

Wollaton Park Community Association
(Registered charity, number 1168667)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2024

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**Wollaton Park Community Association
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

Full name Wollaton Park Community Association

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1168667

Principal address

Wollaton Park Community Centre, Harrow Road, Nottingham, NG8 1FG

Trustees

Sue Twyford, Chair

Joan Rosalyn Clarke, Vice Chair

Jean Low, Treasurer

Barbara Kluk, Secretary

Miriam Pearman

Nancy Briggs

Derek Shaw

Pamela Wheatcroft

Karen Roberts

Cate Woodward

David Atkins

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO Association Constitution, adopted 08/08/16.

We ask the various groups for volunteers or members of the area who are interested in the centre.

Objectives and activities

- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the Wollaton Park area of Nottingham without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- To establish, or secure the establishment of, a community centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the objects;
- To promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

We hire out rooms to various groups for activities, for example Tia Chi, Pilates, Songtime, Badminton, Ladies and Men's groups, Children's groups, Religious groups.

We also hire out the Centre for Birthday Parties, Wedding Celebrations and for other occasions.

We hold a Coffee Morning for Local Residents and this has proved very popular.

We still continue to run a garden tidy on the first Friday of the month which is manned by local volunteers. The garden is also used by local people who use the doctor's surgery, and their staff who sit in it for their lunch break when the weather is fine. It is also used by parents when they collect their children from the school next door.

The Coffee Morning is very well attended each week, it is a place where people can meet their friends for a chat or come and meet others and make new friends. The Community Police Officers call in regularly and chat to people and listen to any problems that they may be able to help with.

The centre is a well-run, well-used building for many local groups who would otherwise have nowhere else to meet, with good facilities in a pleasant and clean environment.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

As well as the usual groups who meet at the Centre we have had a busy year. We held our usual Xmas Fair which was very well attended and as usual we had a visit from Santa when the children were given a present.

Following the success of our Social Afternoon Tea last year we held another one this year which was well attended and we were entertained by a singer.

The Coffee Morning is still very well attended as it is a place where people can meet their friends and make new ones. The attendance has also grown over the last year. We also have a craft table once a month which is run by one of our members and is of great interest to a lot of people who have a go at making things.

The Community Support Officers still attend when they can although the Council have cut down on their numbers and so they have a wider area to attend.

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In September we took part in the Heritage Day and had an interesting walk around part of the estate with Graham Woodward telling us the history of the various houses and bungalows and Hawton Spinney. This was followed by Afternoon tea at the Centre where there was a display showing the history of the Centre since it was built in 1972 by members of the Community raising money by various means.

During this year we have had acoustic panels fitted in the hall and also new windows in the hall, decorated the lounge and corridors and have now set up a website. We also subsidised the Dementia Singing Group and the Yoga Group.

Financial review

At the end of the reporting period the association was in profit.

We are prudent and careful in what we spend as the grant from the Council gets less each year. We still have a savings account with the Skipton Building Society which is set aside for our reserves should we need it.

The charity's policy on reserves

We hold reserves for specific one-off expenditure that is not planned for. One-off expenditure is identified as that needed within the next 2 years. Our target level is £30,000+. Our current position is that we have the adequate funding in our reserve. There are no current known plans to use the reserve and we also have no plans to increase or decrease it. The reserves policy is reviewed regularly by the Trustees.

Financial risks

Nottingham City Council are cutting back on community spending and are considering closure of some centres, and also are going to cut or withdraw grant funding. This would be a small hit for the association if we lost council grants, however if they chose to close the centre this would be catastrophic.

We need to be able to maintain income from room hire for meetings, groups, and parties as this is our main source of income.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 6/1/25
Sue Twyford, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Wollaton Park Community Association
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Wollaton Park Community Association (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

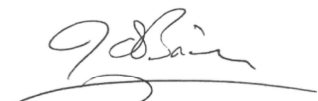
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed  Date 13/01/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 September 2024

2023				2024
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
	Receipts			
3850	Activities income	2327	-	2327
634	Bank interest	1072	-	1072
5281	Community Café sales	-	5239	5239
566	Fundraising	1428	-	1428
11941	Grants & donations	2 6592	12888	19480
33463	Room hire & car park	36166	-	36166
30	Sundry receipts	-	-	-
<u>55765</u>	Total receipts	<u>47585</u>	<u>18127</u>	<u>65712</u>
	Payments			
925	Activity classes	2450	-	2450
327	Bookkeeping	450	-	450
1103	Cleaning	2036	-	2036
2316	Community Café costs	-	1963	1963
6336	Equipment, repairs & renewals	1254	-	1254
970	Events & activities expenditure	427	-	427
1885	Freelance pay	2697	-	2697
-	Garden	-	3439	3439
1250	Honorarium	1040	-	1040
636	Independent examination	636	-	636
1114	Insurance	1114	-	1114
402	Licences	671	-	671
3258	Premises maintenance & security	7398	12000	19398
22	Printing & stationery	-	-	-
117	Refreshments	-	-	-
226	Sundry payments	83	-	83
1074	Telephone & postage	1641	-	1641
5614	Utilities & rent	1483	2494	3977
24690	Wages, NI & pension	22012	649	22661
-	Badminton transfer	470	-	470
<u>52265</u>	Total payments	<u>45862</u>	<u>20545</u>	<u>66407</u>
3500	Net receipts/(payments)	1723	(2418)	(695)
<u>96197</u>	Cash funds at start of this period	<u>76216</u>	<u>23481</u>	<u>99697</u>
<u>99697</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>77939</u>	<u>21063</u>	<u>99002</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 September 2024

2023			2024
£		Note	£
99461	Cash assets		
236	Bank accounts		99002
<u>99697</u>	Cash in hand		<u>-</u>
			<u>99002</u>
	Other monetary assets		
1025	Debtors	4	66
-	Prepayments	4	<u>1443</u>
<u>1025</u>			<u>1509</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	20 x Visitor Chairs, purchased July 23, cost £2208		
	Boiling water heater, purchased March 23, cost £1459		
	Kitchen appliances purchased December 20, £949.		
	Steam cleaning system purchased February 20, £3,780.		
	Storage units purchased September 19, £8,056.		
	Liabilities		
<u>(1747)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(1450)</u>
<u>(1747)</u>			<u>(1450)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Jean Low Dated 6.1.25
Jean Low, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Postcode Places Trust	-	12000	12000
East Midlands Airport Community Fund	-	888	888
Nottingham City Council	3341	-	3341
Sundry donations	3251	-	3251
	<u>6592</u>	<u>12888</u>	<u>19480</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds			
Garden Fund	314	888 (888)	314
Marjorie Kingsland Trust	14291	- (2551)	11740
Community Café	4907	5239 (1137)	9009
Big Lottery	3969	- (3969)	-
Postcode Lottery	-	12000 (12000)	-
	<u>23481</u>	<u>18127 (20545)</u>	<u>21063</u>
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	40464	45585 (43862)	42187
Hall floor reserve	8680	- -	8680
Opportunity reserve	27072	2000 (2000)	27072
	<u>76216</u>	<u>47585 (45862)</u>	<u>77939</u>

We still hold the Marjorie Kingsland fund which was a bequest made by a former Trustee of the Centre whose request was that it cover the Garden Costs and any other project the Trustees thought necessary which the Council would not provide for. We still have just under half of this money remaining as we are careful what we spend it on.

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4. Debtors & prepayment

	£
Debtor - personal payment paid in error	66
Prepayments - insurance	727
Prepayments - licence	191
Prepayments - IT costs	193
Prepayments - premises maintenance & security	332
	<u>1509</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	702
HMRC - tax & NI	608
Utilities - September usage	140
	<u>1450</u>

6. Premises & staff

The premises are provided by the local authority for a nominal rent of £10 per annum at present.

7. Trustees' remuneration

During the year, a total of £1,000 was paid to Jean Low, for administrative work done for the charity.

8. Related party transactions

During the year, Jason Pearman, who is the husband of Trustee Miriam Pearman, was paid a total of £121 for completing premises maintenance work at the centre.

9. Badminton club

In previous years the amounts of receipts and payments for the Badminton Club were included in the accounts of Wollaton park Community Association, however during this year the club has split away and are taking care of their own funds and the opening balance of £470 was transferred over to the club committee.

10. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.