line with Blossom Project's core objectives of supporting mental and physical health, advancing education, and providing a safe space for vulnerable individuals to thrive.



'Our Community Cafe brings people together, promoting greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building a cohesive community whilst tackling loneliness, health and social wellbeing'

Volunteering Project

Blossom Project's Volunteering Initiative plays a vital role in making a positive impact on the community we serve. Our volunteers bring a diverse range of skills, experiences, and knowledge that enrich the work we do. Through volunteering, they have the opportunity to forge meaningful relationships within the community, including engaging those who are often hard to reach.



By investing in our volunteers, we can provide opportunities for skills development and potential routes to employment.

Our volunteers are instrumental in shaping the development and delivery of our services, providing invaluable local insights. They contribute in various areas, including outreach, activity development and coordination, service delivery, befriending, guidance, mentoring, and administration.

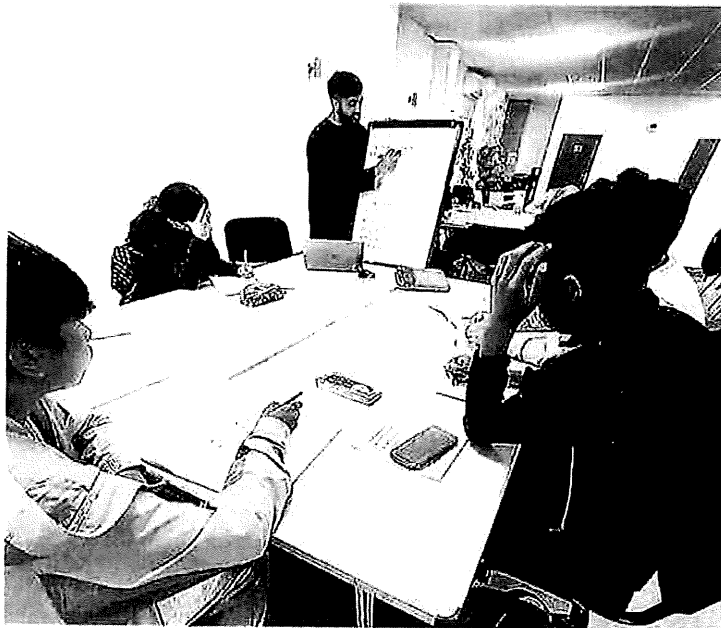
In 2024-2025, we successfully recruited seven new volunteers, all of whom received training to equip them with the skills needed to thrive in their roles at Blossom Project. In addition, nine university volunteers supported Blossom Project, gaining valuable experience that enhanced their personal development and complemented their academic studies. Their involvement provided fresh perspectives, energy, and innovation, while also strengthening their skills in teamwork, communication, and community engagement.

Direct Learning Academy: Supplementary Tuition Classes

In 2024-2025, Blossom Project continued our valuable partnership with Direct Learning Academy to provide local children with essential supplementary tuition in English, Maths, and Science. Tower Hamlets, with its high levels of poverty and educational inequality, has a significant number of children and young people who face barriers to academic success. As part of our commitment to advancing education and tackling these challenges, the partnership aimed to bridge educational gaps and provide tailored support to help young people reach their full potential.

Through this partnership, local young people benefited from both group and one-on-one tutoring across a range of key stages, from KS2 to A Level Maths. The support provided focused on building confidence, improving academic performance, and offering tailored learning strategies to ensure that each child could excel in their studies. The service was particularly impactful for students facing additional challenges such as English as a second language or those from disadvantaged backgrounds, aligning with Blossom Project's objective to provide equal educational opportunities to those in need.

These supplementary classes played a crucial role in enhancing the academic outcomes of participants, with many students reporting improvements in their understanding and performance in core subjects. By offering this additional support, the Direct Learning Academy partnership helps us fulfil our mission of advancing education and supporting the academic development of young people in Tower Hamlets.



Through academic excellence, personalised learning and practicing exam questions young people are able to fill gaps in their subject knowledge and build confidence.

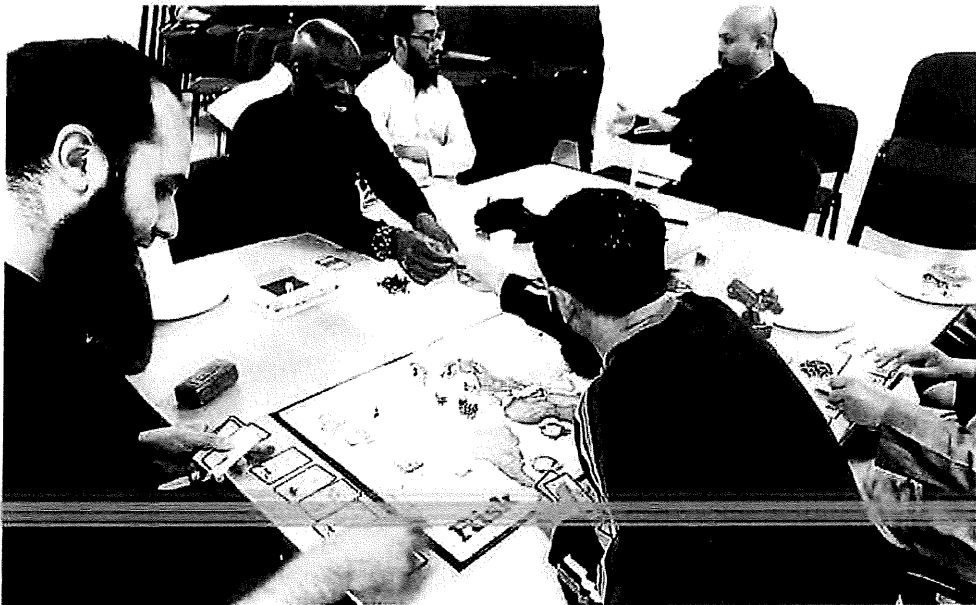
Mens Club: Well Together

Well Together is an initiative designed to tackle social isolation, loneliness, and mental health challenges among BAME men in Tower Hamlets. With 16.1% of the population affected by depression and anxiety - the highest in London - this project seeks to provide a supportive network to foster resilience and raise awareness about mental health.

Activities include weekly games evenings, mental health workshops, and career development sessions. These initiatives aim to improve both mental and physical well-being by reducing stress, promoting social connections, and increasing self-confidence.

Additionally, the program offers workshops on communication, conflict resolution, goal-setting, and parenting, all designed to strengthen relationships and build self-esteem.

By focusing on both immediate and long-term mental health needs, Community Connections works to improve the lives of participants, combat isolation, and contribute to better mental well-being in the community.



Women's Circle

This year we launched and developed our Women's Circle programme, designed to provide a safe, welcoming space for women from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to come together, share experiences, and build community.

Each session begins with introductions and open discussions about what participants would like from the meet ups, ensuring the programme is shaped by their voices. Refreshments and hot food are provided, creating a relaxed and hospitable environment.



Activities are varied and flexible: conversation starters, games, and reflective exercises encourage women to explore themes such as self-care, resilience, mental health, and healing. Prompts like *"What would you say to your younger self?"* or *"What challenges have you overcome?"* have sparked powerful exchanges, while lighter activities such as quiz nights and celebrations of individual achievements bring joy and connection.

On average, 25-27 vulnerable women attend each session, including single mothers, women with families abroad, and those living with the impact of trauma. The group offers respite from family commitments and helps reduce loneliness, while fostering empowerment, wellness, and mutual support.

House of Honey

The *House of Honey* project uses cooking and baking as a therapeutic intervention for women living with mental health conditions, offering both nourishment and community.

Sessions are structured around mindful cooking and baking, with participants sharing recipes, experimenting with new dishes, and celebrating their creations together. This approach combines occupational therapy principles (skill-building, routine, achievement) with peer support models (mutual encouragement, shared experience).

In Tower Hamlets, rates of common mental health conditions such as depression and anxiety are significantly higher than the London average. Against this backdrop, *House of Honey* provides a safe, stigma-free environment where women can build confidence, reduce isolation, and strengthen protective factors for wellbeing.

By embedding therapeutic cooking and mindful baking within a supportive group setting, the project demonstrates how creative, culturally sensitive approaches can empower women and contribute to wider public health goals.



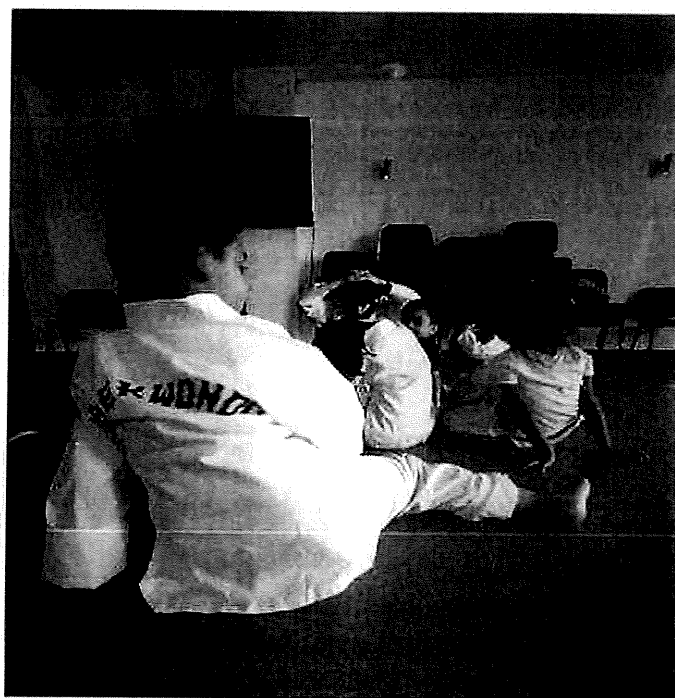
Inclusive Taekwondo - SEND Sports Sessions

The *Inclusive Taekwondo* programme introduced opportunities for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) to take part in accessible sports. Delivered by a trained and qualified Taekwondo instructor, the sessions were designed to be safe, inclusive, and empowering.

Taekwondo provided more than physical activity: it encouraged discipline, confidence, and resilience. The sessions were adapted to individual abilities, ensuring that every participant could engage meaningfully. The emphasis was on participation, enjoyment, and skill-building, rather than competition.

Parents and carers highlighted the value of these sessions in offering structure, improving focus, and reducing isolation. For young people, the programme created a positive environment where they could connect with peers, develop new skills, and feel supported.

Although delivered on a limited basis, the initiative demonstrated Blossom Project's commitment to inclusive practice, safeguarding, and equal access to opportunities for children and young people in Tower Hamlets.



Chandogram Welfare Association

The Chandogram Welfare Association continues to be an active and valued group at the Blossom Project venue, where they work on various initiatives aimed at improving community cohesion both within Tower Hamlets and in their home village of Chandogram, Bangladesh. The Association's mission is to provide vital financial support and resources to individuals in need in Chandogram, with a particular focus on helping students access educational opportunities to improve their futures.

In 2023-2024, the Association has continued its important work, supporting disadvantaged families in Chandogram with financial aid, ensuring that vulnerable individuals and students can further their education and improve their quality of life.

Additionally, the Association plays a crucial role in connecting UK-based children of Chandogram families with their cultural heritage. By encouraging them to learn about their roots, the Association helps foster a sense of pride and belonging, creating an important link between the younger generation and their ancestral community. These cultural activities not only promote a deeper understanding of heritage but also strengthen relationships between local families in Tower Hamlets and their counterparts in Bangladesh. Through its continued presence at Blossom Project, the Chandogram Welfare Association contributes to our mission of fostering community cohesion.



At Blossom Project local people benefit from having a community space where they can meet, engage with other local residents and discuss issues that are close to their hearts.

Residents are given the opportunity to develop their own projects and co-develop activities with Blossom Project.

Discounted and Affordable Spaces for the Local Community

In 2024-2025, Blossom Project continued to offer its Hall booking and meeting rooms at discounted rates, providing local residents with an affordable and flexible alternative to commercial venues. These spaces serve as a valuable resource for the Tower Hamlets community, enabling individuals and groups to host a wide range of events, from parties and baby showers to mehndi parties, receptions, and community gatherings. By offering these spaces at a lower cost, Blossom Project ensures that even those from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to venues that might otherwise be out of reach. This initiative directly aligns with our objective to provide accessible and supportive services to local residents, helping to strengthen social connections and foster community cohesion. The ability to hire these spaces at affordable rates allows residents to celebrate life's milestones, engage in cultural traditions, and create shared experiences that enhance the sense of community in Tower Hamlets. Blossom Project's community space not only offers a practical solution for local events but also acts as a hub for social interaction, helping to build relationships and create lasting memories for local residents.



Special Thanks

First of all, we would like to thank all our Users, Residents, Volunteers and Partners for their support in delivering services that are most needed in the community.

Thanks to Ruzna and Mubin for their continued 'behind the scenes' support in establishing and coordinating projects voluntarily whilst building partnerships with local private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

A big thanks to Supporting Care who have been an excellent tenant for the last five years, and for supporting and training our volunteers, some of whom are now working with them as care workers.

Challenges

Blossom Project has been making progress in developing our services. There is still a lot of work to be done and challenges which need to be addressed through:

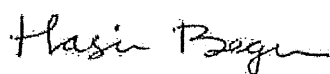
1. Targeted outreach to engage more local BAME Older Residents to the tea and coffee morning as well as local project engagement through arts and craft and healthy lifestyle.
2. Active involvement of participants in meetings, co-design and promoting the service.
3. Promoting our venue to local establishments and schools so that the venue can be used more frequently. So that we may continue to support our projects.
4. Diversifying our income strategy to fund future projects and activities.

Solutions/Planning

1. Continue to explore funding sources to develop; Tea and Coffee morning, Day Centre, and activities to tackle social isolation and loneliness for Older People and Vulnerable Adults.
2. Secure funding for tackling food poverty and unemployment.
3. Secure funding for youth club and children and young people after-school and holiday activities.
4. Develop advocacy and advice service for children and adults 'families project'.
5. Deliver a Women's self-defense club.
6. Continue to invest in Volunteers and develop a Volunteer Strategy.
7. Co-develop projects with residents, whilst building their capacity, skills, and confidence.
8. Promote affordable hall hire in local establishments as well as online.
9. Fundraising to recruit more permanent staff members.

Hasina Begum:

Blossom Project Chair of Trustees



Reserves Policy

Blossom Project seeks to establish and maintain reserves of funds within the terms of its constitution, and Reserve policy therein. We have taken into consideration the Charities Commission guidance to cover contingencies arising during our activities, as well as in the event of cessation of operations, or winding down costs. The charity currently maintains more than 6 months operational costs.

Risk Mitigation

The board has examined the principle areas of the charity's operations and considered the major risks, which may arise in these areas. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has adequate resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Financial position

The Statements of Financial Activities shows a surplus of £32,547 (£7,924 surplus in 2024). And the Balance Sheet at period end shows total funds at £86,176, and the charity has sufficient funds to continue into the next year.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Blossom Project Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

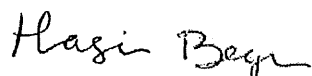
Independent Examiner's Report

An independent examination was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants. The company elected to dispense with the annual appointment of independent examiners. In the absence of a specific resolution, to the contrary Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP will continue in office.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on 20th December 2025.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors/trustees.



Hasina Begum
Blossom Project Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the period 01 April 2024 to 31 March 2025, which are set out on pages 21 to 25.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

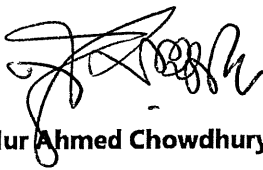
My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records have not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
or
- the accounts do not accord with the records, or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the methods have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nur Ahmed Chowdhury FCCA

Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP - Chartered Certified Accountants

Unit A, Abbots Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL.

20 December 2025

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2025

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities for generating funds	3	59,866	-	59,866	17,619
Charitable Activities Income	4	7,609	17,689	25,298	19,073
Total Income		67,475	17,689	85,164	36,692
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Voluntary Cost	5	-	1,065	1,065	343
Charitable Activities Cost	6	20,757	25,829	46,586	24,905
Administrative Cost	7	4,966	-	4,966	3,520
Total Resources Expended		25,723	26,894	52,617	28,768
NET INCOME /DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		41,752	(9,205)	32,547	7,924
Funds as at 31 March 2024		53,629		53,629	45,705
Fund Movement				-	-
Funds as at 31 March 2025	9	95,381	(9,205)	86,176	53,629

The notes on pages 23 to 25 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	£	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible Assets			-	-
Current Assets:				
Debtors and prepayments		12,600	12,600	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>75,576</u>	<u>43,029</u>	
		88,176	55,629	
Debtors:				
LBTH grant receivable		-	-	
Creditors:				
Amount falling due within one year	8	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>	
Net Current Assets			86,176	53,629
Total Net Assets			<u>86,176</u>	<u>53,629</u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds: General	9		86,176	53,629
Restricted fund	9		-	-
Total Funds			<u>86,176</u>	<u>53,629</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime' and accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 20 December 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


Husina Begum
Director/Trustee

The notes on pages 23 to 25 form part of these accounts.

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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income Recognition:

Income for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.
Grants/Donations received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.
Grants/Donations restricted to future accounting period are deferred and recognised in those periods.

1.3 Allocation of cost:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted fund according to the terms of income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to as well as using best possible professional judgements.

1.4 Support cost:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

1.5 Reserves Policy

In line with the best practice of charitable sector the charity plans to developed a reserve policy to provide financial stability, development of principal activities and guard against unforeseen costs. The directors authorise fund movements to meet those needs.

1.6 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity had adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the annual rates in order to write off each class of assets over its estimated useful life.

FF & Equipment's	20% on cost
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1.8 Funds:

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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• Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are the amounts derived from the provision of charitable services, facilities hire, the receipt of gifts and grants falling within the charity's ordinary activities. Donations received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds.

Income Summary

3 Fund generating activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Facilities hire	59,866	-	59,866	17,619
	<u>59,866</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,866</u>	<u>17,619</u>
4 Charitable Activities Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Project activities-LBTH	-	-	-	12,258
Project activities-others	-	17,689	17,689	-
Other charitable activities	7,609	-	7,609	6,815
	<u>7,609</u>	<u>17,689</u>	<u>25,298</u>	<u>19,073</u>
Total Income	<u>67,475</u>	<u>17,689</u>	<u>85,164</u>	<u>36,692</u>

Expenses Summary

5 Voluntary Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Volunteers cost	-	1,065	1,065	343
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,065</u>	<u>1,065</u>	<u>343</u>
6 Charitable Activities Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Sessional worker	-	11,625	11,625	2,143
Advertising cost	-	-	-	-
Rent, rates and insurance	20,757	13,838	34,595	22,680
Telephone & internet charges	-	366	366	82
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
	<u>20,757</u>	<u>25,829</u>	<u>46,586</u>	<u>24,905</u>
7 Administrative Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
a) Support Costs				
Rent, rates and insurance	3,844	-	3,844	2,520
Telephone & internet charges	122	-	122	-
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	-
	<u>3,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,966</u>	<u>2,520</u>
b) Governance Costs				
Management Expenses	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,000</u>
	<u>4,966</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,966</u>	<u>3,520</u>
Total Expenses	<u>25,723</u>	<u>26,894</u>	<u>52,617</u>	<u>28,768</u>

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8 Creditors: Amount Falling Due < One Year		2025	2024
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
		<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
 9 Movement in Funds			
	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total
	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2024	53,629	-	53,629
Current year Movement	41,752 (9,205)	(9,205) 9,205	32,547 -
As at 31 March 2025	<u>86,176</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>86,176</u>

10 Taxation

The entity is a registered charity and does not undertake non-charitable activities, hence entitling it to tax exemptions from HMRC.

11 Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

12 Transaction with Trustees

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year.

13 Contingent Liabilities

The company/charity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2025 nor at 31 March 2024.

14 Related Parties Transaction

There were no related party transactions during the year to disclose.

15 Gifts In Kind And Volunteers

During the year the company/charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

16 Employees

The charity was run by volunteers and sessional workers, and did not have any employees, during the year or in the prior year.

BLOSSOM PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1168022

Accounts

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2024



Blossom Project

Charity Number: 1168022

Company registered number: 09468147

Blossom Project Ltd
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Blossom Project Ltd

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2024

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Blossom Project Ltd

Charity Registration number: 1168022

Trustees

Hasina Begum Chair

Ruznna Begum

Sheikh Ahmed

Ruhana Begum (Resigned Nov.2023)

Company Secretary

Ruznna Begum Secretary

General Members

Rufia Begum

Rubina Begum

Helal Miah

Masud Ahmed

Yasmin Siddiqa Khanom

Lena Begum

Zakir Asir

Bank

Lloyds Bank

Account number: 27454562

Sort code: 30-99-50

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2024

Trustees' Report:

Introduction from the Chair

As we look ahead to the future, our vision for Blossom Project is to continue evolving as a vibrant and inclusive community hub. We aim to create a welcoming space where residents of Tower Hamlets, regardless of background, can access vital services and activities that might otherwise be out of reach. Whether it's our community café, exercise classes, after-school tuition, arts and crafts, intergenerational activities, or a meeting space for local groups, Blossom Project strives to be a place where everyone can come together to grow, learn, and thrive.

Our mission is to support all ages, cultures, and backgrounds, breaking down barriers and fostering a sense of belonging. Blossom Project plays a crucial role in connecting people, strengthening relationships, and enhancing social cohesion in our community. In particular, we are committed to supporting men's and women's mental health, providing much-needed services for those facing emotional and psychological challenges. Additionally, we are focused on creating meaningful opportunities for children and families, offering projects that nurture well-being and build resilience in the younger generation.

A key priority for us remains tackling social isolation and loneliness - especially among older people. Through targeted services like our befriending schemes, outreach programs, and social activities, we are working to ensure that older adults are not left behind and can feel connected and supported within the community.

As we move forward, we are excited to continue expanding our offerings - creating opportunities for learning, training, personal development, and family celebrations in an affordable, accessible environment. Blossom Project also remains dedicated to providing a range of activities that support mental health, well-being, and social connection for all ages.

However, the challenges we face are ever-evolving. In addition to adjusting to the changes brought on by the post-Covid world, we are navigating the rising cost of living and the ongoing impact of austerity. These challenges create an even greater need for accessible services, which Blossom Project is proud to provide. As we adapt to these conditions, we are committed to finding innovative ways to meet the growing demands of our community while ensuring that our services remain effective and sustainable.

Looking ahead to 2024-2025, we are eager to grow our network of partners and collaborators. We aim to co-develop new projects with the local community, ensuring that our work remains relevant, inclusive, and impactful. By embracing inclusive planning and adapting to both financial and social challenges, we will build on our successes and expand our capacity to meet the evolving needs of Tower Hamlets residents.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our trustees, members, volunteers, funders, and supporters. Your dedication, time, expertise, and generous contributions have been instrumental in the growth of Blossom Project. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Hasina Begum (**Blossom Project Chair of Trustees**)

Blossom Project Aim and Objectives

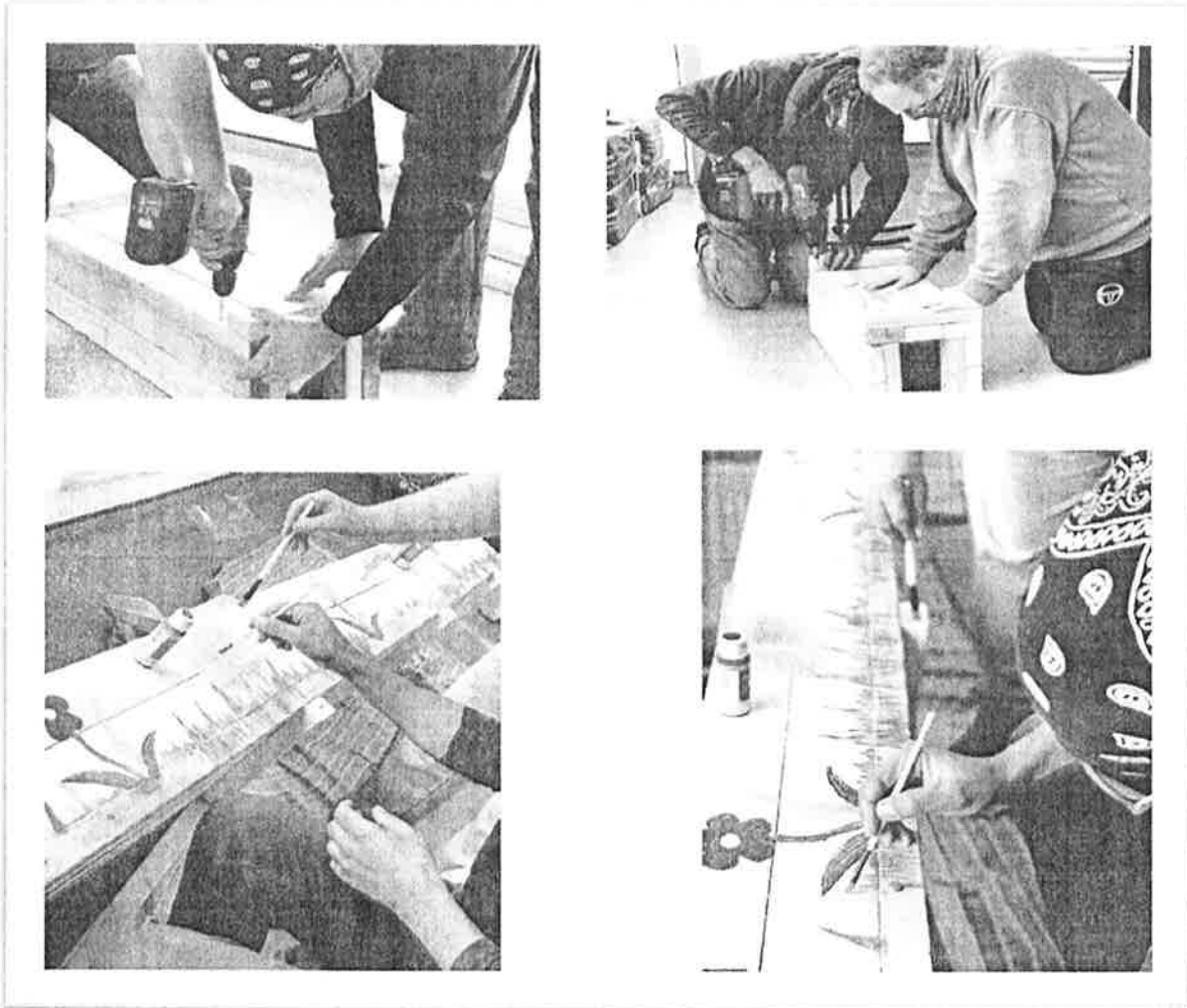
The charity aims to support the residents of Tower Hamlets and surrounding areas, particularly those in disadvantaged communities, by addressing the needs of individuals facing hardship due to age, infirmity, disability, youth, or poverty. We achieve this through advancing education, providing training for employment, and offering recreational and leisure facilities to improve quality of life. Our work includes services such as be-friending for the elderly, adult education and training, healthy eating initiatives, mental and physical health support, and activities for children and families.

We achieve this through:

- **Be-friending services** for the elderly, including outreach and regular telephone support for hard-to-reach and vulnerable individuals.
- **Day Resource Centre**, offering services like a luncheon club and trips for elderly and vulnerable adults suffering from isolation and neglect.
- **Information, advice, and advocacy** for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- **Adult education and training** for those not in employment or for non-English speakers, helping with education advancement.
- **Health promotion** services, supporting mental and physical well-being, including healthy eating initiatives and services for individuals with long-term conditions.
- **Children and family services**, offering support for families and providing services that promote well-being and healthy development.
- **Volunteering opportunities** to help residents build confidence and experience, aiding further education and work prospects.

Blossom Together Project: Tackling Loneliness and Social Isolation

Originally funded by Tower Hamlets Council and now self-funded by the Blossom Project, Blossom Together is a key initiative aimed at reducing loneliness and isolation within the local community. Tower Hamlets, one of the most deprived boroughs in London, has a significant number of residents facing social isolation, particularly the elderly, those with disabilities, and individuals living in poverty. Over 1 in 3 older residents report feeling lonely, a figure much higher than the national average, highlighting the urgent need for services that combat isolation. This project directly aligns with our objective to support vulnerable individuals, particularly those facing hardship due to age, infirmity, disability, and poverty.



In 2023-2024, our outreach worker and dedicated volunteers engaged with hard-to-reach individuals who experience loneliness, providing tailored support to improve their social well-being. Through a variety of activities—such as tea and coffee mornings, intergenerational conversational English sessions, walking clubs, light exercise, urban gardening, arts and crafts, and trips—we created opportunities for participants to connect, build relationships, and improve their mental and physical health. This year, we supported 65 local residents in Tower Hamlets, directly addressing the social isolation faced by individuals in disadvantaged communities.

Mental health concerns in the borough are also prevalent, with 1 in 4 adults expected to experience mental health issues at some point in their lives, further underscoring the need for programs that support well-being. By fostering social inclusion and creating a sense of belonging, Blossom Together contributes directly to our core objectives of enhancing quality of life, advancing education, and supporting mental and physical health for vulnerable individuals in the area.



The Blossom Together Project facilitated weekly Discussion Sessions including Wellbeing Workshops.

Community Café: A Warm Space for Connection

Since its inception in 2017, the Community Café has grown in response to an urgent need to address social isolation among older adults and vulnerable individuals in Tower Hamlets. The borough, with its significant levels of deprivation, has many residents who experience loneliness, particularly those who are elderly, disabled, or living in poverty. According to recent studies, over 25% of older adults in the borough report feeling socially isolated, and the Community Café serves as a vital lifeline to tackle this challenge.

Supported by the Blossom Together project, the Community Café hosts weekly tea and coffee mornings and lunchtime gatherings, providing a welcoming and inclusive environment for local residents. Our volunteers play a crucial role, working tirelessly to ensure that individuals have a warm, friendly space to meet, share a meal, and build meaningful connections with others. By offering this regular, no-cost service, the Café not only combats isolation but also contributes to improving the overall well-being of participants, offering them both social interaction and a sense of belonging.

In 2023-2024, the Café continued to be a central part of our efforts to improve the quality of life for local residents. Through these gatherings, we also supported participants in engaging with other services, offering information, advice, and community resources to further enhance their lives. This initiative is directly in line with Blossom Project's core objectives of supporting mental and physical health, advancing education, and providing a safe space for vulnerable individuals to thrive.



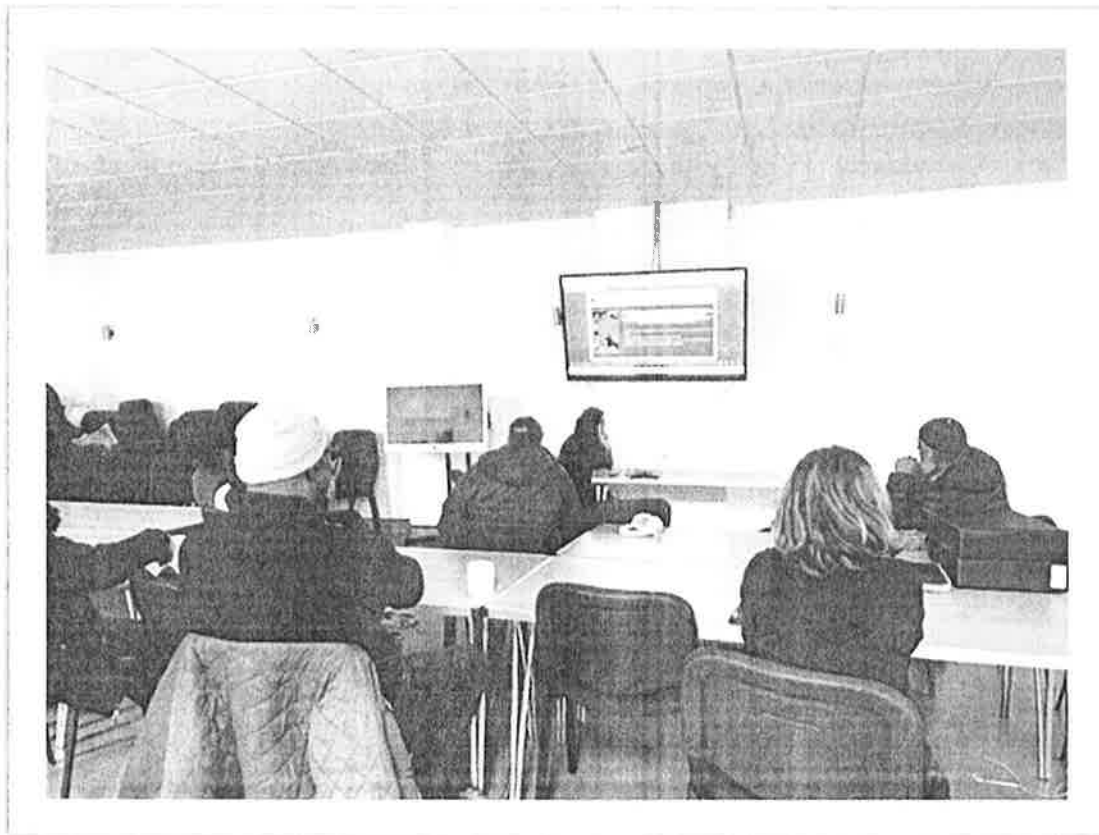
'Our Community Cafe brings people together, promoting greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building a cohesive community whilst tackling loneliness, health and social wellbeing'

Training and Employment Project

The Blossom Project has been collaborating with Supporting Care to engage individuals facing low or no income, helping them explore opportunities to enter or return to the workforce, particularly within the caring sector.

Through our work, we've identified several common barriers to employment, including lack of qualifications, limited skills, insufficient work experience, caring responsibilities (necessitating flexible work options), employer biases, low confidence, and challenges stemming from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Thanks to our partnership with Supporting Care, we've been able to provide tailored support to help local residents overcome these challenges. This includes offering personalised advice and guidance, accredited training programs, volunteering opportunities, work experience placements, and the creation of flexible employment opportunities that accommodate individuals' personal circumstances.



A hand up in tackling worklessness, promoting social mobility and aspiration by equipping local residents with the necessary skills and experience to achieve their employment goals with confidence and dignity.

Volunteering Project

The Blossom Project's Volunteering Initiative plays a vital role in making a positive impact on the community we serve. Our volunteers bring a diverse range of skills, experiences, and knowledge that enrich the work we do. Through volunteering, they have the opportunity to forge meaningful relationships within the community, including engaging those who are often hard to reach.



By investing in our volunteers, we can provide opportunities for skills development and potential routes to employment.

Our volunteers are instrumental in shaping the development and delivery of our services, providing invaluable local insights. They contribute in various areas, including outreach, activity development and coordination, service delivery, befriending, guidance, mentoring and administration.

Volunteering not only supports our beneficiaries in improving their health and wellbeing, but it also helps reduce social isolation, while fostering greater confidence and independence.

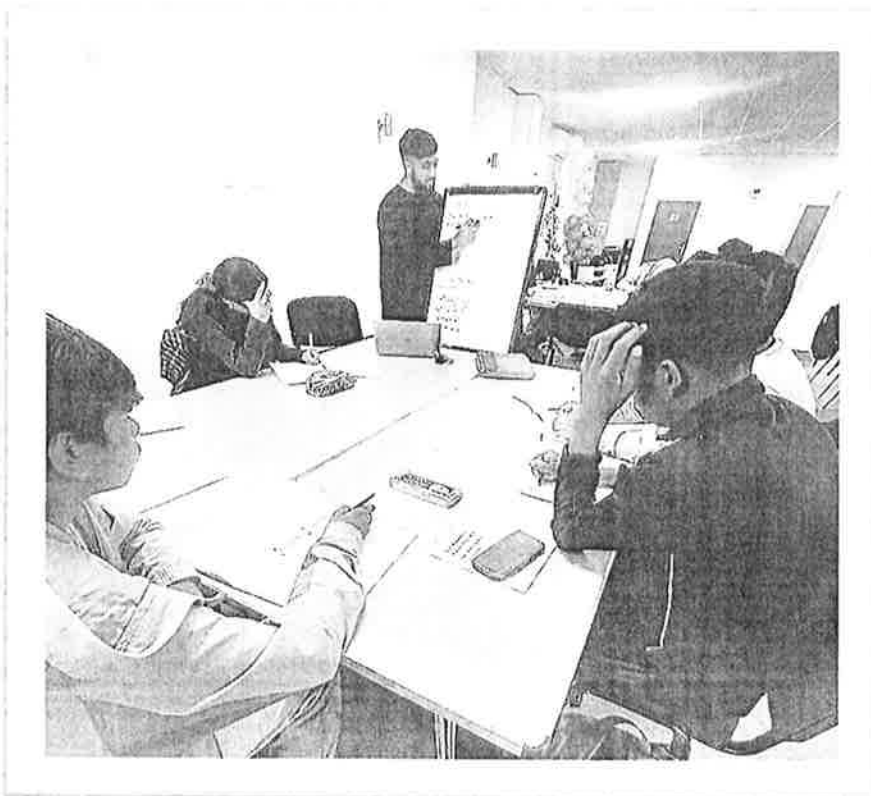
In 2023-2024, we successfully recruited 4 new volunteers, all of whom received training to equip them with the skills needed to thrive in their roles at Blossom Project.

Direct Learning Academy: Supplementary Tuition Classes

In 2023-2024, Blossom Project continued our valuable partnership with Direct Learning Academy to provide local children with essential supplementary tuition in English, Maths, and Science. Tower Hamlets, with its high levels of poverty and educational inequality, has a significant number of children and young people who face barriers to academic success. As part of our commitment to advancing education and tackling these challenges, the partnership aimed to bridge educational gaps and provide tailored support to help young people reach their full potential.

Through this partnership, 61 young people benefited from both group and one-on-one tutoring across a range of key stages, from KS2 to A Level Maths. The support provided focused on building confidence, improving academic performance, and offering tailored learning strategies to ensure that each child could excel in their studies. The service was particularly impactful for students facing additional challenges such as English as a second language or those from disadvantaged backgrounds, aligning with Blossom Project's objective to provide equal educational opportunities to those in need.

These supplementary classes played a crucial role in enhancing the academic outcomes of participants, with many students reporting improvements in their understanding and performance in core subjects. By offering this additional support, the Direct Learning Academy partnership helps us fulfil our mission of advancing education and supporting the academic development of young people in Tower Hamlets.



Through academic excellence, personalised learning and practicing exam questions young people are able to fill gaps in their subject knowledge and build confidence.

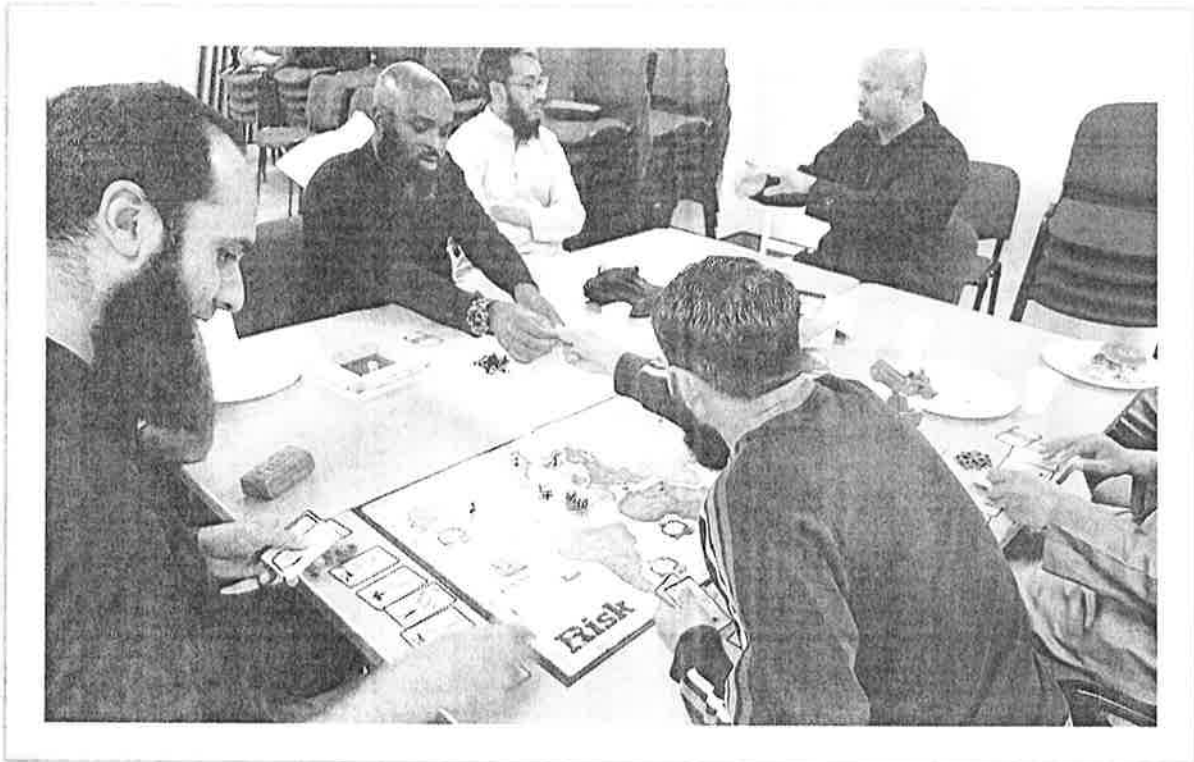
Mens Club: Community Connections

Community Connections is a grassroots pilot initiative designed to tackle social isolation, loneliness, and mental health challenges among BAME men in Tower Hamlets. With 16.1% of the population affected by depression and anxiety—the highest in London—this project seeks to provide a supportive network to foster resilience and raise awareness about mental health.

Activities include weekly games evenings, mental health workshops, and career development sessions. These initiatives aim to improve both mental and physical well-being by reducing stress, promoting social connections, and increasing self-confidence.

Additionally, the program offers workshops on communication, conflict resolution, goal-setting, and parenting, all designed to strengthen relationships and build self-esteem.

By focusing on both immediate and long-term mental health needs, Community Connections works to improve the lives of participants, combat isolation, and contribute to better mental well-being in the community.



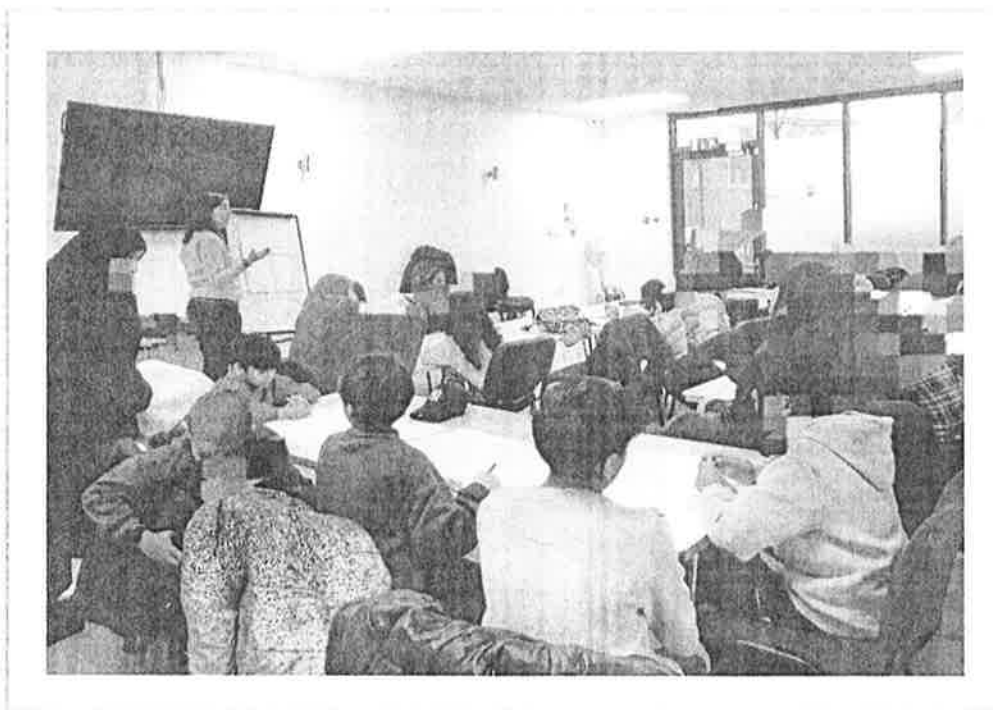
Family Eco Workshops in Partnership with Sunny Jar

In 2023-2024, Blossom Project partnered with Sunny Jar, a local social enterprise focused on promoting sustainability and community engagement, to deliver a series of Family Eco Workshops. Over six workshops, 13 families registered, with an average attendance of 27 people per session. These workshops educated families in Tower Hamlets on various aspects of eco-friendly living, covering topics such as reducing food waste, understanding environmental impacts, and adopting sustainable practices in daily life.

Key areas explored during the workshops included:

- **Food Wastage:** Raising awareness about food preservation, recycling, and minimizing waste.
- **Sewing and Mending:** Teaching participants how to repair and repurpose clothing, promoting sustainability in fashion.
- **Sustainable Travel:** Encouraging eco-friendly travel choices like walking, cycling, and using public transport.
- **Eco-Friendly Home Practices:** Sharing practical tips for creating greener homes, from energy conservation to reducing plastic use.

Sunny Jar's expertise in sustainability and community-led action helped deliver hands-on learning experiences, empowering families to make positive environmental changes in their lives. These workshops directly align with Blossom Project's mission to promote healthier, more sustainable living and strengthen community engagement.

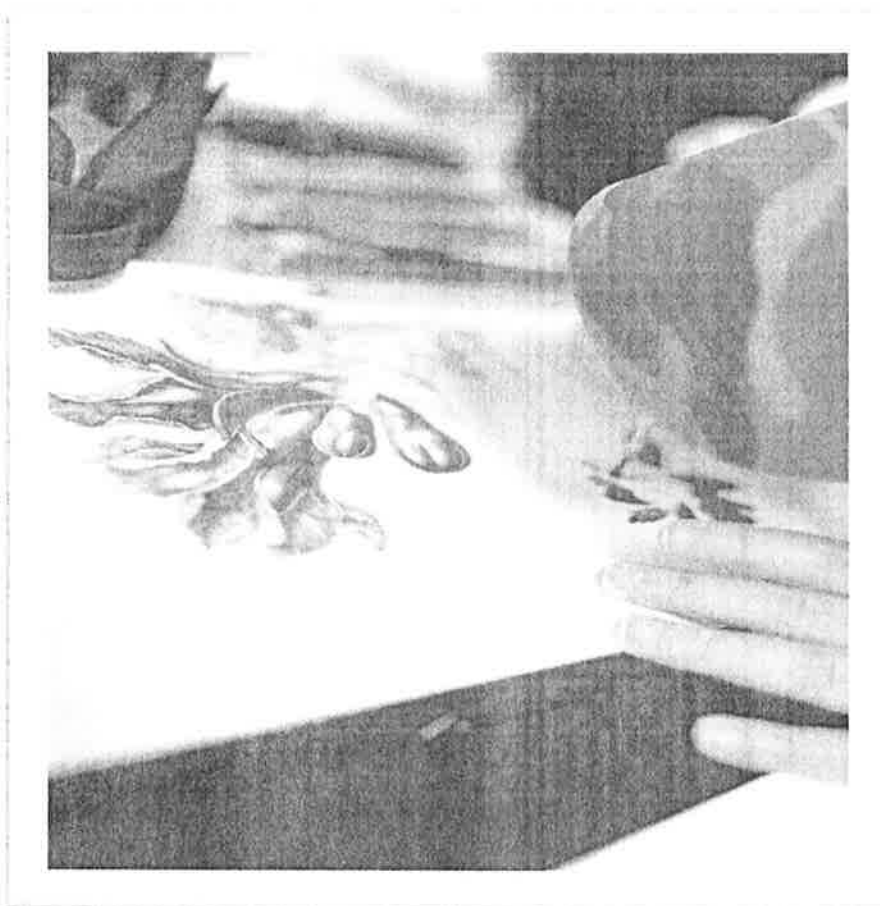


Nature Mindfulness Project

In 2023-2024, Blossom Project launched the Nature Mindfulness Project for children, aimed at promoting mental well-being, reducing stress, and fostering a deeper connection to nature. The project provided a holistic experience, combining creativity with mindfulness to encourage self-expression and emotional growth.

Activities included Nature Journaling, where children reflected on their surroundings and expressed their thoughts through writing and drawing; Arts and Crafts, allowing children to create nature-inspired artwork; Poetry and Science, blending creativity with learning about the environment; and Mindfulness practices to help children develop coping strategies for stress and anxiety.

This project supported Blossom Project's objectives by promoting mental health and well-being, advancing education through creative learning, and fostering a sense of community among participants. With an average attendance of 24 children per session, the project provided a valuable outlet for self-expression and mindfulness, contributing to the personal and educational development of young people in Tower Hamlets.



Healthy Families Initiative: Dental Workshop for Children and Families in Partnership with Dental Aid

In 2023-2024, Blossom Project organised a Dental Workshop in partnership with Dental Aid, a UK-based charity dedicated to improving access to dental care and raising awareness about oral health, particularly in underserved communities. The workshop, sponsored by Blossom Project, aimed to educate local children and families in Tower Hamlets on the importance of oral hygiene, prevention, and dental care.

The event featured dental professionals who provided practical advice on brushing techniques, the impact of diet on oral health, and the importance of regular dental check-ups. Participants also learned about the role of dental hygiene in overall health and well-being. The workshop included hands-on demonstrations and interactive activities designed to engage children and adults alike in maintaining better oral health habits.

The session was attended by 30 children and 18 adults, who gained valuable knowledge on how to care for their teeth and prevent common dental issues. This initiative supports Blossom Project's objective of improving the overall health and well-being of local families, particularly in areas where access to dental care and education is limited.



Chandogram Welfare Association

The Chandogram Welfare Association continues to be an active and valued group at the Blossom Project venue, where they work on various initiatives aimed at improving community cohesion both within Tower Hamlets and in their home village of Chandogram, Bangladesh. The Association's mission is to provide vital financial support and resources to individuals in need in Chandogram, with a particular focus on helping students access educational opportunities to improve their futures.

In 2023-2024, the Association has continued its important work, supporting disadvantaged families in Chandogram with financial aid, ensuring that vulnerable individuals and students can further their education and improve their quality of life.

Additionally, the Association plays a crucial role in connecting UK-based children of Chandogram families with their cultural heritage. By encouraging them to learn about their roots, the Association helps foster a sense of pride and belonging, creating an important link between the younger generation and their ancestral community. These cultural activities not only promote a deeper understanding of heritage but also strengthen relationships between local families in Tower Hamlets and their counterparts in Bangladesh. Through its continued presence at Blossom Project, the Chandogram Welfare Association contributes to our mission of fostering community cohesion.

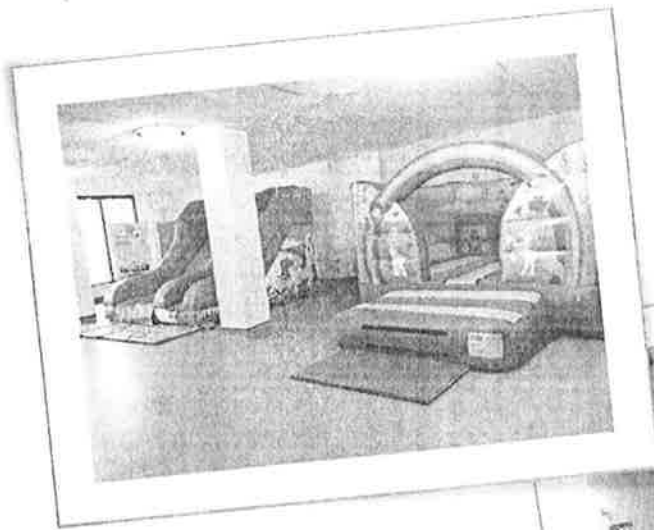


At Blossom Project local people benefit from having a community space where they can meet, engage with other local residents and discuss issues that are close to their hearts.

Residents are given the opportunity to develop their own projects and co-develop activities with Blossom Project.

Discounted and Affordable Spaces for the Local Community

In 2023-2024, Blossom Project continued to offer its Hall booking and meeting rooms at discounted rates, providing local residents with an affordable and flexible alternative to commercial venues. These spaces serve as a valuable resource for the Tower Hamlets community, enabling individuals and groups to host a wide range of events, from parties and baby showers to mehndi parties, receptions, and community gatherings. By offering these spaces at a lower cost, Blossom Project ensures that even those from disadvantaged backgrounds have access to venues that might otherwise be out of reach. This initiative directly aligns with our objective to provide accessible and supportive services to local residents, helping to strengthen social connections and foster community cohesion. The ability to hire these spaces at affordable rates allows residents to celebrate life's milestones, engage in cultural traditions, and create shared experiences that enhance the sense of community in Tower Hamlets. Blossom Project's community space not only offers a practical solution for local events but also acts as a hub for social interaction, helping to build relationships and create lasting memories for local residents.



Special Thanks

First of all, we would like to thank all our Users, Residents, Volunteers and Partners for their support in delivering services that are most needed in the community.

Thanks to Ruzna and Mubin for their continued 'behind the scenes' support in establishing and coordinating projects voluntarily whilst building partnerships with local private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

A big thanks to Supporting Care who have been an excellent tenant for the last five years, and for supporting and training our volunteers, some of whom are now working with them as care workers.

Challenges

Blossom Project has been making progress in developing our services. There is still a lot of work to be done and challenges which need to be addressed through:

1. Targeted outreach to engage more local BAME Older Residents to the tea and coffee morning as well as local project engagement through arts and craft and healthy lifestyle.
2. Active involvement of participants in meetings, co-design and promoting the service.
3. Promoting our venue to local establishments and schools so that the venue can be used more frequently. So that we may continue to fund our projects post Covid-19.
4. Diversifying our income strategy to fund future projects and activities.

Solutions/Planning

1. Continue to explore funding sources to develop; Tea and Coffee morning, Day Centre, and activities to tackle social isolation and loneliness for Older People and Vulnerable Adults.
2. Secure funding for tackling food poverty and unemployment due to Covid-19.
3. Secure funding for youth club and children and young people after-school and holiday activities.
4. Develop advocacy and advice service for children and adults 'families project'.
5. Deliver a Women's self-defense club.
6. Continue to invest in Volunteers and develop a Volunteer Strategy.
7. Co-develop projects with residents, whilst building their capacity, skills, and confidence.
8. Post Covid to promote affordable hall hire in local establishments as well as online.
9. Fundraising to recruit more permanent staff members.

Hasina Begum:

Blossom Project Chair of Trustees

Reserves Policy

Blossom Project seeks to establish and maintain reserves of funds within the terms of its constitution, and Reserve policy therein. We have taken into consideration the Charities Commission guidance to cover contingencies arising during our activities, as well as in the event of cessation of operations, or winding down costs.

Risk Mitigation

The board has examined the principle areas of the charity's operations and considered the major risks, which may arise in these areas. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has adequate resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Financial position

The Statements of Financial Activities shows a surplus of £7,924 (£29,746 surplus in 2023). And the Balance Sheet at period end shows total funds at £53,629, and the charity has sufficient funds to continue into the next year.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Blossom Project Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that

the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.


Independent Examiner's Report

An independent examination was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants. The company elected to dispense with the annual appointment of independent examiners. In the absence of a specific resolution, to the contrary Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP will continue in office.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on 27 January 2025.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors/trustees.



Hasina Begum
Blossom Project Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the period 01 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 22 to 30.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records have not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with the records, or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the methods have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nur Ahmed Chowdhury FCCA

Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP - Chartered Certified Accountants

Unit A, Abbots Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL.

27 January 2025

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities for generating funds	3	17,619	-	17,619	37,925
Charitable Activities Income	4	6,815	12,258	19,073	55,105
Total Income		24,434	12,258	36,692	93,030
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Voluntary Cost	5	-	343	343	2,019
Charitable Activities Cost	6	12,990	11,915	24,905	54,918
Administrative Cost	7	3,520	-	3,520	6,347
Total Resources Expended		16,510	12,258	28,768	63,284
NET INCOME /DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		7,924	-	7,924	29,746
Funds as at 31 March 2023		45,705		45,705	15,959
Fund Movement				-	-
Funds as at 31 March 2024	9	53,629	-	53,629	45,705

The notes on pages 25 to 30 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	£	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible Assets			-	-
Current Assets:				
Debtors and prepayments		12,600	12,600	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>43,029</u>	<u>36,598</u>	
		55,629	49,198	
Debtors:				
LBTH grant receivable		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	
Creditors:				
Amount falling due within one year	8	<u>1,000</u>	<u>3,493</u>	
Net Current Assets			54,629	45,705
Total Net Assets			<u><u>54,629</u></u>	<u><u>45,705</u></u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds: General	9		53,629	45,705
Restricted fund	9		-	-
Total Funds			<u><u>53,629</u></u>	<u><u>45,705</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and

- The director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime' and accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 27 January 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



Husina Begum
Director/Trustee

The notes on pages 25 to 30 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income Recognition:

Income for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

Grants/Donations received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.

Grants/Donations restricted to future accounting period are deferred and recognised in those periods.

1.3 Allocation of cost:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted fund according to the terms of income. Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to as well as using best possible professional judgements.

1.4 Support cost:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

1.5 Reserves Policy

In line with the best practice of charitable sector the charity plans to developed a reserve policy to provide financial stability, development of principal activities and guard against unforeseen costs.

The directors authorise fund movements to meet those needs.

1.6 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity had adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing accounts.

1.7

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the annual rates in order to write off each class of assets over its estimated useful life.

FF & Equipment's

20%
on cost

1.8

Funds:

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.
- Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024

2. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are the amounts derived from the provision of charitable services, facilities hire, the receipt of gifts and grants falling within the charity's ordinary activities. Donations received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds.

Income Summary

3 Fund generating activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Facilities hire	17,619	-	17,619	37,925
	17,619	-	17,619	37,925
4 Charitable Activities Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Project activities-LBTH	-	12,258	12,258	10,196
Other charitable activities	6,815		6,815	44,909
	6,815	12,258	19,073	55,105
Total Income	24,434	12,258	36,692	93,030

Expenses Summary

5 Voluntary Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Volunteers cost		343	343	2,019
	-	343	343	2,019
6 Charitable Activities Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Sessional worker		2,143	2,143	8,670
Advertising cost	-		-	-
Rent, rates and insurance	12,990	9,690	22,680	45,360
Telephone & internet charges		82	82	119
Repairs and maintenance			-	769
	12,990	11,915	24,905	54,918

7 Administrative Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
a) Support Costs	£	£	£	£
Rent, rates and insurance	2,520	-	2,520	5,040
Telephone & internet charges	-	-	-	51
Repairs and maintenance	-	-	-	256
	<hr/> 2,520	<hr/> -	<hr/> 2,520	<hr/> 5,347
b) Governance Costs				
Management Expenses	-	-	-	-
Accountancy Fees	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	<hr/> 1,000	<hr/> -	<hr/> 1,000	<hr/> 1,000
	<hr/> 3,520	<hr/> -	<hr/> 3,520	<hr/> 6,347
Total Expenses	<hr/> 16,510	<hr/> 12,258	<hr/> 28,768	<hr/> 63,284

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

8	Creditors: Amount Falling Due < One Year	2024		2023
		£		£
	Accruals and deferred income			3,493
		1,000		3,493

9	Movement in Funds	Unrestricted		Restricted	
		£	Fund	Fund	Total
				£	£
	As at 1 April 2023	45,705		-	45,705
	Current year Movement	7,924		-	7,924
		-		-	
	As at 31 March 2024	53,629		-	53,629

10 Taxation
The entity is a registered charity and does not undertake non-charitable activities, hence entitling it to tax exemptions from HMRC.

11 Post Balance Sheet Events
There were no significant post balance sheet events.

12 Transaction with Trustees
There were no transactions with the trustees during the year.

13 Contingent Liabilities
The company/charity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2024 nor at 31 March 2023.

14 Related Parties Transaction
There were no related party transactions during the year to disclose.

15 Gifts In Kind And Volunteers
During the year the company/charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

16 Employees

The charity was run by volunteers and sessional workers, and did not have any employees, during the year or in the prior year.

BLOSSOM PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1168022

Accounts

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2023



Blossom Project

Charity Number: 1168022

Company registered number: 09468147

Blossom Project Ltd
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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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Blossom Project Ltd

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Blossom Project Ltd
Charity Registration number: 1168022

Trustees

Ruhana Begum Chair
Hasina Begum Treasurer

Company Secretary

Ruzna Begum Secretary

General Members

Rufia Begum
Rubina Begum
Helal Miah
Masud Ahmed
Yasmin Siddiqa Khanom
Lena Begum
Zakir Asir

Project Manager

Mubin Ahmed Project Manager

Bank

Barclays Bank
Account number: 73258356
Sort code: 20-89-15

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2023

Trustees' Report:

Introduction from Chair

I am pleased to introduce this report of our charity. Coming out of the Covid 19 Pandemic 2022/23 has been a very good year for the charity with a lot to celebrate and be proud of. We have continued to expand our services for Older People in tackling loneliness and social isolation through our Blossom Together Year 3 project funded by Tower Hamlet Council, expanded our volunteering project and we continue to attract more local diverse residents who have benefited from having a local community space.

In addition, we have secured funding from Wakefield Tetley Trust to recruit our first BAME Outreach Coordinator. Older people and vulnerable adults in the BAME community have suffered disproportionately during the pandemic. The recruitment of a BAME Outreach Coordinator will make a difference to the lives of beneficiaries with language barriers as this is one of the most important things that builds trust and confidence.

Going forward our aim is for Blossom Project to continue to be a vibrant hub where all Tower Hamlets residents from every background can come together to gain access to free services or low-cost activities that would otherwise not be available to them. A Community Café, exercise classes, after school tuition, arts and crafts, intergenerational activities, activities for the family, a space for community groups to meet, a hub for education, a hub for learning and development, a hub for training for employment - and an affordable space for family celebrations.

As our name suggests, we want our community to grow and to blossom. Supporting all ages, all backgrounds and all cultures and without barriers - Blossom Project plays a key role in strengthening our community by connecting people.

We continue to broaden our network and strengthen our existing partnerships. We aim to co-develop new projects with the local community during 2023-2024 through Inclusive project planning whilst building our own capacity and adapting to a post-Covid world.

I thank our trustees, general members, professionals from partner organisations, volunteers, funders and supporters who have contributed to the growth of Blossom Project with their skills, generous amounts time, investment, dedication and expertise.

Ruhana Begum (Blossom Project Chair of Trustees)

Blossom Project Aim and Objectives

The charity's objects are for the benefits of the inhabitants of Tower Hamlets and neighbouring areas in London and in particular people of disadvantaged communities who are in hardship.

1. To relieve disadvantaged people who are in need by reason of age, infirmity, disability, youth or poverty. Advancing education in particular the provision of language and other subject classes.
2. To promote the education and training of disadvantaged people who through their social and economic circumstances are in need and unable to gain employment and to promote and support schemes where such people may receive training for employment.
3. The provision of facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants having need of facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, poverty, or social and economic circumstances.

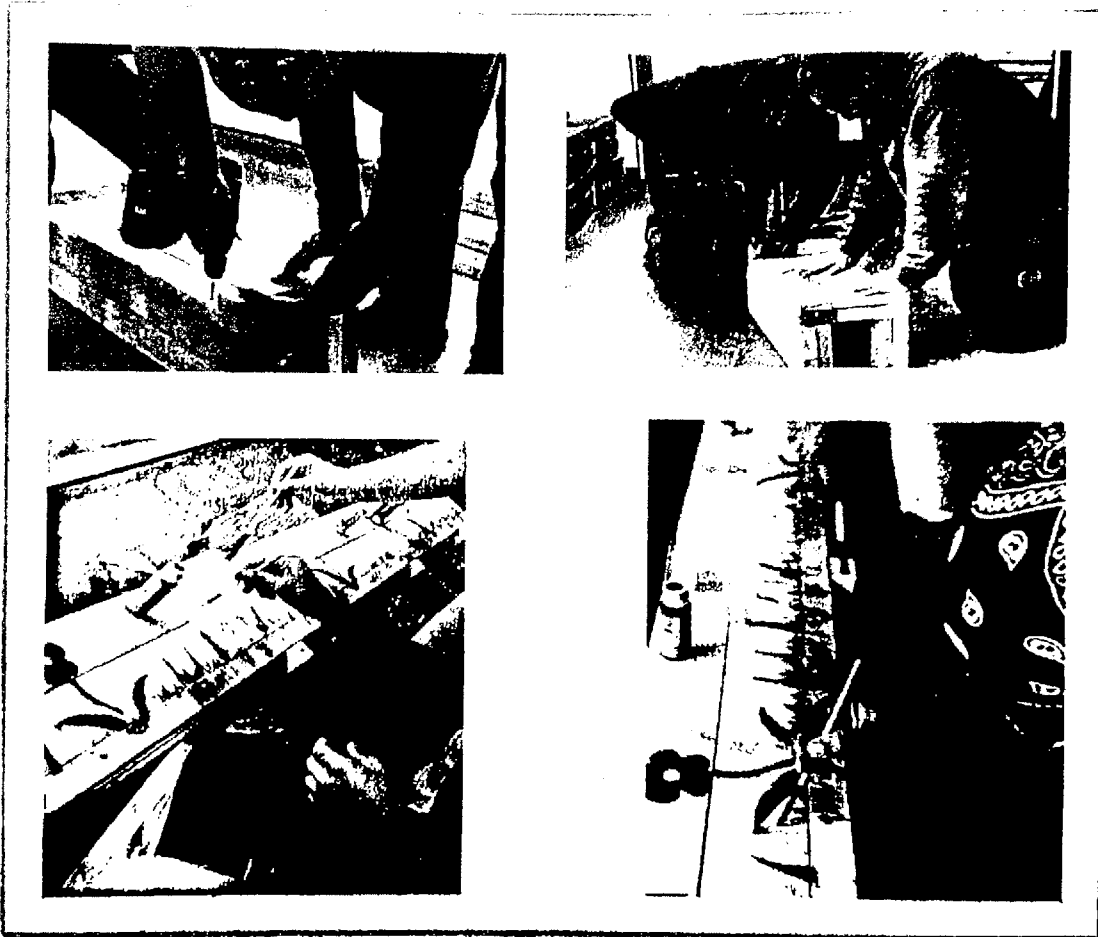
We aim to do this through:

- Be-friending services for the elderly through: Outreach and telephone to individuals regularly for hard to reach and vulnerable individuals.
- Day resources Centre, to offer resource Centre i.e., Luncheon club for the elderly and vulnerable adults suffering from isolation and neglect.
- Offering information, advice, and advocacy service for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- Training for adults, providing and advancement of education to those who are not in employment or whose English is a second language.
- Health Promotion, assisting and providing services for people living with mental and physical Long-Term Conditions. Also helping in the community by way of project management, advisory services, such other services as the director of the charitable company shall consider appropriate.
- Volunteering opportunities, through encouraging residents to build confidence and build experience to further education and work opportunities.

Blossom Together Project

Blossom Together funded by Tower Hamlet Council is a project that brings people together to tackle loneliness and isolation in the community.

In combating loneliness our outreach worker and volunteers engaged with and supported hard to reach individuals living with loneliness. They delivered activities such as tea/coffee mornings, intergenerational conversational English discussions, walking club and light exercise, urban gardening, arts and crafts and trips. 47 weekly Blossom Together sessions in total were delivered during the year with a total attendance of 515.



Activities such as urban gardening combined with arts enabled beneficiaries to assemble and paint their own planters. The planters were then used to grow herbs, salads, vegetables.



The Blossom Together Project facilitated weekly Discussion Sessions including Wellbeing Workshops.



Weekly Light Exercise at Blossom Together helped with mobility, physical and mental wellbeing.

Community Café

Our free Community Cafe has gone from strength since 2017 when Blossom Project identified an urgent need to tackle social isolation facing older people and vulnerable adults. Supported by the Blossom Together Project, the Community Café hosts weekly Tea/Coffee mornings and Lunches. Total attendance of this be-friending service have been 593 during 2021/22. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that local people have a warm and friendly place to meet, have a bite to eat and connect with other residents.

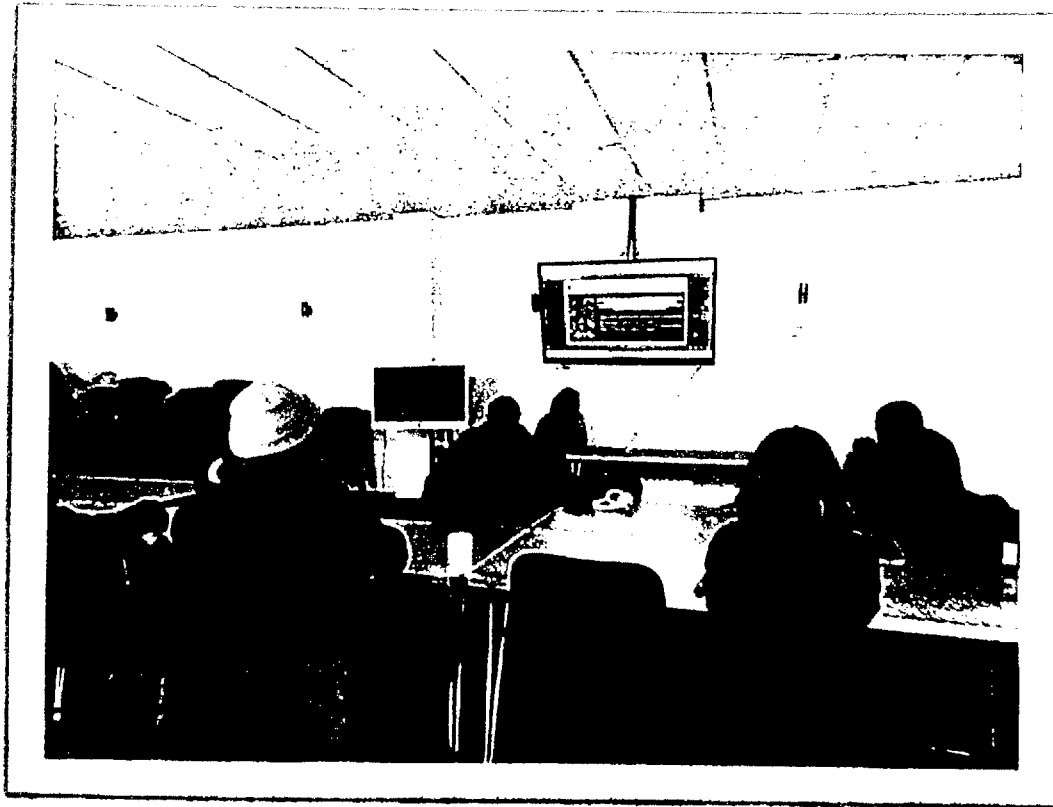


Training and Employment Project

Blossom Project has been working in partnership with Supporting Care in engaging residents on low or no income who may be interested in entering or returning back to employment within the caring sector.

We have found that common barriers to employment include lack of qualifications, low skills, lack of work experience, caring responsibilities (need for flexible employment), employer biases, confidence and coming from a disadvantaged background. Working in partnership with Supporting Care we have been able to support local people in overcoming these barriers through tailored support, advice and guidance, accredited training, volunteering opportunities, work experience and creating employment opportunities with flexible hours.

4 out of our 6 Volunteers recruited during 2022-2023 and received training at Blossom Project successfully gain Employment: Ridwan Karim, Md Abdul Sattar and Rohima Khatun.



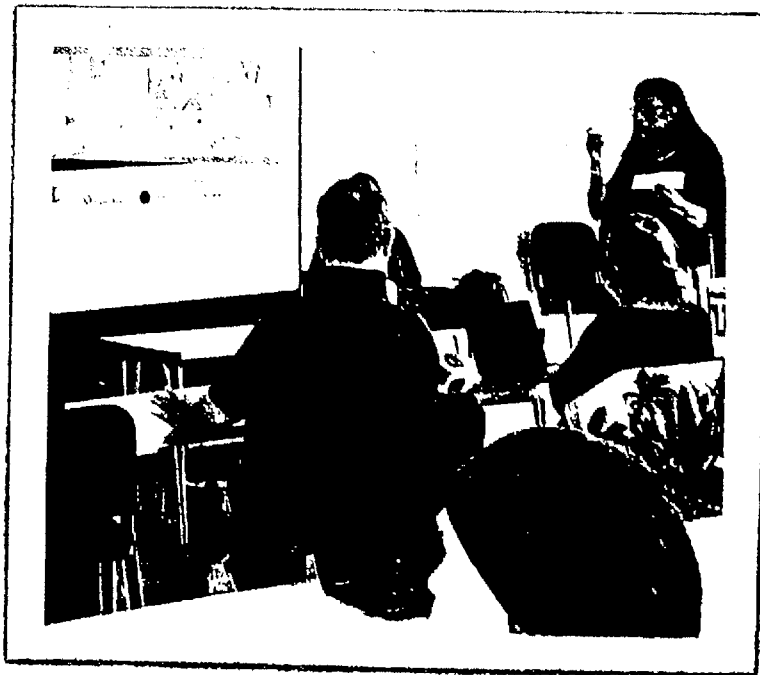
A hand up in tackling worklessness, promoting social mobility and aspiration by equipping local residents with the necessary skills and experience to achieve their employment goals with confidence and dignity.

Food Hygiene Courses



Energy Saving Workshops

To tackle the cost-of-living crises we delivered Energy Saving Workshops for local people.



Volunteering Project

Blossom Projects Volunteering Project makes a difference to the community we serve. Our volunteers have a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge. Through volunteering they are able to build relationships with the community and also engage those in the community that are hard to reach. They inform the development and delivery of our services with local knowledge that is invaluable.



By investing in our volunteers, we can provide opportunities for skills development and potential routes to employment.

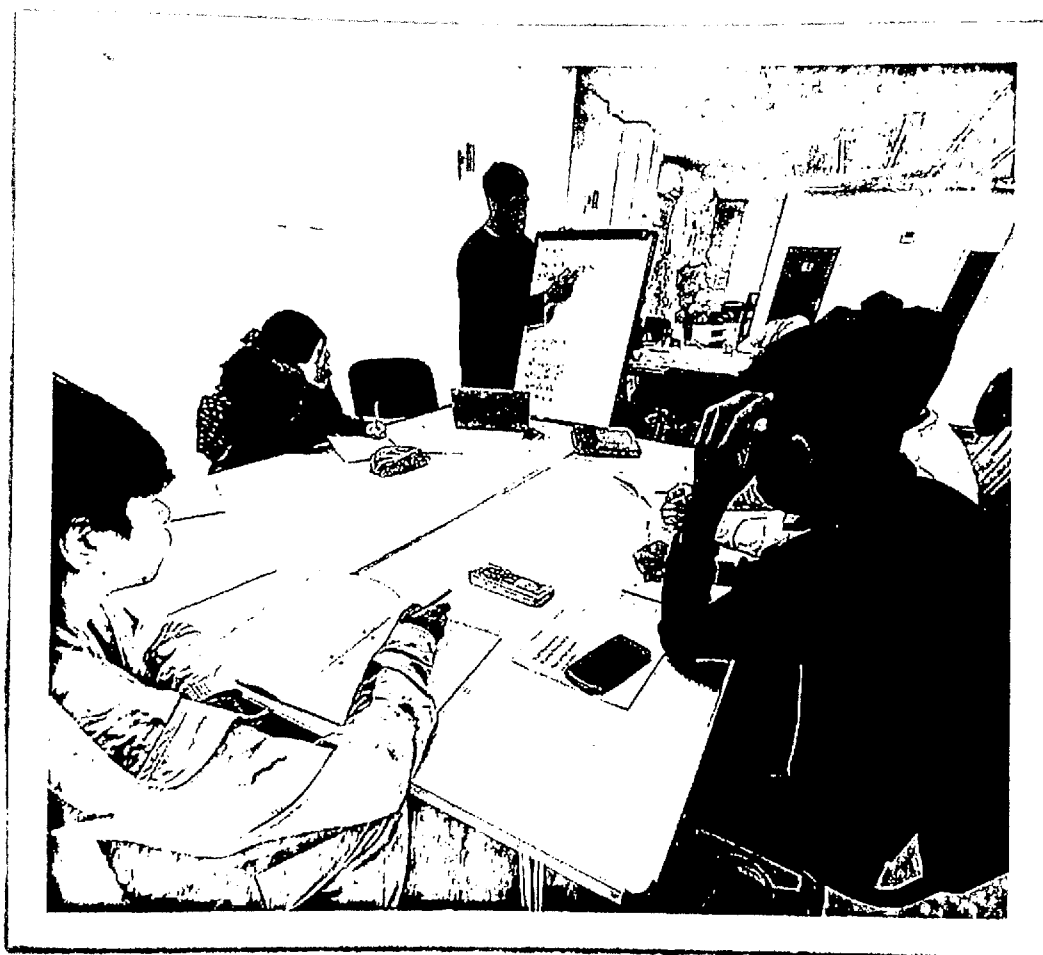
Our volunteers work in outreach, activity development and coordination, service delivery, befriending, guidance, mentoring, partnerships, policy development, governance, and administration. Volunteering helps our beneficiaries to improving their health and wellbeing, reduce their social isolation and build confidence and independence.

6 Volunteers were recruited during 2022-2023 and received training at Blossom Project. Pictured above is Rubel Miah, who now works for Supporting Care.

Direct Learning Academy: Supplementary Tuition Classes

Blossom Project worked in partnership with Direct Learning Academy to provide local children with the opportunity to supplement the development of their English, Maths and Science abilities.

51 young people in total benefited from this new partnership during 2022-2023 and received group and individual 1-1 support in KS2, KS3, KS4 and A Level Maths.



Through academic excellence, personalised learning and practicing exam questions young people are able to fill gaps in their subject knowledge and build confidence.

Chandogram Welfare Association

The Chandogram Welfare Association continues to meet at the Blossom Project venue to work on projects to improve community cohesion/relationships within their community in Bangladesh. It supports the population of Chandogram through financial aid and support for the poor people in the village including students to further their education.

In addition, the Association encourages the UK children of Chandogram families to learn about their heritage and culture and keep connections with Bangladesh.



At Blossom Project local people benefit from having a community space where they can meet, engage with other local residents and discuss issues that are close to their hearts.

Residents are given the opportunity to develop their own projects and co-develop activities with Blossom Project.

Discounted and Affordable Spaces for the Local Community

During 2022--2023 local people were unable to benefit from Blossom Project's Hall booking and meeting room. These are offered at discounted rate to residents of Tower Hamlets making it an affordable and flexible alternative to hiring out commercial halls and meeting rooms. We hope to offer these spaces following the Governments recently announced Covid Roadmap.



Special Thanks

First of all, we would like to thank all our Users, Residents, Volunteers and Partners for their support in delivering services that are most needed in the community.

Thanks to Hasina, Ruzna and Mubin for their continued 'behind the scenes' support in establishing and coordinating projects voluntarily whilst building partnerships with local private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

A big thanks to Supporting Care who have been an excellent tenant for the last five years, and for supporting and training our volunteers, some of whom are now working with them as care workers.

Challenges

Blossom Project has been making progress in developing our services. There is still a lot of work to be done and challenges which need to be addressed through:

1. Targeted outreach to engage more local BAME Older Residents to the tea and coffee morning as well as local project engagement through arts and craft and healthy lifestyle.
2. Active involvement of participants in meetings, co-design and promoting the service.
3. Promoting our venue to local establishments and schools so that the venue can be used more frequently. So that we may continue to fund our projects post Covid-19.
4. Diversifying our income strategy to fund future projects and activities.

Solutions/Planning

1. Continue to explore funding sources to develop; Tea and Coffee morning, Day Centre, and activities to tackle social isolation and loneliness for Older People and Vulnerable Adults.
2. Secure funding for tackling food poverty and unemployment due to Covid-19.
3. Secure funding for youth club and children and young people after-school activities.
4. Develop advocacy and advice service for children and adults 'familles project'.
5. Deliver a Women's self-defense club.
6. Continue to invest in Volunteers and develop a Volunteer Strategy.
7. Co-develop projects with residents, whilst building their capacity, skills, and confidence.
8. Post Covid to promote affordable hall hire in local establishments as well as online.
9. Fundraising to recruit more permanent staff members.

Ruhana Begum:
Blossom Project Chair of Trustees

Reserves Policy

Blossom Project seeks to establish and maintain reserves of funds within the terms of its constitution, and Reserve policy therein. We have taken into consideration the Charities Commission guidance to cover contingencies arising during our activities, as well as in the event of cessation of operations, or winding down costs.

Risk Mitigation

The board has examined the principle areas of the charity's operations and considered the major risks, which may arise in these areas. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has adequate resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Financial position

The Statements of Financial Activities shows a surplus of £29,746 (£11,860 deficit in 2022). And the Balance Sheet at period end shows total funds at £45,705, which was an expected improvement. The charity continues to be resilient and has sufficient funds to continue into the next year.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Blossom Project Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
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These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on 12 November 2023.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors/trustees.



Ruhana Begum
Blossom Project Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD

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Basis of independent examiner's report

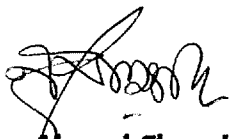
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- the methods have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nur Ahmed Chowdhury FCCA

Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP - Chartered Certified Accountants

Unit A, Abbots Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL.

12 November 2023

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
(A Company Limited by Guarantee)
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2023

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities for generating funds	3	37,925	-	37,925	33,780
Charitable Activities Income	4	42,334	12,771	55,105	17,162
Total Income		<u>80,259</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>93,030</u>	<u>50,942</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Voluntary Cost	5	1,009	1,010	2,019	745
Charitable Activities Cost	6	42,579	12,339	54,918	55,373
Administrative Cost	7	6,347	-	6,347	6,684
Total Resources Expended		<u>49,935</u>	<u>13,349</u>	<u>63,284</u>	<u>62,802</u>
NET INCOME /DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		30,324	(578)	29,746	(11,860)
Funds as at 31 March 2023		17,945	(1,986)	15,959	27,819
Fund Movement		(2,564)	2,564	-	-
Funds as at 31 March 2023	9	<u>45,705</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,705</u>	<u>15,959</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 23 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	£	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible Assets			-	-
Current Assets:				
Debtors and prepayments		12,600	12,600	
Cash at Bank and in hand		36,598	7,267	
		49,198	19,867	
Debtors:				
LBTH grant receivable		-	-	
Creditors:				
Amount falling due within one year	8	3,493	3,908	
Net Current Assets			45,705	15,959
Total Net Assets			45,705	15,959
Funds				
Unrestricted funds: General	9		45,705	17,945
Restricted fund	9		-	(1,986)
Total Funds			45,705	15,959

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

Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime' and accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 12 November 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Husina Begum
Director/Trustee



Ruzna Begum
Director/Trustee



The notes on pages 21 to 23 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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Notes to the financial statements
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1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income Recognition:

Income for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

Grants/Donations received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.

Grants/Donations restricted to future accounting period are deferred and recognised in those periods.

1.3 Allocation of cost:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted fund according to the terms of income.

Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the income they relate to as well as using best possible professional judgements.

1.4 Support cost:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

1.5 Reserves Policy

In line with the best practice of charitable sector the charity plans to developed a reserve policy to provide financial stability, development of principal activities and guard against unforeseen costs.

The directors authorise fund movements to meet those needs.

1.6 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity had adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the annual rates in order to write off each class of assets over its estimated useful life.

FF & Equipment's	20% on cost
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1.8 Funds:

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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• Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are the amounts derived from the provision of charitable services, facilities hire, the receipt of gifts and grants falling within the charity's ordinary activities. Donations received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds.

Income Summary

3 Fund generating activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Facilities hire	37,925	-	37,925	33,780
	<u>37,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,925</u>	<u>33,780</u>
4 Charitable Activities Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Project activities-LBTH	-	10,196	10,196	10,637
Other charitable activities	42,334	2,575	44,909	6,525
	<u>42,334</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>55,105</u>	<u>17,162</u>
Total Income	<u>80,259</u>	<u>12,771</u>	<u>93,030</u>	<u>50,942</u>

Expenses Summary

5 Voluntary Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Volunteers cost	1,009	1,010	2,019	745
	<u>1,009</u>	<u>1,010</u>	<u>2,019</u>	<u>745</u>
6 Charitable Activities Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Sessional worker	867	7,803	8,670	7,546
Advertising cost	-	-	-	1,591
Rent, rates and insurance	40,824	4,536	45,360	45,360
Telephone & internet charges	119	-	119	308
Repairs and maintenance	769	-	769	568
	<u>42,579</u>	<u>12,339</u>	<u>54,918</u>	<u>55,373</u>
7 Administrative Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
a) Support Costs	£	£	£	£
Rent, rates and insurance	5,040	-	5,040	5,040
Telephone & internet charges	51	-	51	103
Repairs and maintenance	258	-	258	189
	<u>5,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,347</u>	<u>5,332</u>
b) Governance Costs				
Management Expenses	-	-	-	352
Accountancy Fees	1,000	-	1,000	1,000
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>1,352</u>
	<u>6,347</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,347</u>	<u>6,684</u>
Total Expenses	<u>49,936</u>	<u>13,349</u>	<u>63,284</u>	<u>62,802</u>

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8 Creditors: Amount Falling Due < One Year		2023	2022
		£	£
Accruals and deferred income		3,493	3,908
		3,493	3,908
9 Movement in Funds			
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Fund	Fund	£
	£	£	
As at 1 April 2022	17,945	(1,986)	15,959
Current year	30,324	(578)	29,746
Movement	(2,564)	2,564	
As at 31 March 2023	45,705	-	45,705

10 Taxation

The entity is a registered charity and does not undertake non-charitable activities, hence entitling it to tax exemptions from HMRC.

11 Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

12 Transaction with Trustees

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year.

13 Contingent Liabilities

The company/charity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2023 nor at 31 March 2022.

14 Related Parties Transaction

There were no related party transactions during the year to disclose.

15 Gifts In Kind And Volunteers

During the year the company/charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

16 Employees

The charity was run by volunteers and sessional workers, and did not have any employees, during the year or in the prior year.

BLOSSOM PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1168022

Accounts

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2022



Blossom Project

Charity Number: 1168022

Company registered number: 09468147

Blossom Project Ltd
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THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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Blossom Project Ltd

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2022

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Blossom Project Ltd
Charity Registration number: 1168022

Trustees

Ruhana Begum Chair
Hasina Begum Treasurer

Company Secretary

Ruznna Begum Secretary

General Members

Rufia Begum
Rubina Begum
Helal Miah
Masud Ahmed
Yasmin Siddiqa Khanom
Lena Begum
Zakir Asir

Project Manager

Mubin Ahmed Project Manager

Bank

Barclays Bank
Account number: 73258356
Sort code: 20-89-15

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2022

Trustees' Report:

Introduction from Chair

I am pleased to introduce this report of our charity. 2021/22 has been a very challenging year coming out of Covid 19 and lockdown 3, but also a good year with a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

We have continued to expand our services for Older People in tackling loneliness and social isolation through our Blossom Together Year 2 project funded by Tower Hamlet Council, expanded our volunteering project and we continue to attract more local diverse residents who have benefited from having a local community space.

Working with Tower Hamlets Council we were able to adapt our services to be Covid Safe and continued to deliver services in a hybrid capacity during lockdowns and regional tier-based restrictions.

Building back better, our aim is for Blossom Project to be a vibrant hub where all residents can come together to gain access to free services or low-cost activities that would otherwise not be available to them. A Community Café, exercise classes, after school tuition, arts and crafts, intergenerational activities, activities for the family, a space for community groups to meet, a hub for education, a hub for learning and development, a hub for training for employment - and an affordable space for family celebrations.

As our name suggests we want our community to grow and to blossom. Supporting all ages, all backgrounds and all cultures and without barriers - Blossom Project plays a key role in strengthen our community by connecting people.

We continue to broaden our network and strengthen our existing partnerships. We aim to co-develop new projects with the local community during 2022-2023 through inclusive project planning whilst building our own capacity and adapting to a post-Covid world.

I thank our trustees, general members, professionals from partner organisations, volunteers, funders and supporters who have contributed to the growth of Blossom Project with their skills, generous amounts time, investment, dedication and expertise.

Ruhana Begum (Blossom Project Chair of Trustees)

Blossom Project Aim and Objectives

The charity's objects are for the benefits of the inhabitants of Tower Hamlets and neighbouring areas in London and in particular people of disadvantaged communities who are in hardship.

1. To relieve disadvantaged people who are in need by reason of age, infirmity, disability, youth or poverty. Advancing education in particular the provision of language and other subject classes.
2. To promote the education and training of disadvantaged people who through their social and economic circumstances are in need and unable to gain employment and to promote and support schemes where such people may receive training for employment.
3. The provision of facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants having need of facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, poverty, or social and economic circumstances.

We aim to do this through:

- Be-friending services for the elderly through; Outreach and telephone to individuals regularly for hard to reach and vulnerable individuals.
- Day resources Centre, to offer resource Centre i.e., Luncheon club for the elderly and vulnerable adults suffering from isolation and neglect.
- Offering information, advice, and advocacy service for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- Training for adults, providing and advancement of education to those who are not in employment or whose English is a second language.
- Health Promotion, assisting and providing services for people living with mental and physical Long-Term Conditions. Also helping in the community by way of project management, advisory services, such other services as the director of the charitable company shall consider appropriate.
- Volunteering opportunities, through encouraging residents to build confidence and build experience to further education and work opportunities.

Volunteering Project

Blossom Projects Volunteering Project makes a difference to the community we serve. Our volunteers have a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge. Through volunteering they are able to build relationships with the community and also engage those in the community that are hard to reach. They inform the development and delivery of our services with local knowledge that is invaluable.



By investing in our volunteers, we can provide opportunities for skills development and potential routes to employment.

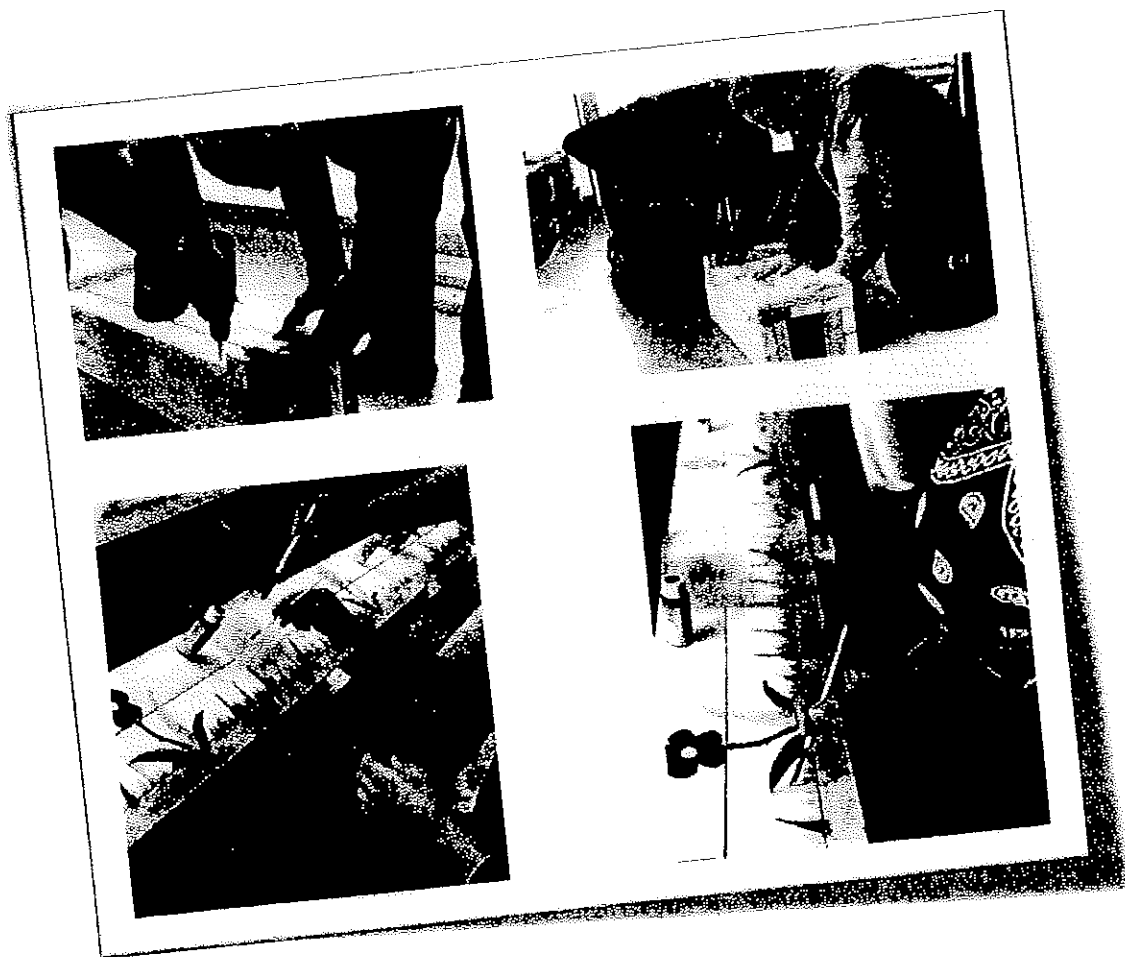
Our volunteers work in outreach, activity development and coordination, service delivery, befriending, guidance, mentoring, partnerships, policy development, governance, and administration. Volunteering helps our beneficiaries to improve their health and wellbeing, reduce their social isolation and build confidence and independence.

5 Volunteers were recruited during 2021-2022 and received training at Blossom Project: Sajeda Choudhury and Adiba Humaira as a Befriender, Tamanna Begum as an administrator (3 days per week), Stephanie Banerjeet as an Administrator (who successfully gained employment in a nursery) and Muhammad Ismail now working for Supporting Care as a Trainee and now started doing Health & Social Care Level 3

Blossom Together Project

Blossom Together funded by Tower Hamlet Council is a project that brings people together to tackle loneliness and isolation in the community.

In combating loneliness our outreach worker and volunteers engaged with and supported hard to reach individuals living with loneliness. They delivered activities such as tea/coffee mornings, intergenerational conversational English discussions, walking club and light exercise, urban gardening, arts and crafts and trips. 55 Blossom Together sessions in total were delivered during the year with a total attendance of 593.



Activities such as urban gardening combined with arts enabled beneficiaries to assemble and paint their own planters. These planters were then used to grow herbs, salads, vegetables.



The Blossom Together Project facilitated weekly Discussion Sessions including Wellbeing Workshops.



Weekly Light Exercise at Blossom Together helped with mobility, physical and mental wellbeing.

Community Café

Our free Community Cafe has gone from strength since 2017 when Blossom Project identified an urgent need to tackle social isolation facing older people and vulnerable adults. Supported by the Blossom Together Project, the Community Café hosts weekly Tea/Coffee mornings and Lunches. Total attendance of this be-friending service have been 593 during 2021/22. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that local people have a warm and friendly place to meet, have a bite to eat and connect with other residents.





'Our Community Cafe brings people together, promoting greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building a cohesive community whilst tackling loneliness, health and social wellbeing'

Training and Employment Project

Blossom Project has been working in partnership with Supporting Care in engaging residents on low or no income who may be interested in entering or returning back to employment within the caring sector.

We have found that common barriers to employment include lack of qualifications, low skills, lack of work experience, caring responsibilities (need for flexible employment), employer biases, confidence and coming from a disadvantaged background. Working in partnership with Supporting Care we have been able to support local people in overcoming these barriers through tailored support, advice and guidance, accredited training, volunteering opportunities, work experience and creating employment opportunities with flexible hours

2 out of our 5 Volunteers recruited during 2021-2022 and received training at Blossom Project successfully gain Employment: Stephanie Banajeet and Muhammad Ismail (pictured below).



A hand up in tackling worklessness, promoting social mobility and aspiration by equipping local residents with the necessary skills and experience to achieve their employment goals with confidence and dignity.

Food Hygiene Courses



Energy Saving Workshops

To tackle the cost-of-living crises we delivered a number of Energy Saving Workshops for local people.



The Chandogram Welfare Association continues to meet at the Blossom Project venue to work on projects to improve community cohesion/relationships within their community in Bangladesh. It supports the population of Chandogram through financial aid and support for the poor people in the village including students to further their education.

In addition, the Association encourages the UK children of Chandogram families to learn about their heritage and culture and keep connections with Bangladesh.



At Blossom Project local people benefit from having a community space where they can meet, engage with other local residents and discuss issues that are close to their hearts.

Residents are given the opportunity to develop their own projects and co-develop activities with Blossom Project.

Discounted and Affordable Spaces for the Local Community

During 2020-2021 local people were unable to benefit from Blossom Project's Hall booking and meeting room. These are offered at discounted rate to residents of Tower Hamlets making it an affordable and flexible alternative to hiring out commercial halls and meeting rooms. We hope to offer these spaces following the Governments recently announced Covid Roadmap.



Special Thanks

First of all, we would like to thank all our Users, Residents, Volunteers and Partners for their support in delivering services that are most needed in the community.

Thanks to Hasina, Ruzna and Mubin for their continued 'behind the scenes' support in establishing and coordinating projects voluntarily whilst building partnerships with local private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

A big thanks to Supporting Care who have been an excellent tenant for the last four years, and for supporting and training our volunteers, some of whom now are working with them as care workers.

Challenges

Blossom Project has been making progression in developing our services. There is still a lot of work to be done and challenges which need to be addressed through:

1. Targeted outreach to engage more local Older Residents to the tea and coffee morning as well as local project engagement through arts and craft and healthy lifestyle.
2. Active involvement of participants in meetings, co-design and promoting the service.
3. Adapting the Charity for a post Covid world, ensuring projects continue to run in a Covid safe environment.
4. Promoting our Covid Safe venue to local establishments and schools so that the venue can be in used more frequently. So that we may continue to fund our projects post Covid-19.
5. Diversifying our income strategy to fund future projects and activities.

Solutions/Planning

1. Continue to explore funding sources to develop; Tea and Coffee morning, Day Centre, and activities to tackle social isolation and loneliness for Older People and Vulnerable Adults.
2. Funding for tackling food poverty and unemployment due to Covid-19.
3. Funding for youth club and children and young people after school activities.
4. Develop advocacy and advice service for children and adults 'families project'.
5. Deliver a Women's self-defense club.
6. Continue to invest in Volunteers and develop a Volunteer Strategy.
7. Co-develop projects with residents, whilst building their capacity, skills, and confidence.
8. Post Covid to promote affordable hall hire in local establishments and possibly local 'East End Life' newspaper.
9. Fundraising to recruit more permanent staff members

Ruhana Begum:

Blossom Project Chair of Trustees

Reserves Policy

Blossom Project seeks to establish and maintain reserves of funds within the terms of its constitution, and Reserve policy therein. We have taken into consideration the Charities Commission guidance to cover contingencies arising during our activities, as well as in the event of cessation of operations, or winding down costs.

Risk Mitigation

The board has examined the principle areas of the charity's operations and considered the major risks, which may arise in these areas. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has adequate resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Financial position

The Statements of Financial Activities shows a deficit of £11,860 (£8,753 deficit in 2021). And the Balance Sheet at period end shows total funds at £15,959, which was expected following COVID-19. The accounting period coincided with a national lockdown amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited our activities somewhat, but the charity continues to be resilient and has sufficient funds to continue into the next year.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Blossom Project Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner's Report

An independent examination was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants. The company elected to dispense with the annual appointment of independent examiners. In the absence of a specific resolution, to the contrary Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP will continue in office.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on 27 January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors/trustees.



Ruhana Begum
Blossom Project Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the period 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, which are set out on pages 19 to 23.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records have not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
or
- the accounts do not accord with the records, or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the methods have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nur Ahmed Chowdhury FCCA

Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP - Chartered Certified Accountants

Unit A, Abbots Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL.

11 January 2023

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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For the year ended 31 March 2022

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INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities for generating funds	3	33,780	-	33,780	38,135
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Total Income		<u>45,956</u>	<u>4,986</u>	<u>50,942</u>	<u>53,281</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Voluntary Cost	5	745	-	745	1,162
Charitable Activities Cost	6	48,401	6,972	55,373	54,373
Administrative Cost	7	6,684	-	6,684	6,499
Total Resources Expended		<u>55,830</u>	<u>6,972</u>	<u>62,802</u>	<u>62,034</u>
NET INCOME /DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(9,874)	(1,986)	(11,860)	(8,753)
Funds as at 31 March 2021		25,833	1,986	27,819	36,572
Fund Movement		-	-	-	-
Funds as at 31 March 2022	9	<u>15,959</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,959</u>	<u>27,819</u>

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AS AT 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	£	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible Assets			-	-
Current Assets:				
Debtors and prepayments		12,600	12,600	
Cash at Bank and in hand		<u>7,267</u>	<u>16,483</u>	
		19,867	29,083	
Debtors:				
LBTH grant receivable		<u>-</u>	<u>1,986</u>	
Creditors:				
Amount falling due within one year	8	<u>3,908</u>	<u>3,250</u>	
Net Current Assets			15,959	27,819
Total Net Assets			<u><u>15,959</u></u>	<u><u>27,819</u></u>
Funds				
Unrestricted funds: General	9		17,945	25,833
Restricted fund	9		(1,986)	1,986
Total Funds			<u><u>15,959</u></u>	<u><u>27,819</u></u>

For the year ended 31 March 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

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- The director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime' and accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 11 January 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Husina Begum
Director/Trustee



Ruzna Begum
Director/Trustee



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Income Summary

3 Fund generating activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Facilities hire	33,780	-	33,780	38,135
	33,780	-	33,780	38,135

4 Charitable Activities Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Project activities-LBTH	5,651	4,986	10,637	10,146
Other charitable activities	6,525	-	6,525	5,000
	12,176	4,986	17,162	15,146
Total Income	45,956	4,986	50,942	53,281

Expenses Summary

5 Voluntary Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Volunteers cost	745	-	745	1,162
	745	-	745	1,162

6 Charitable Activities Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Sessional worker	574	6,972	7,546	7,084
Advertising cost	1,591	-	1,591	688
Rent, rates and insurance	45,360	-	45,360	45,516
Telephone & internet charges	308	-	308	312
Repairs and maintenance	568	-	568	773
	48,401	6,972	55,373	54,373

7 Administrative Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
a) Support Costs				
Rent, rates and insurance	5,040	-	5,040	5,057
Telephone & internet charges	103	-	103	104
Light & Heat	-	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance	189	-	189	258
	5,332	-	5,332	5,419
b) Governance Costs				
Management Expenses	352	-	352	230
Accountancy Fees	1,000	-	1,000	850
	1,352	-	1,352	1,080
	6,684	-	6,684	6,499
Total Expenses	55,830	6,972	62,802	62,034

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8	Creditors: Amount Falling Due < One Year	2022	2021
		£	£
	Accruals and deferred income	<u>3,908</u>	<u>2,400</u>
		<u>3,908</u>	<u>2,400</u>
9	Movement in Funds	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund
		£	£
	As at 1 April 2021	27,819	-
	Current year	(9,874)	(1,986)
	As at 31 March 2022	<u>17,945</u>	<u>(1,986)</u>
			<u>15,959</u>

10 Taxation

The entity is a registered charity and does not undertake non-charitable activities, hence entitling it to tax exemptions from HMRC.

11 Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

12 Transaction with Trustees

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year.

13 Contingent Liabilities

The company/charity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2022 nor at 31 March 2021.

14 Related Parties Transaction

There were no related party transactions during the year to disclose.

15 Gifts In Kind And Volunteers

During the year the company/charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

16 Employees

The charity was run by volunteers and sessional workers, and did not have any employees, during the year or in the prior year.

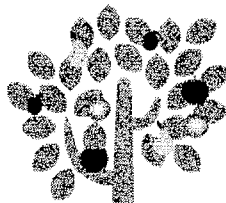
BLOSSOM PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1168022

Accounts

Blossom Project

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Blossom Project

Charity Number: 1168022

Company registered number: 09468147

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Blossom Project Ltd

Report of the trustees for the year ended 31 March 2021

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Blossom Project Ltd
Charity Registration number: 1168022

Trustees

Ruhana Begum Chair
Hasina Begum Treasurer

Company Secretary

Ruznna Begum Secretary

General Members

Rufia Begum
Rubina Begum
Helal Miah
Masud Ahmed
Yasmin Siddiqa Khanom
Lena Begum
Zakir Asir

Project Manager

Mubin Ahmed Project Manager

Bank

Barclays Bank
Account number: 73258356
Sort code: 20-89-15

Blossom Project

Annual Report for the year ending 31 March 2021

Trustees' Report:

Introduction from Chair

I am pleased to introduce this report of our charity. 2020/21 has been a very challenging year because of Covid 19, but also a good year with a lot to celebrate and be proud of.

We have continued to expand our services for Older People in tackling loneliness and social isolation through our Blossom Together project funded by Tower Hamlet Council, expanded our volunteering project and we continue to attract more local diverse residents who have benefited from having a local community space. We also worked with the homeless and supported people living on the streets with winter packs and food parcels as well as hot meals at the height of the pandemic. Working with Tower Hamlets Council we were able to adapt our services to be Covid Safe and continued to deliver services in a hybrid capacity during lockdowns and regional tier-based restrictions.

Building back better, our aim is for Blossom Project to be a vibrant hub where all residents can come together to gain access to free services or low-cost activities that would otherwise not be available to them. A Community Café, exercise classes, after school tuition, arts and crafts, intergenerational activities, activities for the family, a space for community groups to meet, a hub for education, a hub for learning and development, a hub for training for employment - and an affordable space for family celebrations.

As our name suggests we want our community to grow and to blossom. Supporting all ages, all backgrounds and all cultures and without barriers - Blossom Project plays a key role in strengthen our community by connecting people.

We continue to broaden our network and strengthen our existing partnerships. We aim to co-develop new projects with the local community during 2021-2022 through inclusive project planning whilst building our own capacity and adapting to a post-Covid world.

I thank our trustees, general members, professionals from partner organisations, volunteers, funders and supporters who have contributed to the growth of Blossom Project with their skills, generous amounts time, investment, dedication and expertise.

Ruhana Begum (**Blossom Project Chair of Trustees**)

Blossom Project Aim and Objectives

The charity's objects are for the benefits of the inhabitants of Tower Hamlets and neighbouring areas in London and in particular people of disadvantaged communities who are in hardship.

1. To relieve disadvantaged people who are in need by reason of age, infirmity, disability, youth or poverty. Advancing education in particular the provision of language and other subject classes.
2. To promote the education and training of disadvantaged people who through their social and economic circumstances are in need and unable to gain employment and to promote and support schemes where such people may receive training for employment.
3. The provision of facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants having need of facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity, poverty, or social and economic circumstances.

We aim to do this through:

- Be-friending services for the elderly through: Outreach and telephone to individuals regularly for hard to reach and vulnerable individuals.
- Day resources Centre, to offer resource Centre i.e., Luncheon club for the elderly and vulnerable adults suffering from isolation and neglect.
- Offering information, advice, and advocacy service for the elderly and vulnerable adults.
- Training for adults, providing and advancement of education to those who are not in employment or whose English is a second language.
- Health Promotion, assisting and providing services for people living with mental and physical Long-Term Conditions. Also helping in the community by way of project management, advisory services, such other services as the director of the charitable company shall consider appropriate.
- Volunteering opportunities, through encouraging residents to build confidence and build experience to further education and work opportunities.

Volunteering Project

Blossom Projects Volunteering Project makes a difference to the community we serve. Our volunteers have a wide range of skills, experience and knowledge. Through volunteering they are able to build relationships with the community and also engage those in the community that are hard to reach. They inform the development and delivery of our services with local knowledge that is invaluable.



By investing in our volunteers, we can provide opportunities for skills development and potential routes to employment.

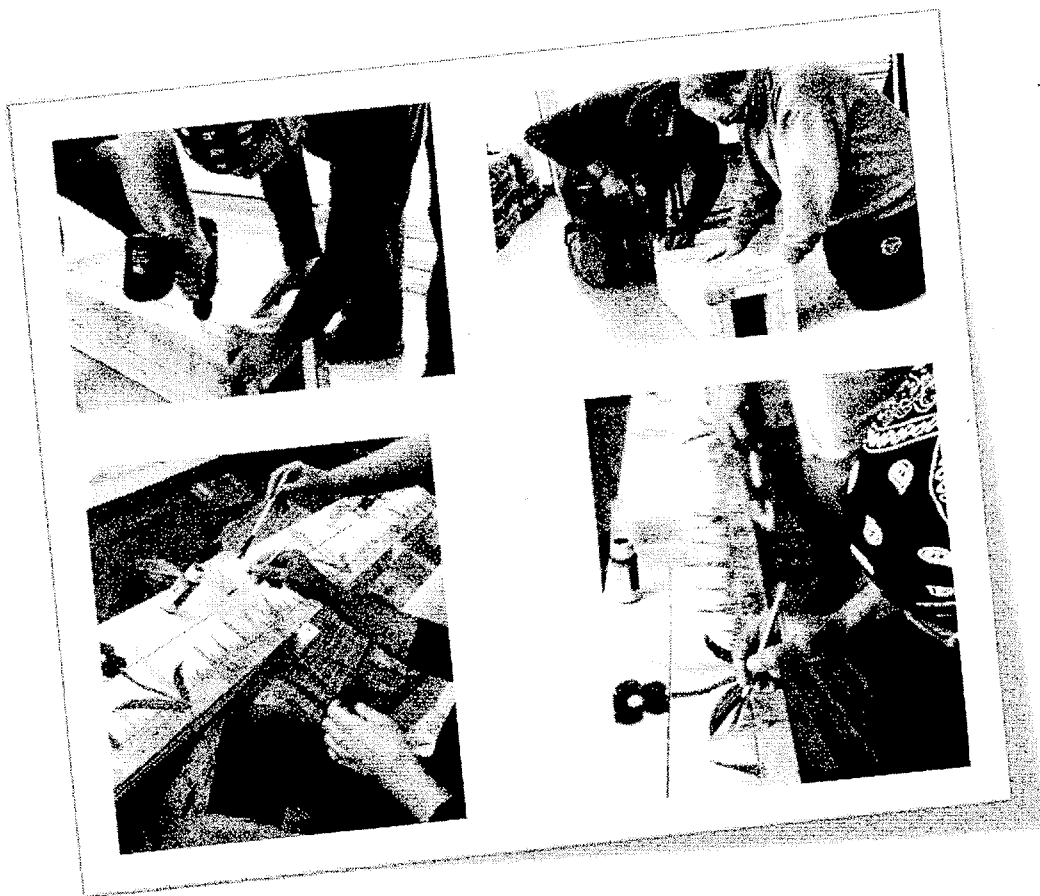
Our volunteers work in outreach, activity development and coordination, service delivery, befriending, guidance, mentoring, partnerships, policy development, governance, and administration. Volunteering helps our beneficiaries to improving their health and wellbeing, reduce their social isolation and build confidence and independence.

6 Volunteers were recruited during 2020-2021 and received training at Blossom Project: Asma Khatun, Eftychia Tsamantioti (successfully gained employment as a Carer), Mahjabin Sultana, Naima Chowdhury (successfully gained employment as Carer), Sajeedas Choudhury, Salma Noshin (successfully gained employment at an estate agent) and Shahara Begum (successfully gained employment as a Carer)

Blossom Together Project

Blossom Together funded by Tower Hamlet Council is a project that brings people together to tackle loneliness and isolation in the community.

In combating loneliness our outreach worker and volunteers engaged with and supported hard to reach individuals living with loneliness. They delivered activities such as tea/coffee mornings, intergenerational conversational English discussions, walking club and light exercise, urban gardening, arts and crafts and trips. 55 Blossom Together sessions in total were delivered during the year with a total attendance of 593.



Activities such as urban gardening combined with arts enabled beneficiaries to assemble and paint their own planters. These planters were then used to grow herbs, salads, vegetables.



The Blossom Together Project facilitated weekly Discussion Sessions including Wellbeing Workshops.



Weekly Light Exercise at Blossom Together helped with mobility, physical and mental wellbeing.

Community Café

Our free Community Cafe has gone from strength since 2017 when Blossom Project identified an urgent need to tackle social isolation facing older people and vulnerable adults. Funded by Poplar and Limehouse Health Network and supported by the Blossom Together Project, the Community Café hosts weekly Tea/Coffee mornings and Lunches. Total participants of this be-friending service have been 200 during 2020/21. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to ensure that local people have a warm and friendly place to meet, have a bite to eat and connect with other residents.



'Our Community Cafe brings people together, promoting greater understanding and respect between generations and contributes to building a cohesive community whilst tackling loneliness, health and social wellbeing'

Tackling Hunger: Winter Covid19 Packs

The most vulnerable suffered disproportionately during the pandemic including the homeless. In December 2020 in partnership with Supporting Care and Tower Hamlets Communities Diving Change, Blossom Project delivered over a 100 Winter Coved Packs to safeguard and feed the homeless. The packs included warm food, fleece blankets, winter socks and dental packs with Covid safety information.

18 MORRIS ROAD
LONDON
E14 6FF

Blossom Project
Safeguard & feed the homeless

Winter Pack:
- Face Mask
- Antibacterial Wipes
- Gloves - Fleece Blanket
- Socks - Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Warm Food Pack
- COVID19 Information

WINTER COVID19 PACK

SAT 19 Dec 20 - 5pm-8pm

Limited 100 packs
First come first served basis

NHS
HANDS FACE SPACE

Working in Partnership with supporting care

Blossom Project
0207 538 1010

DRIVING CHANGE



Blossom Project also ran a Soup Kitchen with hot food for homeless. We aim to continue to run this initiative annually to support our community.

Training and Employment Project

Blossom Project has been working in partnership with Supporting Care in engaging residents on low or no income who may be interested in entering or returning back to employment within the caring sector.

We have found that common barriers to employment include lack of qualifications, low skills, lack of work experience, caring responsibilities (need for flexible employment), employer biases, confidence and coming from a disadvantaged background. Working in partnership with Supporting Care we have been able to support local people in overcoming these barriers through tailored support, advice and guidance, accredited training, volunteering opportunities, work experience and creating employment opportunities with flexible hours

4 out of our 6 Volunteers recruited during 2020-2021 and received training at Blossom Project successfully gain Employment: Eftychia Tsamantioti, Naima Chowdhury, Salma Noshin and Shahara Begum.



A hand up in tackling worklessness, promoting social mobility and aspiration by equipping local residents with the necessary skills and experience to achieve their employment goals with confidence and dignity.

Veras Academy (Karate) + Fraternity of Martial Arts (Brazilian Jujitsu)

We continue our successful work in partnership with Veras Academy which provides fitness and physical activities to support local children and adults to develop a healthy, disciplined approach to well-being as well as develop self-discipline and confidence. We also welcomed the Fraternity of Martial Arts as a new partnership delivering Brazilian Jujitsu during 2020-2021.



Children and Families benefit immensely from these activities in enhancing their physical and mental wellbeing.

Chandogram Welfare Association

The Chandogram Welfare Association continues to meet at the Blossom Project venue to work on projects to improve community cohesion/relationships within their community in Bangladesh. It supports the population of Chandogram through financial aid and support for the poor people in the village including students to further their education.

In addition, the Association encourages the UK children of Chandogram families to learn about their heritage and culture and keep connections with Bangladesh.

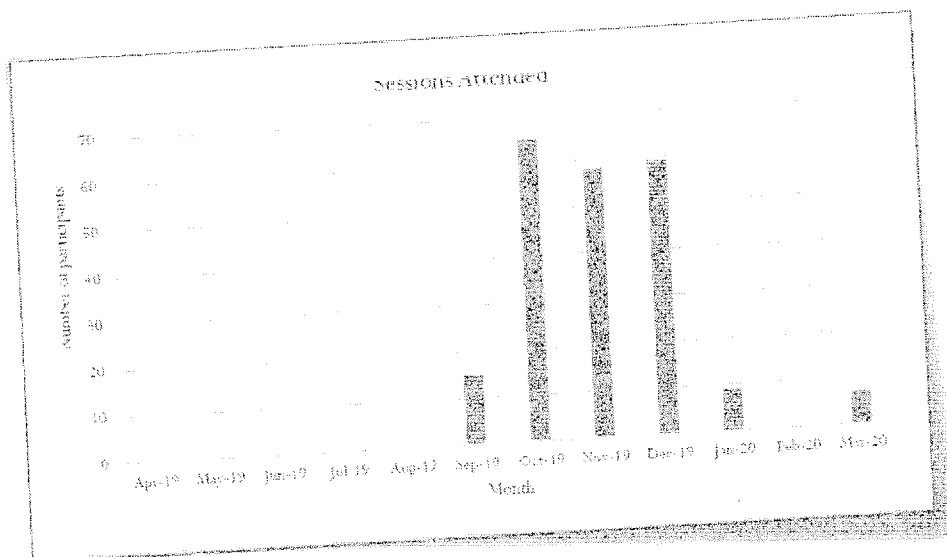


At Blossom Project local people benefit from having a community space where they can meet, engage with other local residents and discuss issues that are close to their hearts.

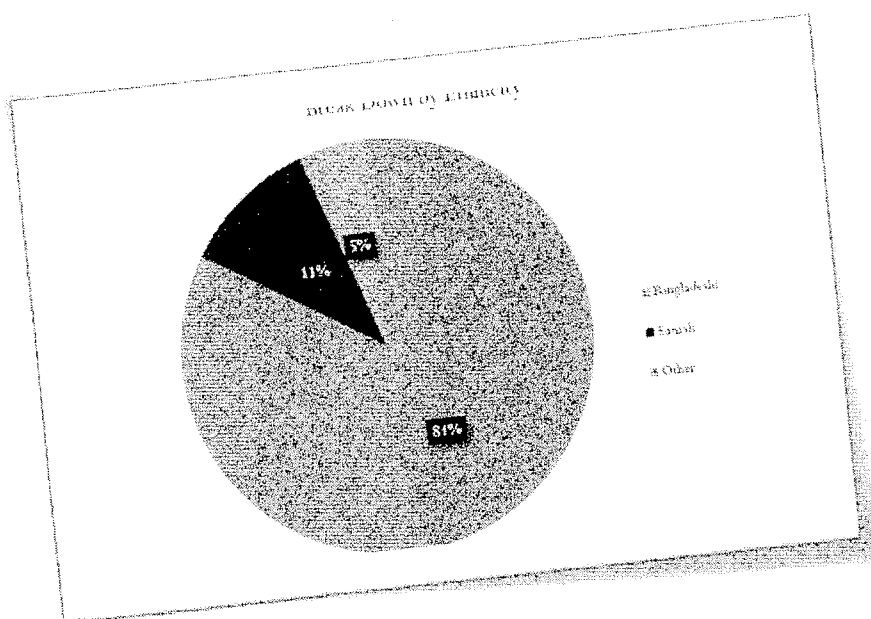
Residents are given the opportunity to develop their own projects and co-develop activities with Blossom Project.

The Study Spot

Blossom Project worked in partnership with TSS to provide local children with the opportunity to supplement the development of their English, Maths and Science abilities, whilst offering a childcare facility to local parents following the National Lockdown. TSS attracted families in taking up this local Ofsted and Dfe registered tuition and childcare service.



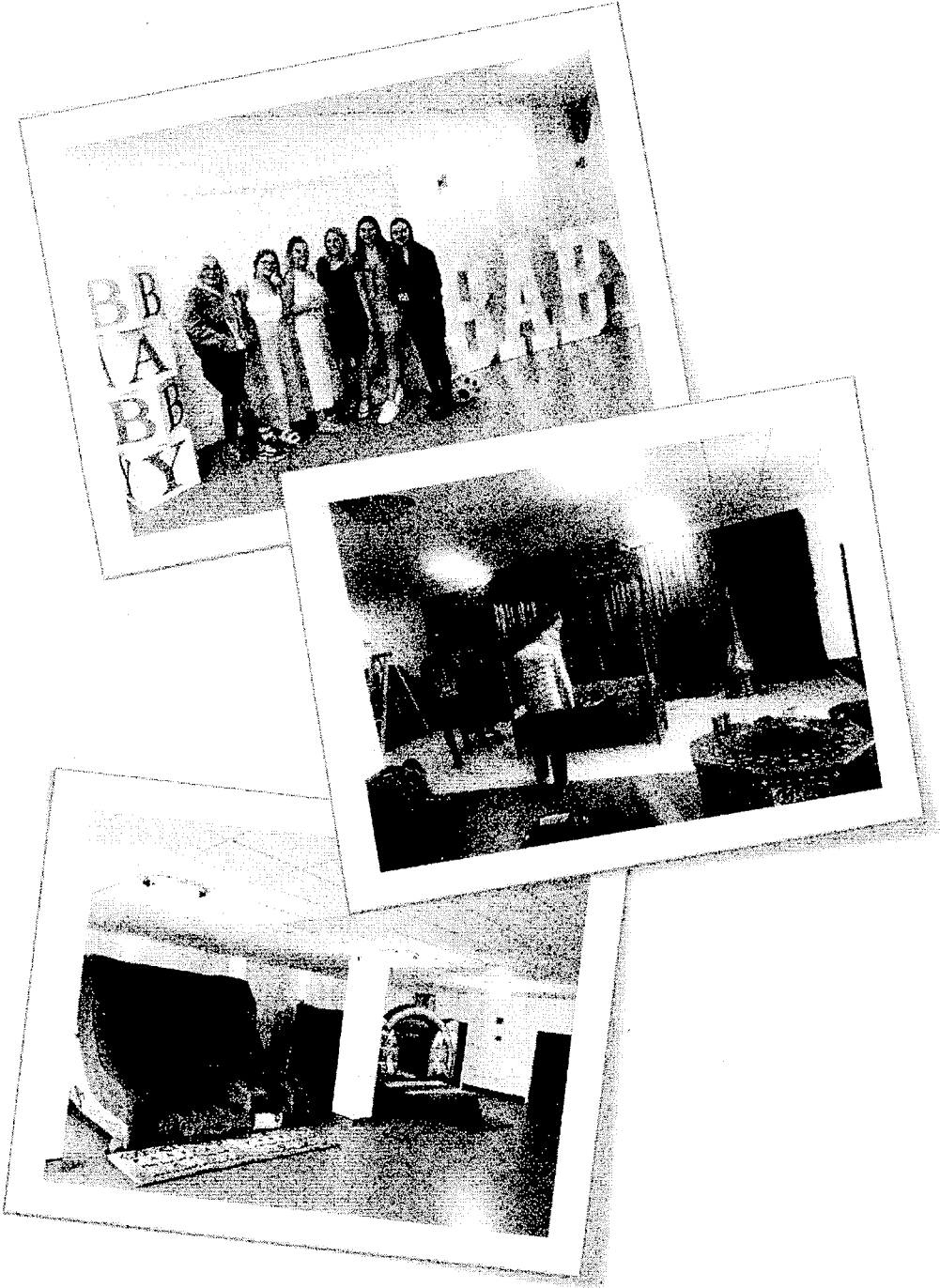
Primary and secondary school children attended between National Lockdowns during 2020-2021. The highest take up was between October and December with 55-65 attendees.



84% Bangladeshi and 11% Somali children attended sessions during 2020-2021.

Discounted and Affordable Spaces for the Local Community

During 2020-2021 local people were unable to benefit from Blossom Project's Hall booking and meeting room. These are offered at discounted rate to residents of Tower Hamlets making it an affordable and flexible alternative to hiring out commercial halls and meeting rooms. We hope to offer these spaces following the Governments recently announced Covid Roadmap.



Special Thanks

First of all, we would like to thank all our Users, Residents, Volunteers and Partners for their support in delivering services that are most needed in the community.

Thanks to Hasina, Ruzna and Mubin for their continued 'behind the scenes' support in establishing and coordinating projects voluntarily whilst building partnerships with local private, public and voluntary sector organisations.

A big thanks to Supporting Care who have been an excellent tenant for the last four years, and for supporting and training our volunteers, some of whom now are working with them as care workers.

Challenges

Blossom Project has been making progression in developing our services. There is still a lot of work to be done and challenges which need to be addressed through:

1. Targeted outreach to engage more local Older Residents to the tea and coffee morning as well as local project engagement through arts and craft and healthy lifestyle.
2. Active involvement of participants in meetings, co-design and promoting the service.
3. Adapting the Charity for a post Covid world, ensuring projects continue to run in a Covid safe environment.
4. Promoting our Covid Safe venue to local establishments and schools so that the venue can be in used more frequently. So that we may continue to fund our projects post Covid-19.
5. Diversifying our income strategy to fund future projects and activities.

Solutions/Planning

1. Continue to explore funding sources to develop; Tea and Coffee morning, Day Centre, and activities to tackle social isolation and loneliness for Older People and Vulnerable Adults.
2. Funding for tackling food poverty and unemployment due to Covid-19.
3. Funding for youth club and children and young people after school activities.
4. Develop advocacy and advice service for children and adults 'families project'.
5. Deliver a Women's self defense club.
6. Continue to invest in Volunteers and develop a Volunteer Strategy.
7. Co-develop projects with residents, whilst building their capacity, skills, and confidence.
8. Post Covid to promote affordable hall hire in local establishments and possibly local 'East End Life' newspaper.
9. Fundraising to recruit more permanent staff members

Ruhana Begum:

Blossom Project Chair of Trustees

Reserves Policy

Blossom Project seeks to establish and maintain reserves of funds within the terms of its constitution, and Reserve policy therein. We have taken into consideration the Charities Commission guidance to cover contingencies arising during our activities, as well as in the event of cessation of operations, or winding down costs.

Risk Mitigation

The board has examined the principle areas of the charity's operations and considered the major risks, which may arise in these areas. In the opinion of the trustees the charity has adequate resources and review systems which, under normal conditions, should allow the risks identified by them to be mitigated to an acceptable level in its day-to-day operations.

Financial position

The Statements of Financial Activities shows a deficit of £10,739 (£12,721 surplus in 2020). And the Balance Sheet at period end shows total funds at £25,833, which was expected following COVID-19. The accounting period coincided with a national lockdown amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, which limited our activities somewhat, but the charity continues to be resilient and has sufficient funds to continue into the next year.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also directors of Blossom Project Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that

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

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditor is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner's Report

An independent examination was carried out by Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP, Chartered Certified Accountants. The company elected to dispense with the annual appointment of independent examiners. In the absence of a specific resolution, to the contrary Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP will continue in office.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and in accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

This report was approved by the directors/trustees on 27 January 2022.

Signed on behalf of the board of directors/trustees.

✓
Ruhana Begum
Blossom Project Chair

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD

I report on the accounts of the company for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021, which are set out on pages 20 to 24.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records have not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with the records, or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the methods have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

I have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Nur Ahmed Chowdhury FCCA

Abacus Partners (Ldn) LLP - Chartered Certified Accountants

Unit A, Abbots Wharf, 93 Stainsby Road, London, E14 6JL.

27 January 2022

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
For the year ended 31 March 2021

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Activities for generating funds	3	38,135	-	38,135	53,525
Charitable Activities Income	4	10,160	4,986	15,146	17,170
Total Income		<u>48,295</u>	<u>4,986</u>	<u>53,281</u>	<u>70,695</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Voluntary Cost	5	1,162	-	1,162	3,118
Charitable Activities Cost	6	51,373	3,000	54,373	47,916
Administrative Cost	7	6,499	-	6,499	6,940
Total Resources Expended		<u>59,034</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>62,034</u>	<u>57,974</u>
NET INCOME /DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		(10,739)	1,986	(8,753)	12,721
Funds as at 31 March 2020		36,572	-	36,572	23,851
Fund Movement		-	-	-	-
Funds as at 31 March 2021	9	<u>25,833</u>	<u>1,986</u>	<u>27,819</u>	<u>36,572</u>

The notes on pages 22 to 24 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	£	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Fixed Assets:				
Tangible Assets			-	-
Current Assets:				
Debtors and prepayments		12,600	25,200	
Cash at Bank and in hand		16,483	13,772	
		29,083	38,972	
Debtors:				
LBTH grant receivable		1,986		
Creditors:				
Amount falling due within one year	8	3,250	2,400	
Net Current Assets			27,819	36,572
Total Net Assets			27,819	36,572
Funds				
Unrestricted funds: General	9		25,833	36,572
Restricted fund	9		1,986	
Total Funds			27,819	36,572

For the year ended 31 March 2021 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The director acknowledges their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime' and accordance with FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

These financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 27 January 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

✓
Husina Begum
Director/Trustee

✓
Ruzna Begum
Director/Trustee

The notes on pages 22 to 24 form part of these accounts.

BLOSSOM PROJECT LTD
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Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of accounts:

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) - (Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1.2 Income Recognition:

Income for immediate expenditure are accounted for when they become receivable.

Grants/Donations received for specific purposes are treated as restricted funds.

Grants/Donations restricted to future accounting period are deferred and recognised in those periods.

1.3 Allocation of cost:

Costs are allocated between restricted and unrestricted fund according to the terms of income.

Where items expended are mixed, they are apportioned between the categories according to the

income they relate to as well as using best possible professional judgements.

1.4 Support cost:

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the Trusts programmes and activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities.

1.5 Reserves Policy

In line with the best practice of charitable sector the charity plans to developed a reserve policy to provide financial stability, development of principal activities and guard against unforeseen costs.

The directors authorise fund movements to meet those needs.

1.6 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity had adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing accounts.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation:

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at the annual rates in order to write off each class of assets over its estimated useful life.

FF & Equipment's

20% on cost

1.8 Funds:

- Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.
- Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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For the year ended 31 March 2021

● Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. Incoming Resources

Incoming resources are the amounts derived from the provision of charitable services, facilities hire, the receipt of gifts and grants falling within the charity's ordinary activities. Donations received for the general purposes of the charity are included as unrestricted funds.

Income Summary

3 Fund generating activities	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Facilities hire	38,135	-	38,135	53,525
	<u>38,135</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,135</u>	<u>53,525</u>
4 Charitable Activities Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Project activities-LBTH	5,160	4,986	10,146	17,170
COVID-19 grant	5,000	-	5,000	-
	<u>10,160</u>	<u>4,986</u>	<u>15,146</u>	<u>17,170</u>
Total Income	<u>48,295</u>	<u>4,986</u>	<u>53,281</u>	<u>70,695</u>

Expenses Summary

5 Voluntary Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Volunteers cost	1,162	-	1,162	3,118
	<u>1,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,162</u>	<u>3,118</u>
6 Charitable Activities Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Sessional worker	4,084	3,000	7,084	
Advertising cost	688	-	688	
Rent, rates and insurance	45,516	-	45,516	45,360
Telephone & internet charges	312	-	312	226
Light & Heat	-	-	-	1,377
Repairs and maintenance	773	-	773	953
	<u>51,373</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>54,373</u>	<u>47,917</u>
7 Administrative Cost	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
a) Support Costs	£	£	£	£
Rent, rates and insurance	5,057	-	5,057	5,040
Telephone & internet charges	104	-	104	75
Light & Heat	-	-	-	153
Repairs and maintenance	258	-	258	317
	<u>5,419</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,419</u>	<u>5,585</u>
b) Governance Costs				
Management Expenses	230	-	230	155
Accountancy Fees	850	-	850	1,200
	<u>1,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>1,355</u>
	<u>6,499</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,499</u>	<u>6,940</u>
Total Expenses	<u>59,034</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>62,034</u>	<u>57,974</u>

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8 Creditors: Amount Falling Due < One Year		2021	2020
		£	£
Accruals		2,400	2,400
		<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>
 9 Movement in Funds	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Fund	Fund	£
	£	£	£
As at 1 April 2020	36,572	-	36,572
Current year	(10,739)	1,986	(8,753)
As at 31 March 2020	<u>25,833</u>	<u>1,986</u>	<u>27,819</u>

10 Taxation

The entity is a registered charity and does not undertake non-charitable activities, hence entitling it to tax exemptions from HMRC.

11 Post Balance Sheet Events

There were no significant post balance sheet events.

12 Transaction with Trustees

There were no transactions with the trustees during the year.

13 Contingent Liabilities

The company/charity had no contingent liabilities as at 31 March 2021 nor at 31 March 2020.

14 Related Parties Transaction

There were no related party transactions during the year to disclose.

15 Gifts In Kind And Volunteers

During the year the company/charity benefited from unpaid work performed by volunteers.

16 Employees

The charity was run by volunteers, and did not have any employees, during the year or in the prior year.