

Longbarn Residents' Association

England & Wales · Charity number 1170309

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-22

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF LONGBARN, WARRINGTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREA WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, NATIONALITY, AGE, DISABILITY, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS AND THE STATUTORY AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING, ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS; AND(B) TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES (CHARITABLE UNDER ENGLISH LAW) IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.

Activities: Longbarn Residents Association activities are all carried out for the benefit of the residents of the Longbarn estate in Padgate, Warrington. They include: Afternoon Teas for the Elderly, Ukulele teaching sessions, regular meetings for members, Trips to Places of interest, etc (to be continued, RR 3 March 2019).

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£8,864	£12,751	-	-
2023-11-30	£14,054	£20,091	-	-
2022-11-30	£21,693	£24,524	-	-
2021-11-30	£8,394	£8,101	-	-
2020-11-30	£15,139	£6,612	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robert Anthony McLaughlin	Chair	2024-07-16
DAVID PHILIP PEARSON		2016-11-22
Howard Martin Klein		2018-09-19
Katy WALLACE		2023-03-30
LYNN COLTER-HOWARD		2018-09-19
Nicola Taylor		2022-09-06
Paul Adams		2018-07-24

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Summary Income and Expenditure Account to 30th November 2024

	<u>£</u>
INCOME	8,863.55
EXPENSES	12,750.88
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	-3,887.33
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	28,639.85
FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD	<u>24,752.52</u>

Represented by:

Bank - current account	2,707.29
Bank - reserve account	<u>22,045.23</u>
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Memo: Bowling Club Accounts Summary (Nov'24)

Income - Donations	8,160.00
Expenditure	3,183.86
Bank Balance	<u>4,976.14</u>

Longbarn Residents Association

Detailed Income and Expenditure for the period 1st December 2023 to 30th November 2024

	Total
INCOME	
Grants	0.00
Donations	
- Raj Shop	135.00
- Greencore	880.30
- Other donations	400.00
- Poppy appeal	520.00
- Gift Aid	235.67
Warrington Community Lottery	975.50
Income from events (incl. tickets & raffles)	3,105.03
Exercise Classes	562.00
Afternoon Tea	1,102.05
Footloose	898.00
Advertising income	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>8,863.55</u>

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EXPENDITURE	
Event costs	
- Afternoon Tea	1,272.33
- Exercise Class	1,243.14
- Footloose	2,444.54
- Christmas Events	543.52
- Coach Trips	671.64
- Quiz Night	30.99
- Fireworks Night	1,998.89
Landscape & gardening	548.47
Office supplies	172.08
Leaflet Printing	880.30
Website	119.99
New office costs	18.00
Equipment repairs/replacements	851.88
Grants & Donations	20.00
RBL - Poppy Appeal	520.00
Insurance	393.27
Accountancy fees (donated)	400.00
Sundry expenses	621.84
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,750.88

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day 1st	Month Dec	Year 2022	To	Day 30th	Month Nov	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Longbarn Residents' Association

Other names charity is known by

LRA

Registered charity number (if any)

1170309

Charity's principal address

The Woodlands Centre, Kassia Academy

Fallowfield Grove

Warrington, Cheshire

Postcode

WA2 0QQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Geoff Orange	Chair		
2	Bob McLaughlan	Vice Chair		
3	Nicola Taylor	Treasurer		
4	Paul Adams	Secretary		
5	Rosa Dale			
(6)	Chris Merritt		1.12.2022-19.3.2023	
6	Katy Wallace		13.6.2023-30.11.2023	Board of Trustees
7	David Pearson			
8	Lynn Colter-Howard			
9	Howard Klein			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Member of town's help and advice group	Mr Bryan Dargie	Warrington Voluntary Action, The Gateway, Sankey Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1SR

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

N/A

Description of the charity's trusts

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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

LRA is a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO). Our 9 Charity Trustees are the members of the CIO, & delegate the day to day running of the Association to our Management Committee.

We have Terms of Reference & Governing Principles for each of the 2 tiers of our governance structure which serve, inter alia, as useful training aids, as part of an induction pack, as new Trustees or Management Committee members join us.

All Trustees & Management Committee members give their time voluntarily & receive no remuneration nor other reward.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place, & a Communications Strategy serves to maximise & maintain open, 2-way dialogue with our residents.

Public Liability Insurance is current in the amount of £10 million.

LRA is a member of the National Organisation of Residents' Associations which provides helpful advice.

LRA works enthusiastically in partnership with a range of local civic, business & educational stakeholders & sponsors, including Poulton with Fearnhead Parish Council, Warrington Borough Council, Padgate Village Club, Mukti's Mini Supermarket, Wind in the Willows children's nursery, Kassia Academy, Station House Pub & Dining, Elm Tree Financial Services, Greencore Foods, Cheshire Community Foundation, Co-Op Community Fund, Lottery Community Fund, Muir Group Housing Ltd, Warrington Housing Association, TORUS Housing Association, Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service, Cheshire Police, Northern Rail, & The Land Trust. We have an established liaison with our MP Charlotte Nichols; & have a great relationship with Warrington Voluntary Action which provides us with outstanding advice, guidance & training services.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Longbarn (Warrington) & the surrounding area not catered for by an adjoining residents' association, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race, or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together our community & the statutory authorities, voluntary & other organisations in a common effort to promote good health & wellbeing, advance education & to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation & leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for our people;

(b) to promote such other charitable purposes (charitable under English law) in the area of benefit as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind The Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit at our Trustee meetings.

Our focus is our people ~ our residents ~ with a programme of events & activities that provides benefit for the whole community. And we have developed our logo & our strapline in that vein ~



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We welcome all people regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances & we passionately believe that our state of openness enriches everyone through the sharing of the life experiences of our membership, & our wonderful team of volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant-making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We empathise fiercely with the people we serve. We care intensely about the work that our volunteers do. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our Association & without them, we would not be able to deliver the wide range of diverse events & activities to our members contained in our portfolio, nor achieve the success we have enjoyed in running them.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Determined to maintain a strong sense of community & social connectivity post-COVID, at a time when there was still, understandably, a wariness amongst our people about getting involved in group activities, we carefully & sensitively reintroduced our full programme of activities, maintaining direct engagement with our community with our 6-weekly Newsletter (delivered free through every letterbox in Longbarn by our marvellous team of volunteers) & residents' meetings, & by maximising our website & social media to make it all happen. In turn,

Safeguarded & supervised by our amazing team of volunteers, we delivered a host of events & activities which helped us meet our major driver for the community. That is, we believe that social participation creates mutual trust among individuals, which forms the basis for shared responsibility for our community & society at large.

Our brand is, 'Working together for our Community.' We believe that community strengthens conversation & wellbeing. And our programme of wellbeing & social inclusion, built upon local consultation & knowledge, successfully got more families out of their homes, together (& helped those who may feel isolated & on their own) & involved in the following community-wide activities.

- Our volunteers continued to litter pick around our community, as & when, including kiddies organised by our local nursery (Wind in the Willows).
- Our team of volunteers have maintained the 23 planters dotted around our community (including one nurtured by the kiddies at our Wind in the Willows Nursery), weeding & stocking & watering the plants.
- We have lots of grassed open spaces across Longbarn. Our team of volunteers have kept them mown, & our litter pickers have kept them tidy, throughout the year.
- Held our 6-weekly open forum Residents' Meetings.

- Held our fortnightly Afternoon Tea events. The 2-hour sessions provide our senior citizens with the opportunity to meet & chat, enjoy gaming activities (bingo, raffles & “Play Your Cards Right”) & refreshments & most importantly, get out of the house.
- Held our fortnightly seated exercise classes. The 1-hour sessions are led by Leanne Parr, who is from an entertainment background having trained at The Italia Conti School in London, then travelled the world as a professional dancer before getting all her exercise qualifications. She has worked in the fitness industry for over 10 years & as well as pitching the exercises to help regain fitness at participants’ own pace, Leanne ensures that the atmosphere in the room is upbeat & positive. Our programme helps participants who've lost a step or two in their later years, or who are battling the effects of chronic pain or disability due to injury or a health condition, to improve strength, cardiovascular health, mobility & balance, all from the comfort of a chair.
- Held our weekly ‘Footloose in Longbarn’ 1-hour dance classes. Alert to the many health benefits associated with regular exercise & maintaining a good level of general fitness & mindfulness, under the heading of ‘Exercise is Fun,’ we have our own local dance studio. No experience is necessary. Age is no barrier. We invite residents to come alone or bring a friend, & just be prepared to have some fun, gain some exercise & learn a new skill into the bargain. It’s an opportunity to take part and learn different dance styles ~ which could include Rock ‘n Roll, Jitterbug, Charleston, Swing, Ballroom, Jive, line dancing, Salsa, Latin American, Tango (varying each session) ~ indeed any type of dance which appeals to our residents led by Tina Thomas, a professional dance instructor.
- Provided weekly bingo sessions at Harper’s Green.
- Held Quiz Nights at Padgate Village Club.
- Held our annual sunflower competition.
- Held our annual scarecrow competition, themed this year to correspond to The King’s Coronation.
- Signed up to supporting & promoting Warrington Community Lottery, a weekly lottery that provides the opportunity for participants to win cash & other prizes; plus 50% of subscriptions are allocated to LRA; plus 10% of subscriptions are allocated to other good causes on Warrington.
- Held our Longbarn Community Fun Day on 16 July, featuring a variety of events & activities for all the family, including a fun fair, Spiderman & Elsa from ‘Frozen’ turning out in cosplay, face painting, games, crafts, cakes & sweets stalls, tombolas & BBQ. All famously supported by Birchwood Fire Station who brought a fire engine along for the kiddies to explore, & our local air cadets & scouts groups.

- Celebrated 150th year anniversary of Padgate Station on 1 September, with a commemorative plaque unveiled by Simon Abbott (Northern Rail) after which we adjourned to Padgate Village Club for buffet refreshments, & entertainment courtesy of our very own LRA ukulele band, The D'Ukes of Longbarn.
- Supported our Parish Council Community Fun Day on 2 September, with LRA stalls advertising our wares as well as offering a variety of food & drink & raffle prizes.
- In recognition of Remembrance Day we bought a load of super-large plastic poppies, erected them on lampposts along Harper's Road (the main thoroughfare through Longbarn (along with roadside metal Tommies)), & invited residents & local businesses to sponsor them. The sponsorship raised £1,310 ~ an incredible show of generosity & community spirit ~ which we donated to The Royal British Legion. A credit to all concerned.
- Supported & promoted Longbarn Coffee Mornings held each Monday at Calvary Chapel, & launched by 2 of our local ladies with the simple but marvellous intentions of providing somewhere to go to be able to get out of the house, like, just have a change of scenery, in a local, friendly place where they may relax, have a bit of a chat, meet Longbarn folk they didn't know, & have a laugh.
- Welcomed the Festive Season by planting & decorating, with fairy lights, Christmas trees along Harper's Road (the main thoroughfare through our community).
- Provided a Children's Christmas Party at Padgate Village Club on 17 December, including entertainment courtesy of Dazzle The Clown; goodie bags; selection boxes; & of course Father Christmas who gave each of our children top of the range toys.
- Successfully renegotiated our License to Operate with Land Trust, so that our volunteers who mow the grass on our open spaces may do so with impunity.
- We have a team of trained & certificated First Aiders dotted around the community, & 4 defibrillators located at the local village shop in the heart of our community, at Padgate Village Club, Padgate Station, & Harper's Green sheltered housing complex.
- We have maintained open, 2-way communications with our residents throughout the year with a combination of our 6-weekly Newsletter (distributed by volunteers to every house on the estate), our website, & on social media (we have our own Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts), enabling LRA to keep our people up to date with news, fun & free competitions & what's on; & ask The Big Questions, too.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have 3 accounts with Barclays Bank: an LRA current account which we maintain to the tune of £2K to provide for petty cash; an LRA Bowling Club account; & a 'Restricted Funds' account in which the monies are earmarked for specific activity or outlay (eg, Community Fun Day).

Our policy on reserves is simply that we have none. Our Treasurer is a qualified accountant; works for a local accountancy firm; & does an exceptionally good job for us (Thanks, Nicola 😊). And with our Management Committee & Trustees, we plan activity & spend within our means.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

None

Section F

Other optional information

Formed in August 2012, & operating as a charitable incorporated organisation since 20 October 2016, Longbarn Residents' Association has been safeguarding our community infrastructure & providing leisure opportunities to our residents for 11 years. And it has done so with outstanding leadership provided by our Management Committee & Board of Trustees. So sad then to reflect that we lost 1 of our treasured colleagues, Chris Merritt, who passed away on 19 March. God bless him.

Delighted in turn to welcome Katy Wallace to our Board of Trustees.

In 2023 our contribution to our residents' morale, health & wellbeing was better than ever. We've looked after our environment & highways & byways (in which we take great pride, by the way). We've provided opportunities to enjoy some free & subsidised entertainment, have a laugh, & raise loads of money for charity into the bargain.

We're a powerful coalition of residents & volunteers & local service providers, & we're immensely proud that our Association continues to pull together, determined to support our residents to the best of our ability.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

Paul Adams

Position

Secretary & Trustee

Date

16 July 2024

LONGBARN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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- Tho Lockdown was lifted, & mindful we have residents who are housebound or who find it difficult to leave the house, we continued to deliver food hampers to 50 households (with foodstuffs kindly donated by Greencore, a leading manufacturer of convenience foods with a factory based in our neighbourhood). Big shout out to our small but perfectly formed band of volunteers who delivered the hampers, by the way ~ Dave Pearson, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlan & Paul Adams.
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- Provided weekly bingo sessions at Harper's Green.
- Celebrated our 10th anniversary with an article in the Warrington Guardian, & planting a flowering cherry tree in honour of our founders, Wendy & Geoff Orange.
- Held quarterly Quiz Nights throughout the year at Padgate Village Club.
- In an incredible show of generosity, one of our locals kindly donated £2,000 to LRA, to celebrate The Queen's Platinum Jubilee (& because we're a registered charity, we claimed Gift Aid on the donation from HMRC, taking the total to £2,500), as the resident said, "**To go towards a bloomin' good Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration.**" We shared the donation around Longbarn for residents to enjoy street parties **during the extended Jubilee weekend (2-5 June)**, & we invited residents to come forward as Platinum Volunteers, to organise the street parties & to whom we could allocate their shares of the donation. And we were absolutely chuffed that residents came forward.

Well, what a fantastic result! With LRA dipping into our kitty to provide flags along the length of Harper's Road, & to provide bunting & other materials for our volunteers to use at their street parties (& Greencore, a local food production company, donating foodstuffs), we marked the beginning of the Jubilee celebrations by setting off fireworks at 10pm on the Thursday evening. Tho that's all at the margins

The essence of our idea to hold street parties, our ambition, was to bring members of our community closer together, finally putting behind us a dreadful COVID-related couple of years which have been so difficult for so many of our people. And of course, have a, "**bloomin' good Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration.**" The feedback we received says, "Another thing that came from it, is how helpful everyone was & everyone just pitching in with BBQ and gazebos, cooking & preparing. It truly was spectacular!" And, "We could not have asked for a better day (even with the rain!). I know that LRA did everything it could to make it the best it could be for everyone with the food donation deliveries & trying to source gazebos when the weather was letting us down. The flags along Harper's Road were very impressive & set us apart from other areas in Warrington. I think everyone in Longbarn would agree that not many across Warrington celebrated it quite like Longbarn did! All of the roads looked festive & lots of houses really celebrated in style. We had lots of help, lots of thanks, lots of fun meeting neighbours we had previously never seen before."

- Laid on a coach trip to Llandudno on 7 August.
- Supported our Parish Council Community Fun Day on 4 September, with LRA stalls advertising our wares as well as offering a variety of food & drink & raffle prizes.
- Laid on a hugely successful Fireworks Extravaganza on the local school playing field on 4 November. Widely acknowledged by our residents as the best fireworks show in town, our 30-minute display, supported with stalls & food & drink & attractions, the event attracted record numbers.
- In recognition of Remembrance Day we bought a load of super-large plastic poppies, erected them on lampposts along Harper's Road (the main thoroughfare through Longbarn (along with roadside metal Tommies)), & invited residents & local businesses to sponsor them. The sponsorship raised £1,420 ~ an incredible show of generosity & community spirit ~ which we donated to The Royal British Legion. A credit to all concerned.
- Welcomed the Festive Season by planting & decorating, with fairy lights, Christmas trees along Harper's Road (the main thoroughfare through our community).
- Provided a Children's Christmas Party at Padgate Village Club on 4 December, including entertainment courtesy of Kevin The Clown; goodie bags; selection boxes; & of course Father Christmas who gave each of our children top of the range toys.

- Provided an Adults Christmas Party at Padgate Village Club on 9 December, including entertainment courtesy of a female vocalist & Christmas fayre.

AND BEHIND THE SCENES, WE ~

- Successfully bid to Cheshire Community Foundation to enable us to continue our programme of Afternoon Teas, Seated Exercise Classes, our 'Footloose in Longbarn' dance classes, & a new investment in LRA Bowling Club
- When Anwyl Construction completed the build of Harper's Green, a new retirement/sheltered housing complex in Longbarn, they laid new turf on the adjoining bowling green, built a new storage unit free gratis, & handed back the facility to Longbarn Bowling Club. LRA realised its long-term future by successfully having it secured as an Asset of Community Value with Warrington Borough Council. Sadly, the bowling green fell into disrepair, so LRA took over the facility, heralding our newly-formed LRA Jubilee Bowling Club. With initial funding secured from Cheshire Community Foundation we are in the process of bringing the amenity back to life, with ambitious plans to encourage initiatives & partnerships with our people, local voluntary organisations & statutory authorities to increase community participation, young & old; provide a safe & friendly environment for members of the community to learn new skills; & encourage participation to assist with & promote the wellbeing of our people.
- Successfully negotiated a continued reduction in our annual LRA office rent at Padgate Library (kindly funded by our Parish Council).
- Successfully renegotiated our License to Operate with Land Trust, so that our volunteers who mow the grass on our open spaces may do so with impunity.
- We have a team of trained & certificated First Aiders dotted around the community, & 3 defibrillators located at the local village shop in the heart of our community, at Padgate Station & at Harper's Green.
- We have maintained open, 2-way communications with our residents throughout the year with a combination of our 6-weekly Newsletter (distributed by volunteers to every house on the estate), our website, & on social media (we have our own Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts), enabling LRA to keep our people up to date with news, fun & free competitions & what's on; & ask The Big Questions, too.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We have 2 accounts with Barclays Bank: a current account which we maintain to the tune of £2K to provide for petty cash. And a 'Restricted Funds' account in which the monies are earmarked for specific activity or outlay (eg, Community Fun Day, Fireworks Extravaganza).

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

None

Section F**Other optional information**

Formed in August 2012, & operating as a charitable incorporated organisation since 20 October 2016, Longbarn Residents' Association has been safeguarding our community infrastructure & providing leisure opportunities to our residents for 10 years. And it has done so with outstanding leadership provided by our Management Committee & Board of Trustees. So sad then to reflect that we lost 2 of our treasured colleagues, Richard Robinson on 22 April, & John Hill on 13 September. God bless them both.

In 2022 our contribution to our residents' morale, health & wellbeing was better than ever. We've looked after our environment & highways & byways (in which we take great pride, by the way). We've provided opportunities to enjoy some free & subsidised entertainment, have a laugh, & raise loads of money for charity into the bargain.


We're a powerful coalition of residents & volunteers & local service providers, & we're immensely proud that our Association continues to pull together, determined to support our residents to the best of our ability.

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

Paul Adams

Position

Secretary & Trustee

Date

15 March 2023

LONGBARN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2022

	<u>£</u>
INCOME	21,693.49
EXPENSES	24,524.92
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	-2,831.43
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	37,508.69
FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD	<u>34,677.26</u>
 <i>Represented by:</i>	
Bank - current account	2,770.11
Bank - reserve account	<u>31,907.15</u>
	<u>34,677.26</u>

LANGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1170309

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1st	Dec	2020		30th	Nov	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Longbarn Residents' Association

Other names charity is known by

LRA

Registered charity number (if any)

1170309

Charity's principal address

1 st floor, Padgate Library	
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Warrington, Cheshire	
Postcode	WA2 0HD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Geoff Orange	Chairman		
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3	Paul Adams	Secretary		
4	Rosa Dale			
5	Chris Merritt			
6	David Pearson			
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Member of town's help and advice group	Mr Bryan Dargie	Warrington Voluntary Action, The Gateway, Sankey Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1SR

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All Trustees, Management Committee & sub-committee members give their time voluntarily & receive no remuneration nor other reward.

There is a Safeguarding Policy in place, & a Communications Strategy serves to maximise & maintain open, 2-way dialogue with our residents.

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Action which provides us with outstanding advice, guidance & training services.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

(a) To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Longbarn (Warrington) & the surrounding area not catered for by an adjoining residents' association, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race, or political, religious or other opinions, by associating together our community & the statutory authorities, voluntary & other organisations in a common effort to promote good health & wellbeing, advance education & to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation & leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for our people;

(b) to promote such other charitable purposes (charitable under English law) in the area of benefit as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

When planning our activities for the year we have kept in mind The Charity Commission's Guidance on Public Benefit at our Trustee meetings.

Our focus is our people ~ our residents ~ with a programme of events & activities that provides benefit for the whole community. And we have developed our logo & our strapline in that vein ~



LONGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309

We welcome all people regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances & we passionately believe that our state of openness enriches everyone through the sharing of the life experiences of our membership, & our wonderful team of volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant-making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We empathise fiercely with the people we serve. We care intensely about the work that our volunteers do. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our Association & without them, we would not be able to deliver the wide range of diverse events & activities to our members contained in our portfolio, nor achieve the success we have enjoyed in running them.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

For 2/3s of the year our public face, that is, the range of activities we provide for our residents, was in hibernation occasioned by the prevailing COVID restrictions. But that's not to say we sat idly by & in the background:

- We nominated one of our Management Committee colleagues to serve as Warrington Voluntary Action Community Champion who, working alongside Warrington Disability Partnership, was able to stay up to date with the latest advice about Covid-19, vaccinations & testing with feedback to our community in turn
- Mindful we have residents who are housebound or who find it difficult to leave the house, we continued to deliver food hampers to 50 households (with foodstuffs kindly donated by Greencore, a leading manufacturer of convenience foods with a factory based in our neighbourhood). Big shout out to our small but perfectly formed band of volunteers who delivered the hampers, by the way ~ Dave Pearson, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlan & Paul Adams
- Our volunteers continued to litter pick around our community, as & when, including kiddies organised by our local nursery (Wind in the Willows)
- Our team of volunteers have maintained the 23 planters dotted around our community (including one nurtured by the kiddies at our Wind in the Willows Nursery), weeding & stocking & watering the plants
- We have lots of grassed open space across Longbarn. Our team of volunteers have kept them mown, & our litter pickers have kept them tidy, throughout the year
- Successfully bid to our Parish Council for funding to provide for 4 new litter bins (2 on the open highway, 2 in Longbarn Park)
- Successfully negotiated with Warrington Borough Council (WBC) to have a new bus shelter erected in Longbarn in Spring 2022

- Successfully negotiated with WBC to have the land on which our community bowling green sits qualified as an Asset of Community Value
- Successfully negotiated a reduction in our annual LRA office rent at Padgate Library (given our constrained use of the office on account Covid restrictions limiting our business).
- Struck up a partnership with TORUS Homes concerning their new development ~ Harper's Green (a retirement development, with 97 apartments) ~ both to engage with our new residents & facilitate the sharing of their communal areas for community-wide activities, later
- Struck up a partnership with Kassia Academy (a local school which replaced the former New Horizons School) both to draw the new school into our community & facilitate the sharing of their facilities for community-wide activities
- Recognised the contribution to our community provided by Raj Asani, the proprietor of a local convenience store in Longbarn. Throughout the pandemic, since it started in March 2020, Raj regularly contributed goods to LRA food hampers, & made significant donations to our local hospitals, Heathercroft Nursing Home, & Fearnhead Foodbank, to name but a few. We celebrated his contribution with an article in The Warrington Guardian (& shared on our website & social media), in which our LRA Secretary, Paul Adams, commented, "It's great to see how tough times bring out great examples of community spirit & shared responsibility for society. Thank you, Raj."
- In recognition of Remembrance Day we bought a load of super-large plastic poppies, erected them on lampposts along Harper's Road (the main thoroughfare through Longbarn (along with roadside metal Tommies)), & invited residents & local businesses to sponsor them. The sponsorship raised £710 ~ an incredible show of generosity & community spirit ~ which we donated to The Royal British Legion. A credit to all concerned.
- Successfully negotiated a License to Operate with Land Trust, so that our volunteers who mow the grass on our open spaces may do so with impunity
- We have a team of trained & certificated First Aiders dotted around the community, & a defibrillator located at the local village shop in the heart of our community
- We have maintained open, 2-way communications with our residents throughout the year with a combination of our 6-weekly Newsletter (distributed by volunteers to every house on the estate), our website, & on social media (we have our own Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts), enabling LRA to keep our people up to date with news, fun & free competitions & what's on; & ask The Big Questions, too.

- Sponsored a local resident's initiative, Longbarn Against Dog Fouling (LADF). Really intended as an incentive to dog walkers to clean up & take away their pet's mess whilst out walking, if they don't, the initiative encourages onlookers to provide evidence (by messaging a dedicated Facebook page, hosted by the resident) of dog walkers who allow their pets to foul our open spaces & walk away without cleaning up the mess. Already receiving 600 Facebook followers, LRA will submit any subsequent evidence of this disgusting habit, collected by LADF, to WBC seeking prosecution of the perpetrators. And in the meantime we mounted a PR exercise on our website & social media, & invested in stickers, affixed to lampposts around a community



As the Government opened Freedom Day on 19 July 2021, we discussed the prospects for re-introducing our conventional events ~ Afternoon Tea, seated exercise class, coach trips, quizzes & Footloose in Longbarn at our Management Committee meeting held 5 August 2021. After a full & sensitive exchange of views (with the safety & wellbeing of our residents paramount in our thinking), & discussed with our residents at our open forum meeting held 19 August 2021 (to be sure our people were happy for us to switch on the green light), we agreed to crack on with re-introducing our range of activities, assuring all concerned that we'd take all necessary Covid precautions in line with Government guidelines, & review our approach on a regular basis.

Safeguarded & supervised by our marvellous team of volunteers, we went on to deliver a range of events & activities which helped us meet our major driver for the community. That is, we believe that social participation creates mutual trust among individuals, which forms the basis for shared responsibility for our community & society at large.

Our brand is, 'Working together for our Community.' We believe that community strengthens conversation & wellbeing. And in 'normal' times our programme of wellbeing & social inclusion, built upon local consultation & knowledge, seeks to get more families out of their homes, together (& help those who may feel isolated & on their own) & involved in the following community-wide activities ~

- Recommended our 6-weekly open forum Residents' Meetings on 19 August
- Reinstated our fortnightly Afternoon Teas on 27 August. The 2-hour sessions provide our senior citizens with the opportunity to meet & chat, with gaming activities & refreshments & most importantly, get out of the house.
- Laid on a coach trip to Buxton & Bakewell on 19 September
- Reinstated our fortnightly seated exercise classes on 15 October. The 1-hour sessions are led by Danny Wright, a local resident & ex-army fitness instructor who guides folk through a routine of gentle exercises to help participants who've lost a step or two in their later years, or who are battling the effects of chronic pain or disability due to injury or a health condition. The exercise programme can improve strength, cardiovascular health, mobility & balance, all from the comfort of a chair
- Held a Race Night on 22 October
- Reinstated our weekly Footloose in Longbarn dance classes on 2 November. Alert to the many health benefits associated with regular exercise & maintaining a good level of general fitness & mindfulness, under the heading of 'Exercise is Fun,' we've set up our own local dance studio. No experience is necessary. Age is no barrier. We invite residents to come alone or bring a friend, & just be prepared to have some fun, gain some exercise & learn a new skill into the bargain. It's an opportunity to take part and learn different dance styles ~ which could include Rock 'n Roll, Jitterbug, Charleston, Swing, Ballroom, Jive, line dancing, Salsa, Latin American, Tango (varying each session) ~ indeed any type of dance which appeals to our residents, led by a professional dance instructor
- Laid on a hugely successful Fireworks Extravaganza on the local school playing field on 5 November. Widely acknowledged by our residents as the best fireworks show in town, our 23-minute display, supported with stalls & food & drink & attractions, the event attracted record numbers
- Held a Quiz Night on 19 November
- Welcomed the Festive Season with our 'Christmas Lights switch,' on with carols, at Padgate Village Club on 3 December
- Laid on a coach trip to York Christmas Market on 5 December
- Provided an Adults Christmas Party at Padgate Village Club on 12 December, &
- Provided a Children's Christmas Party at Padgate Village Club on 19 December

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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None

Section F**Other optional information**

Formed in August 2012, & operating as a charitable incorporated organisation since 20 October 2016, Longbarn Residents' Association has been safeguarding our community infrastructure & providing leisure opportunities to our residents for 9 years. In 2021 our contribution to our residents' morale, health & wellbeing was so important. With Covid continuing to affect all our lives profoundly, we've provided opportunities to enjoy some free & subsidised entertainment, have a laugh, & raise loads of money for charity into the bargain.

Hoping to maintain a strong sense of community & social connectivity at a time when Lockdown was on, then off, then on again, we did some forward planning to find workable opportunities for some of our most popular offers, so that we were ready to go as soon as restrictions were finally lifted; & maintained direct engagement with our community by maximising our website & social media to make it all happen.


We're a powerful coalition of residents & volunteers & local service providers, & we're immensely proud that our Association has pulled together, determined to support our residents through the upheaval of Lockdown.

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

Paul Adams

Position

Secretary & Trustee

Date

25 February 2022

LONGBARN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST DECEMBER 2020 TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2021**

	1 DEC 20 to 31 AUG 21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Total
INCOME					
Grants	1,475.75			1,296.81	2,772.56
Ticket sales	0.00	216.00	363.00	207.00	786.00
Donations					
- Raj Shop	213.60	14.00		45.00	272.60
- Amazon Smile	46.95				46.95
- Other donations	0.00		100.00	300.00	400.00
- Poppy appeal	0.00		450.00	100.00	550.00
- Gift Aid	0.00				0.00
Advertising income	45.00	15.00	15.00		75.00
Seated Exercise Income	0.00		45.00	42.00	87.00
Other (raffles, events, afternoon tea etc.)	34.00	111.00	266.00	2,992.85	3,403.85
TOTAL INCOME	1,815.30	356.00	1,239.00	4,983.66	8,393.96
EXPENDITURE					
Rent	200.00				200.00
Room hire	0.00				0.00
Event costs	50.89	515.36	1,513.03	1,150.69	3,229.97
Landscape & gardening	307.02		23.00	449.18	779.20
Fallowfield Play Area	141.00				141.00
Office supplies and printing	496.28	66.70		145.18	708.16
Health and safety	0.00				0.00
Website	0.00			75.00	75.00
Exercise instructor	0.00		60.00	60.00	120.00
Footloose instructor	0.00			135.00	135.00
Station mural etc.	0.00				0.00
COVID Support Costs	88.03				88.03
Equipment repairs	0.00	15.99		336.12	352.11
Grants & Donations	275.00			40.00	315.00
RBL - Poppy Appeal	0.00			550.00	550.00
Accountancy fees (donated)	0.00			300.00	300.00
Insurance	302.51				302.51
Sundry expenses	235.35	38.99	510.78	20.00	805.12
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,096.08	637.04	2,106.81	3,261.17	8,101.10
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-280.78	-281.04	-867.81	1,722.49	292.86
<u>Opening bank balance</u>					
Current account					3,258.50
Reserve account					<u>33,957.33</u>
					<u>37,215.83</u>
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LANGBARN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Longbarn Residents' Association

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LRA

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Member of town's help and advice group	Mr Bryan Dargie	Warrington Voluntary Action, The Gateway, Sankey Street, Warrington, Cheshire WA1 1SR

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"Working together for our Community"

Registered Charity No. 1170309

We welcome all people regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances & we passionately believe that our state of openness enriches everyone through the sharing of the life experiences of our membership, & our wonderful team of volunteers.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant-making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

We empathise fiercely with the people we serve. We care intensely about the work that our volunteers do. Our volunteers are the lifeblood of our Association & without them, we would not be able to deliver the wide range of diverse events & activities to our members contained in our portfolio, nor achieve the reputation & success we enjoy in running them.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

For the first quarter of the year (before Covid-19 & Government restrictions embargoed our plans), & safeguarded & supervised by our marvellous team of volunteers, we delivered a range of events & activities which helped us meet our major driver for the community. That is, we believe that social participation creates mutual trust among individuals, which forms the basis for shared responsibility for our community & society at large.

Our brand is, 'Working together for our Community.' We believe that community strengthens conversation & wellbeing. And in 'normal' times our programme of wellbeing & social inclusion, built upon local consultation & knowledge, seeks to get more families out of their homes, together (& help those who may feel isolated & on their own) & involved in the following community-wide activities ~

- Residents' Meetings were held at 6-weekly intervals until Covid restrictions stalled our activity, to discuss matters of interest & concern to our residents. Visiting speakers included Greencore Foods, TORUS Housing Association (reporting on progress in constructing a 97-flat retirement village in Longbarn), Cheshire Police & Cheshire Fire & Rescue. The last meeting was held 20 February 2020 & meetings are presently suspended pending an easement in Covid-inspired Government restrictions.
- With Christmas tree lights switch-on & carols at our local village club opening the festive season, we went on to deliver a good old-fashioned Christmas party for our children, with an entertainer & food & refreshments topped off with presents handed out by Father Christmas. And later, a 'big kids' Christmas party for adults, again with an entertainer & food & refreshments laid on. Whilst in the background we successfully sold loads of tickets for our Grand Christmas Draw, with huge thanks to residents & local businesses who so kindly provided a cornucopia of prizes.
- We delivered an educational trip to Cheshire Fire & Rescue's 'Safety Central' on 8 January 2020. With 4 themed zones, our coach trippers were enabled to develop the skills & knowledge they need to stay safe & well at home, on the road & in our community.

- We held a Charity Quiz Night 7 February 2020, with proceeds going to a local youngster to support her (school organised) trip to Camp Kenya, an event organised to provide the opportunity to live and work alongside local people (many of whom are living below the poverty line & don't have access to proper education facilities, medical treatment or even clean water) on a wide range of initiatives designed to help improve living standards within their community. The event raised £576.
- Pre-Covid restrictions, we delivered fortnightly Afternoon Teas. The 3-hour sessions provide our senior citizens with the opportunity to meet & chat, with gaming activities & refreshments & most importantly, get out of the house.
- Pre-Covid restrictions, we held fortnightly seated exercise classes. The 1-hour sessions are led by Danny Wright, a local resident & ex-army instructor who guides folk through a routine of gentle exercises to help participants who've lost a step or two in their later years, or who are battling the effects of chronic pain or disability due to injury or a health condition. The exercise programme can improve strength, cardiovascular health, mobility & balance, all from the comfort of a chair.

~ And we provide transport to & from Afternoon Tea & seated exercise class for those who might otherwise be unable to take part.

- Pre-Covid restrictions, we launched Footloose in Longbarn. A 2-hour dance session led by Tina Thomas, a local, qualified dance instructor, the event attracted wide participation, with broad appeal under the banner headline of, 'Exercise is Fun.'

And then Covid-19 struck & served to postpone the majority of our face to face community activity. But undaunted

- Mindful we have residents who are housebound or who find it difficult to leave the house, our Chairman Geoff Orange approached Greencore Foods (a local business) & engineered the donation of food hampers which we subsequently began to distribute 27 April 2020 on a weekly basis to 50 households. Deliveries continue to this day, albeit on a monthly basis, now. Big shout out to our small but perfectly formed band of volunteers who deliver the hampers, by the way ~ Wendy Orange, Dave Pearson, Geoff Orange, Bob McLaughlan & Paul Adams.
- In the absence of face to face meetings, we organised MS Teams training for those of our Management Committee who needed it (TORUS Homes kindly delivered 2 events free of charge) with a view to holding virtual meetings.

- For the second year running, & maintained by one of our sub-committees (Friends of Padgate Station, led by our Vice Chairman Bob McLaughlan), Padgate Station was accorded a top award as one of Cheshire's Best Kept Stations at a ceremony attended by the Lord Lieutenant (David Briggs) & other dignitaries from across the County.
- We bought & erected on lamp posts along the length of our local through road, 32 large plastic poppies, to commemorate Armistice Day & all those we've loved & lost in worldwide conflict, & then sought sponsorship for each of them from local residents & businesses. The total subsequently donated to Royal British Legion amounted to £865. An incredible show of generosity, acknowledged by RBL with a certificate of thanks.
- During the Summer, our annual Sunflower & Scarecrow Competitions produced eye-catching entries, with winners in the adult & children categories being presented with prizes.
- We have worked tirelessly, bullishly, & rather successfully with Warrington Borough Council in securing additional double yellow lines to alleviate long-suffered illicit car parking problems across our community, for a second year running.
- We have a team of trained & certificated First Aiders dotted around the community; & a defibrillator located at the local village shop in the heart of our community. And what a Heaven-sent piece of kit it has proved to be, having been called upon to deal with 3 medical emergencies during the year.
- We have worked successfully with LiveWire & Poulton & Fearnhead Parish Council to extend the lease on our LRA office at Padgate Library.
- New Horizons is a school for children with special educational needs & disabilities located in Longbarn & Dave Pearson, a member of our Management Committee, meets regularly with the school both to discuss areas of common interest & concern & to recognise & include the establishment as part of our community.
- Our team of volunteers, led by our horticulturist-in-residence Wendy Orange, have maintained the 24 planters dotted around our community (including one nurtured by the kiddies at our Wind in the Willows Nursery), weeding & stocking & watering the plants.
- We have lots of grassed open space across Longbarn. Our team of volunteers have kept them mown, & our litter pickers have kept them tidy, throughout the year.

Section D

Achievements and performance

- We're big on tidiness in Longbarn! And bought 2 additional council-spec litter bins, securely erected for us by Warrington Borough Council on Harper's Road, our main through road & a favourite haunt for our pedestrian exercise & dog walkers.
- By far the most ambitious community project in our short but eventful history is the design & build of Fallowfield Grove Play Area. At one of our open forum Residents' Meetings in June 2018, residents invited LRA to champion the cause of a play area on the South side of Harper's Road, the significance of the location being that it would avoid main roads & thereby provide safer access for our youngsters living in that part of our estate. The play area will enable us to engage much more evidently with our youngsters, our future, & meet a significant need highlighted by our residents. The design of the play area provides a facility which meets the play needs of younger children & consequently will provide a fun experience, encourage adventurous play & include educational elements all within a safe environment. With land gifted by Warrington Borough Council, & after a long & torturous journey, we have finally achieved planning permission & are set, now, to pursue funding options.
- Our Secretary Paul Adams made 5 successful bids, to The National Lottery, Co-Op Community Fund, Warrington Borough Council's Community Initiative Fund (2) & Parish Council, generating funds enabling us to maintain some semblance of business as usual & perpetuate LRA Land as a place to be proud of.
- We have maintained open, 2-way communications with our residents throughout the year with a combination of our 6-weekly Newsletter (distributed by volunteers to every house on the estate), our website, & on social media (we have our own Facebook, Twitter & Instagram accounts), enabling LRA to keep our people up to date with news, fun & free competitions & what's on; & ask The Big Questions, too.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We have 2 accounts with Barclays Bank: a current account which we maintain to the tune of £2K to provide for petty cash. And a 'Restricted Funds' account in which the monies are earmarked for specific activity or outlay (eg, seated exercise classes, Community Fun Day, Fireworks Extravaganza).

Our policy on reserves is simply that we have none. Our Treasurer is a qualified accountant; works for a local accountancy firm; &, with our Management Committee & Trustees, we plan & cost activity & spend within our means.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

None

Section F Other optional information

As Secretary of our amazing Association, I'm as well placed as anybody to reflect on our activity & achievements during the last year. Well, almost I'll close this Annual Report with a big shout out to our Chairman Geoff Orange & his wife Wendy. Geoff inaugurated LRA 19 July 2012, & was instrumental in our gaining charitable incorporated organisation status 20 October 2016. The couple work tirelessly, harder than anyone else concerned with LRA, for our Association & our people. And for that our Board of Trustees, our Management Committee, & our community at large are hugely grateful. Geoff will balk at these words. He positively shuns personal accolades. But I've been & gone & said it. So there! 🙄

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature



Full name

Paul Adams

Position

Secretary & Trustee

Date

24 June 2021

LONGBARN RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD 1ST DECEMBER 2019 TO 30TH NOVEMBER 2020

	<u>£</u>
INCOME	15,138.96
EXPENSES	6,612.26
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR PERIOD	8,526.70
Balance brought forward	28,731.13
FUNDS TO CARRY FORWARD	<u><u>37,257.83</u></u>
<i>Represented by:</i>	
Bank - current account	3,300.50
Bank - reserve account	<u>33,957.33</u>
	<u><u>37,257.83</u></u>

Longbarn Residents Association**Income and Expenditure for the period 1st December 2019 to 30th November 2020**

	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Total
INCOME				
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,025.00
Ticket sales	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Donations				
- Raj Shop	35.00	20.00	30.00	220.00
- Amazon Smile	0.00	0.00	16.72	50.11
- Other donations	0.00	310.00	487.00	1,462.00
- Poppy appeal	0.00	525.00	340.00	865.00
- Gift Aid	0.00	0.00	0.00	290.85
Exercise	0.00	0.00	0.00	219.00
Other (raffles, events, afternoon tea etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,007.00
TOTAL INCOME	35.00	855.00	873.72	15,138.96
EXPENDITURE				
Rent	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Room hire	0.00	0.00	0.00	180.00
Event costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,260.34
Landscape & gardening	12.15	180.98	268.38	1,424.91
Fallowfield Play Area	0.00	512.92	0.00	512.92
Office supplies and printing	0.00	0.00	0.00	525.02
Health and safety	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Website	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Exercise instructor	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Footloose instructor	0.00	0.00	0.00	90.00
Station mural etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
COVID Support Costs	36.69	0.00	0.00	337.01
Equipment	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.79
Donation	0.00	0.00	20.00	45.00
RBL - Poppy Appeal	0.00	0.00	865.00	865.00
Accountancy fees (donated)	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Insurance (see note)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sundry expenses	0.00	11.98	40.00	371.27
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	48.84	1,005.88	1,193.38	6,612.26
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	-13.84	-150.88	-319.66	8,526.70

Note: We have been given 3 months insurance cover for free due to COVID, therefore, no payment is due until January 2021