



The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

Trustees' Annual Report

For the Period

1st September 2023

To

31st August 2024

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

Bank:

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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 this year, 2023 to 2024, the Mayor was Councillor Kevin Anderson, The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal was selected two charities within the Borough to supported:

MamLeigh: This is a community organisation supporting all men, regardless of their background. Founded in 2022, it is supported by a board, steering group and team of dedicated volunteers. Statistically, men are less likely to access local peer-to-peer support than their female counterparts. But at the same time they are much more likely to suffer from problems associated with mental health. Providing a range of support services, ManLeigh oversee support groups and drop-in style sessions, providing a safe space for men to connect and build support structures.

Samaritans Wigan: The Wigan Borough branch of the Samaritans has been working to provide support to the local community since 1972. The organisation provides confidential, non-judgemental support 24 hours a day for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair, including those which could lead to suicide. Samaritans' volunteers run more than 200 local branches across the UK and Ireland and help to deliver 24-hour emotional support services. Local branches recruit new volunteers throughout the year and anyone who is considering helping out is encouraged to get in touch with their local branch.

Achievements and Performance

We held the annual 'The Mayor of Wigan Charity Ball' again. This is the biggest event that the Charity stages and this year it was held at the DW Stadium, Wigan. Yet again it was almost a sell-out. As well as being well attended everyone enjoyed the food, drink, DJ and local female vocalist Olivia Garcia. It was also attended by many of the Civic Heads from the Greater Manchester conurbation and from St Helens, the Deputy Lieutenant Melanie Bryan OBE was also present at the Ball, along with the Scarlet Guards.

We had another very enjoyable visit to the Wigan Brew House and people enjoyed a guided tour of the brewery and picked up some knowledge about the brews on tap, along with some light refreshments and good conversation with friends; plus, the mandatory raffle.

The Prayer Breakfast was held again, with speaker, prayers and breakfast.

Thanks to the help and support of the staff and volunteers at Haigh Woodland Park we had a very enjoyable walk around the estate and surrounding area, raising money for the charity. It was not a sponsored walk but there was a charge to be a participant in the walk. The walk ended in the food court at Haigh Woodland Park and most of the walkers enjoyed a drink of one kind or other and some food. This is turning into another popular annual event.

Another annual event was the 'Wigan Cruse' with a night cruising up and down the Leeds Liverpool canal from Wigan Pier. Thanks to the Kittywake Canal Cruises company. This was complete with more food, drink, raffle, quiz and good company – a good night was had by all.

We also had the grant and cheque presentations to Daffodil's Dream, for £26,014.75. Daffodil's Dreams being the chosen organisations to support during Councillor Marie Morgan's year in office

The charity could not raise the amount of money it does each year without the great support it received from individuals and organisations who make donations to The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal or organise fund raising events on its behalf. Nor without the support of those people who buy tickets for fund raising events, like charity ball, and support them by turning up.

The Charity Trustees are also grateful to Charity Committee and friends, a dedicated group of volunteers who support the Mayor and Trustees organise and deliver events.

The Mayor and Charity Trustees would like to say a very big and special thank you to all who have supported the charity's year 2023-24.

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.

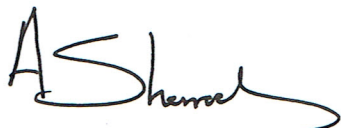
The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal Balance Sheet for the Year 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

ASSETS		EXPENDITURE	
Balance Brought Forward The Mayor	£10,647.10	Daffodil's Dreams	£26,014.75
Balance Brought Forward Cllr Morgan	£26,014.75		
Total Balance Brough Forward	£36,661.85	Bank Charges	£81.43
Donations	£29,898.05	Mayors Ball	£6,139.75
	£60.00		£11.02
Total Donations	£29,958.05		£6,150.77
Other Fund Raisers	£1,066.00	Fund Raising overheads	£245.00
Mayors Ball	£11,643.31	PayPal Fee	£2.34
	£652.00		
	£12,295.31		
	£79,981.21		£32,494.29
Total Income for the Year	£79,981.21		
Total Expenditure for the Year	£32,494.29		
Balance for the Year	£47,486.92		
Balances			
PayPal Account	£ 57.66		
Sumup Account	£ 640.98		
	£47,486.92		

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'ASharrock', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Andrew Sharrock
Chair

Date: 18TH NOVEMBER 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

The Mayor of Wigan's Charity Appeal

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

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:

11/11/2024

Name:

STEVE ATTERTON

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

B.A. M.A.

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.