

2023 LCH Annual Report

2023 was a successful year for LCH in which we continued to offer a range of social programmes while consolidating our traditional activities. We said goodbye to our long-serving House Manager Peter Mercer and welcomed new customers of diverse backgrounds.

With help from Blackpool Council's Household Support Fund and also Blackpool Coastal Housing we continued to make payments for those suffering from the crisis in energy payments. We gave out equipment to cope with the worst of the effects of winter including dehumidifiers, electric blankets, fleeces and woolly hats for infants. We gained more visitors than ever before with our House Manager ably supported by volunteers.

We identified funding to give IT support for four hours a week and advertised a vacancy. The successful candidate, Lewis Simons, enabled customers to use their devices better, tailoring his teaching to the specific needs of customers who were then able to apply for passports, jobs, benefits and housing using their newly acquired skills.

Later in the year we entered a partnership with Blackpool Centre for the Unemployed in which Adam Evenson held a weekly surgery at the House. Adam offered a full range of advice on housing, benefits, disability issues and employment rights. He helped people fill in forms and represented customers at tribunals as appropriate.

In 2023 we entered into a fresh partnership with the Tudor Trust, an independent charitable trust which supports work which meets the different needs of people at the margins of society. The Trust had previously awarded us a three year grant which ran out in 2022.

In July 2023 we were overjoyed to learn that the Tudor Trust had once again agreed to award three years of funding, this time to the

tune of £24,000 a year. The first payment was most gratefully received in August.

The Nationwide Building Society also gave very generous support, £9,000 in total, which we gratefully received and spent on our Winter Warmth, Infant Essentials and gardening programmes.

In April our longstanding House Manager, Peter Mercer, decided to call it a day. He was no small act to replace! As often happens when somebody leaves others added fresh energy and ideas with volunteers developing new capabilities.

We were very pleased to recruit Jamie Tonner, at first in the short term and then in a permanent capacity as House Manager. In the immediate aftermath of Peter leaving Lewis Simons, our IT expert, added to our management team, acting as host for two days a week. The Trustees would also like to thank Tina Kift, David Forrest and Hilary Moore for their assistance in staffing. None of them were money-oriented, each contributed something different.

The Gardening Group was introduced as a regular item on the House calendar. Our sessions on Wednesdays were very much enjoyed. Our gardeners, working closely with Jamie, were officially recognised when we were Highly Commended in the Blackpool in Bloom awards.

At the very end of the year we were fortunate to meet Dawn Thaw who with her great temperament, interpersonal skills and specialist craft knowledge supported Jamie excellently with managerial duties. Thanks also to Alison Raisbeck, our administrative worker, for her support in assisting Trustees and staff alike. Our new Trustee, Pam Isherwood, speedily settled into her role.

Our 2023 house activities included Basic Art, the Trefoil Guild, the Philosophy Café, Sewing, Knitting, the Recovery (mental health) Group, IT support, the Gardening Group and the Reading Group. We

are, as ever, open to new ideas. We have enjoyed meeting new customers and growing a more diverse clientele.

We aim not to rest on our laurels but to rise to new heights of achievement.

Martin Mitchell

Chair

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Accountants report to Layton Community House on the review of the Unaudited Financial Information of Layton Community House

In accordance with your instruction we have reviewed the financial information of Layton Community House which comprises the Profit & Loss Account, Balance Sheet and related notes from the entity's accounting records and from the information and explanations you have given us for the accounting period 2023.

This report is made solely to you in accordance with your instructions. Our work has been undertaken solely to review for your approval the financial information of Layton Community House and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with standard accountancy practice. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Layton Community House for our report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanation necessary for its compilation.

We have verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us.

Signed

 22/7/2024

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Layton Community House

Registered Charity No 1170042

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Accounts for the year ending December 2023

Layton Community House

Profit and Loss Account

to 31st December 2023

2023

Income

Grants	47166.82
Room Hire	1387.00
Donations	2979.17
Fundraising	711.36
Collections from groups	1707.60
Other	5855.86

TOTAL INCOME

59807.81

Expenditure

2023

Salary & on costs	23145.43
Insurance	96.00
Telephone	833.13
IT/Laptops/elec equip	431.00
Heat & Light	1636.39
Rates & Water	588.96
Repairs, Renewals & Checks*	388.37
Postage & Stationery*	41.92
Cleaning & Sundries*	
User Involvement Engagement*	787.39
Accountancy	62.50
Services	
Other	58.99
Craft items/group	939.24
Laudrette Scheme	1088.8
Baby Items	7921
Petty Cash	670.00
Winter Warmth	2017.66
Cash Top ups for Gas/elec	15108.6
Garden	168.86
Services/Safety Checks	205.20
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	56189.44

Loss/Surplus for the year

3618.37

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Balance sheet as at 31/12/2023

Current Assets	2023	2022
Cash at Bank	45544.22	41936.55
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
Debtors	480.00	
Prepayments		
Total Assets	46024.22	41936.55

Accruals		150.00
Creditors	11663.13	16368.22
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities:	34361.09	25418.33
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Capital & Reserves

Profit & Loss as at 31st December 2023	3618.37
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TOTAL FUNDS	2534.09

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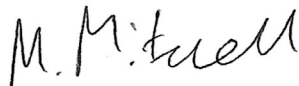


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Date

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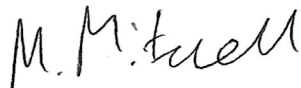


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