



The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period

1st September 2020

To

31st August 2021

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

Also Known as: The Mayor's Charity

Registered Charity Number: 1169188

Charity's Principal Address: C/O The Mayor's Office
Wigan Town Hall
Library Street
Wigan
WN1 1YN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity:

Miss Judith Atherton

Mr Andrew Sharrock Chair and Treasurer

Mr Michael William Winstanley Secretary

Independent Examiner:

Stephen Atherton

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Structure, Governance and Management

Type of Governing Document:	Trust Deed adopted 13 th September 2016
How the Charity is constituted:	Membership of the Charity is open to everyone who can support the Charity and there are currently 10 members.
Trustee selection Method:	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the General Meeting usually held in May following the appointment of the Mayor for the ensuing Mayoral Year.

All trustees give their time voluntary and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Risk:	The risk that the charity is exposed to is reviewed annually by the trustees and due to its operating model the risk is deemed to be low and this is reflected in the reserve policy.
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Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objectives of the charity set out in its governing document:

To further such exclusively charitable purposes, according to the laws of England and Wales, as the trustees determine by the provision of grants.

Grant Making Policy:

The policy on grant making is that the incoming Mayor during their year as Deputy Mayor will select an organisation or organisations which they would like the charity to support during their Mayoral Year; they put this to the trustees who consider the request and make the decision to accept or reject the request. The organisation selected to be supported by the charity **must benefit the residents of the borough**. The charity prefers that the selected organisation uses the grant for some capital purpose, to give some longevity from the grant; but the charity does not rule out the grant being used for some revenue purpose. The selected organisation will discuss and agree with the charity how the grant will be used.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objectives:

During the year 2020 to 2021 due to Covid-19 the Mayor remained as Councillor Steven Dawber and the charities to be supported by The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal also remained as "Wigan Youth Zone" and "The Willow Project".

Wigan Youth Zone, a registered charity, is a purpose built, state-of-the-art youth facility in Wigan town centre which opened in June 2013. It offers young people from across Wigan the opportunity to meet friends, have new experiences, learn new skills and access the support they need to develop and achieve their potential.

The Youth Zone is open to all young people across Wigan aged from 8 to 21, striving to offer something for everyone, regardless of their interests or abilities. With almost 15 dedicated areas to choose from including our four 40-metre floodlit football pitches, art room, music room and climbing wall – there's something for everyone here at Wigan Youth Zone.

Their aim is simple, to provide the town's young people with somewhere to go, something to do and someone to talk to.

The Willow Project is a registered charity, supporting children, young people, and their families in the Wigan Borough, who are affected by mental health and emotional issues. The follow testimonials are from users and their family and highlight the value of The Willow Project:

"The mental health services for young people in the area are seriously underfunded. The Willow Project steps in to provide a much-needed service, the staff are friendly, put users/families at ease and always have a friendly face. I would highly recommend their services."

"Amazing people doing an amazing job, cannot thank you enough for the help you have given my 13 year old daughter. She has come so far and still has away to go but this service is amazing. The staff always make you feel welcome. They deserve funding to keep up this great service, giving an ear to listen and allowing a child to talk instead of telling them how they feel. Highly recommend wish I had found them sooner. Keep up the great work you do, words can't express my appreciation of what you do and have done so far."

The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal decided that the funds raised in support of the to beneficiaries would be split on a 80/20 percentage bases unless funding donated was specifically given for one of the organisations.

Due to Covid-19 there was very little activity by the Charity in terms of fund raising. The income to the charity during the year was generated by donations or contributions towards the Mayors Ball planned for April 2022. The Mayor and members of the charity are especially grateful for all donations received during this financial year; the pandemic made them even more special.

Achievements and Performance

Last year's Mayoral Charity Ball was cancelled due to the pandemic and it was decided that there would not be one this financial year. However, the charity has started to work towards staging a Charity Ball in April 2022 and has received donations towards this already.

The pandemic resulted in the charity being unable to stage any fund-raising activities itself and any income during this financial year were derived from donations.

During the year the Mayor, Councillor Steve Dawber, presented a part payment to Wigan Youth Zone for the sum of £10,839.80. This was used by Wigan Youth Zone to help secure additional funding of £500,000.

2020-2021 has been a strange, difficult and unprecedented year for us all, including the charity. The Mayor and Charity Trustees would like to say a very big and special thank you to all who have supported the charity during this very difficult year.

Financial Review

Reserve Policy:

The charity has no costs associated with meetings of the charity committee; the accommodation is provided free of charge by Wigan Council. Any costs associated with the administration of the charity are provided by the trustees at no cost to the charity. Any costs related to fundraising activities may be paid up front by the charity and then recouped from the proceeds of the event. The charity has no paid staff. In light of this the trustees have assessed that the charity does not require to hold any funds in reserve at this time.

Details of any funds materially in deficit:

Not applicable.

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Balance Sheet for the Year 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

ASSETS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance brought forward Councillor S Dawber	£13,341.99	Licenses	£20.00
Balance Brought Forward	£13,341.99	Wigan Youth Zone	£10,839.80
Donations to Current Account	£11,145.74		
Donations received via PayPal transferred to CA	£676.93		
Mayors Charity Ball - April 2022	£3,500.00		
Total Donations	£15,322.67		
Fund raising	£0.00		
TOTAL	£28,664.66	TOTAL	£10,859.80
Total Income for the Year	£28,664.66		
Less Total Expenditure for the Year	£10,859.80		
Balance for the Year	£17,804.86		
Current Account Balance	£17,804.86		
Total Balance	£17,804.86		

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above at a meeting held on 19TH FEBRUARY 2022

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Sharrock', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Andrew Sharrock
Chair

Date: 19TH FEBRUARY 2022

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Mayor of Wigans Charity Appeal

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1169188

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12 JAN 2022

Name:

STEVE ATHERTON

MA-B.A

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.