

THE MOUNT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1171474

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-02-06

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF GATESHEAD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS

Activities: Manage a community centre and community garden for the benefit of local residents.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gateshead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£33,894	£18,202	-	-
2023-12-31	£20,275	£48,330	-	-
2022-12-31	£53,794	£36,128	-	-
2021-12-31	£22,198	£9,727	-	-
2020-12-31	£21,122	£12,300	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lisa Johnson	Chair	2018-11-12
CLAIRE PARNELL		2017-02-06
Diana Kenny		2019-01-31
John Paul Johnson		2022-02-02
Karen McBryde		2018-11-12
Kevin McBryde		2022-02-02
Neil Parnell		2026-03-20
Ronan Kenny		2019-04-11
Tracey Wallace		2025-01-06

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The Mount Community Association (CIO)

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For the 12-month period ended

31 December 2024

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name: The Mount Community Association (CIO)

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Trustees: Ronan Kenny (Secretary)
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John Paul Johnson
Tracey Wallace

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Chatham Customer Service Centre
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Waterside Court
Chatham Maritime
Chatham
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Trustees Annual Report

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Summary of Main activities

Provides social and educational facilities for the local area in the form of a regular baby group (run by Gateshead council Family Hub), coffee mornings, party nights and a community garden. A monthly club for parents and young children is also held at the hall. The hall and garden are available to members of the community to hire for private parties and events, and the garden is open to all to relax, enjoy and get involved in.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

Activities and Achievements

Our ongoing refurbishment efforts for the hall are yielding positive results, as evidenced by increased usage and favourable feedback from hirers regarding the improvements. However, access to the hall was restricted for part of the year due to work undertaken by Northumbrian Water in connection with the new reservoir construction in Springwell Village. The resulting limitations were only partially compensated by Northumbrian Water.

A Scout club now uses both the indoor and outdoor facilities. The hall has been used for fundraising events supporting various charities. New corporate hires joined, and a Sushi school event was hosted, which had good attendance and contributed to the organiser's presence in the area. Christmas activities included Breakfast with Santa, Polar Express film showing, a complimentary Christmas lunch for elderly residents, and the annual Christmas fayre. The book club continues, and we now have a Little Library outside the main entrance offering books for all ages.

Our ongoing collaboration with Skills4Work involved their volunteers maintaining and enhancing a designated area of our community garden, as well as facilitating engagement with senior residents through afternoon tea sessions. Through our partnership with Skills4Work, we attained Level 5 in the Royal Horticultural Society's "It's Your Neighbourhood" award.

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the charity to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to a level that equates to approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time. This is estimated at £5,000 and is held in our reserve account.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name: Ronan Kenny

Position: Secretary

Signature: 

Date 14/10/2025

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Mount Community Association

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Mount Community Association for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees 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 s. 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s. 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 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 Trust 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 by email

Name: Craig I Simpson

Date: September 7, 2025

Receipts and Payments

For the 12-month period ending 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	<i>Total</i>
	Funds	Funds	<i>Funds</i>
Receipts	£	£	£
Grants and Donations – Note 1	20384.99		20384.99
Entry and Events	6533.39		6533.39
Refreshments/Food	0		0
Hire of Hall & Facilities	5633.08		5633.08
Raffles	0		0
Bank Interest	152.78		152.78
Other	1189.95		1189.95
Total Receipts	33894.19	0	33894.19
Payments			
Utilities & Insurance	5464.70		5464.70
Cleaning Materials	443.68		443.68
Refreshment Area Expenses	1118.75		1118.75
Events	1917.06		1917.06
Equipment/Refurbishment/Repairs	4997.54		4997.54
Security Equipment and Maintenance	21.05		21.05
Licences	425.32		425.32
Garden Equipment and Maintenance	2062.88		2062.88
Stationery & Advertising/Printing	0		0
Rent	0		0
Restricted Project Costs – Note 2	0		0
Other - Note 3	1750.53		1750.53
Total Payments	18201.51	0	18201.51

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<i>Total</i> Funds
Cash Funds	£	£	£
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/23</i>			
Current Account	16682.20	0	16682.20
Petty Cash	100.00	0	100.00
Total Cash Funds	16782.20	0	16782.20
2024 receipts	33894.19	0	33894.19
2024 payments	18201.51	0	18201.51
Surplus/(Deficit) on the year	15692.68	0	15692.68
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/24</i>			
Current Account - Note 4	32374.88	0	32374.88
Petty Cash	100.00	0	100.00
Total Cash Funds	32474.88	0	32474.88

Signed by one or two of the Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

Signature 

*Print Name
Ronan Kenny*

*Date of Approval
20/10/2025*

Notes to the accounts

1. The grants received during period:

Restricted Funds

None

Unrestricted Funds

May - Lamesley Parish Council £900

National Highways £3240.97

June - RWE Environmental £500

September - Postcode Lottery £15000

November - Gateshead Council £100

2. Other income includes £900 ex gratis compensation payment from Northumbria Water

3. Restricted project costs spent during period:

None

4. Other expenditure includes payment from grant award shared with Skills For Work £1650

5. Bank accounts

EOY balances:

NatWest current	£9655.94
NatWest reserve	£22218.94
<u>Legacy Lloyds</u>	<u>£500.00</u>
	£32374.88

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Activities and Achievements

We completed our refurbishment in early 2023 and spent the first couple of months preparing the hall for our grand reopening.

Given the visibility of the refurbishment there was much excitement about the new facilities and this kickstarted attendance at our regular coffee mornings as visitors were keen to come and see for themselves. The quality of the new space meant bookings quickly picked up and the calendar soon became busy, and frequently private hires would generate more from the quality of the facilities now offered.

It was great to have the space to deliver more events to the community, particularly smaller events such as our newly established book club sitting in our smaller and more cosy flexible kitchen space. We also were able to change the format of some of our other events such as free Christmas lunch for elderly residents, by cooking more at the hall itself. Halloween, Christmas family events and our Sunday Shindig parent and child play group were as popular as before our closure.

We invested in some new technology to free up volunteer time, including a smart lock and online booking system, which has allowed us to spend more time on other activities such as developing the community garden.

We continued to partner with Skills4Work who volunteer to maintain and improve a section of our community garden and engage with older residents through their regular afternoon tea sessions.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name.....NEIL PARNELL.....Position.....SECRETARY.....

Signature..........Date.....26 October 2024.....

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Signed by email

Name: Craig I Simpson

Date: October 22, 2024

Receipts and Payments
For the 12 month period ending 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	<i>Total</i>
	Funds	Funds	<i>Funds</i>
Receipts	£	£	£
Grants and Donations – Note 1	5447.75		5447.75
Entry and Events	9097.99		9097.99
Refreshments/Food	0		0
Hire of Hall & Facilities	5709.06		5709.06
Raffles	20.00		20.00
Bank Interest	0		0
Other	0		0
Total Receipts	20274.80	0	20274.80
Payments			
Utilities & Insurance	5407.52		5407.52
Cleaning Materials	284.75		284.75
Refreshment Area Expenses	1324.09		1324.09
Events	3063.73		3063.73
Equipment/Refurbishment/Repairs	36680.02		36680.02
Security Equipment and Maintenance	74.74		74.74
Licences	105.00		105.00
Telephone & Post	282.30		282.30
Stationery & Advertising/Printing	0		0
Rent	0		0
Restricted Project Costs – Note 2		924.75	924.75
Other	183.22		183.22
Total Payments	47405.37	924.75	48330.12

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds	£	£	£
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/22</i>			
Current Account	43391.86	924.75	44316.61
Petty Cash	520.91	0	520.91
Total Cash Funds	43912.77	924.75	44837.52
2023 receipts	20274.80	0	20274.80
2023 payments	47405.37	924.75	48330.12
Surplus/(Deficit) on the year	(27130.57)	(924.75)	(28055.32)
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/23</i>			
Current Account - Note 3	16682.20	0	16682.20
Petty Cash	100.00	0	100.00
Total Cash Funds	16782.20	0	16782.20

Signed by one or two of the Trustees on behalf of all the Trustees

Signature

Print Name
NEIL PARNELL

Date of Approval

26 October 2024

Notes to the accounts

1. The grants received during period:

Restricted Funds

None

Unrestricted Funds

£2000 Lamesley Parish Council

£500 Waitrose

£660 Lamesley Parish Council

£500 RWE Renewables Community Volunteer Award

£1500 Northumbrian Water

2. Restricted project costs spent during period:

January - McCarrick's Construction (refurb work)

3. Bank accounts

EOY balances:

NatWest current	£9616.04
NatWest reserve	£6566.16
<u>Legacy Lloyds</u>	<u>£500.00</u>
	£16682.20

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The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

Activities and Achievements

At the beginning of 2022 the hall was enjoying a busy period, with daily fitness classes, frequent private hires, work in our community garden. Our developing partnership with local charity Skills4Work began to flourish, with weekly volunteering groups within the garden for adults with learning conditions established and monthly lunches for older residents run by Skills4Work volunteers which have become very important for local people.

Our plans for refurbishment were finalised, tendered prices were received and we commenced a fundraising programme to cover Phase 1 of our plans. During summer, we had been successful in realising our fundraising strategy and – with some value engineering work with our preferred contractor – were able to commission our works with a value of circa £100k. The hall was closed in late September to allow our contractor to safely carry out the work which included:

- major structural works to our annex to address subsidence, requiring demolition of the rear wall to construct new foundations, rebuilding of the wall, replacing lintels above opened up windows;
- stripping out of the store room and dark, damp kitchen to make a new flexible meeting space;
- open up blocked windows and a solid door with glass to provide natural daylight and ventilation throughout the building;
- replace exit door with modern standard fire and security;
- fit new kitchenette to more suit what hirers and our own events require;
- replace the boiler and annex heating with a more energy efficient model; and
- constructing a new purpose-built shed to replace and expand on the lost internal storage, and facilitate easier access for the garden volunteers to outdoor equipment.

During the closure, we managed to hold some outdoor events for the community, including putting up Christmas lights, but it was not possible to hold our normal busy Christmas programme.

Reserves Policy:

At the start of the period, it was the policy of the charity to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to a level that equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure. During 2022, the Trustees voted to increase this to a fixed level of £5,000, to be reviewed as part of regular reviews of our Finance Policy. This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name.....Neil Parnell.....Position.....Secretary.....

Signature..........Date.....30 October 2023.....

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Signed by email

Name: Craig I Simpson

Date: October 21, 2023

Receipts and Payments

For the 12 month period ending 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<i>Total</i> Funds
Receipts	£	£	£
Grants and Donations – Note 1	13953.56	28275.00	42228.56
Entry and Events	7678.09		7678.09
Refreshments/Food	254.75		254.75
Hire of Hall & Facilities	3408.25		3408.25
Raffles	44.00		44.00
Bank Interest	0		0
Other	180.00		180.00
Total Receipts	25518.65	28275.00	53793.65
Payments			
Utilities & Insurance	3309.73		3309.73
Cleaning Materials	157.73		157.73
Refreshment Area Expenses	835.14		835.14
Events	2050.71		2050.71
Equipment/Refurbishment/Repairs	1252.64		1252.64
Security Equipment and Maintenance	0		0
Licences	135.00		135.00
Garden	721.69		721.69
Stationery & Advertising/Printing	0		0
Rent	5.00		5.00
Restricted Project Costs – Note 2		27350.25	27350.25
Other	310.51		310.51
Total Payments	8778.15	27350.25	36128.40

**Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds	£	£	£
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/21</i>			
Current Account	25861.89	0	25861.89
Petty Cash	1310.38	0	1310.38
Total Cash Funds	27172.27	0	27172.27
2022 receipts	25518.65	28275.00	53793.65
2022 payments	8778.15	27350.25	36128.40
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Print Name NEIL PARNELL

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1. The grants received during period:

Restricted Funds

£1,925 - Akzo Nobel International Paint Fund at the Community Foundation

£25,000 - The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) at the Community Foundation

£1,350 - Rothley Trust

Unrestricted Funds

£2,000 - Joicey Trust

£10,000 - Sir James Knott Trust

We were also awarded £50,000 from Suez Communities Trust for the refurbishment work. The grantor paid contractor invoices directly; the funds did not pass through the Mount bank account as was the case with the funders listed above.

2. Restricted project costs spent during period:

April – activities for expanding the range of activities and age groups targeted by our family play sessions

June – Suez fees for Contributing Third Party payment

September – engineering fees to provide advice on underpinning work

December - McCarrick's Construction (Phase 1 refurbishment work)

3. New bank account

A new account was opened with NatWest Bank plc on 13 July 2022. Direct debits and standing orders were transferred and at the end of the year funds were moved from Lloyds to NatWest. All funds were held in NatWest at the end of the accounting period.

A 'reserve fund' was set up within NatWest and £5000 was moved to reserves on 22 December 2022.

EOY balances:

NatWest current	£38816.61
NatWest reserve	£5000.00
<u>Legacy Lloyds</u>	<u>£500.00</u>
	£44316.61

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Trustees Annual Report

Objectives and Activities

To further or benefit the residents of Gateshead and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

Summary of Main activities

Provides social, fitness and educational facilities for the local area in the form of regular classes, community celebrations, coffee mornings, and a community garden. A monthly club for parents and children is also held at the hall. The hall and garden are available to members of the community to hire for private parties and events, and the garden is open to all to relax, enjoy and get involved in.

Activities and Achievements

At the beginning of 2021, the hall remained closed due to the covid-19 pandemic, re-opening on 1st September 2021.

During the period of closure, work continued on our community garden as the increased level of volunteering we saw in 2020 due to the lockdowns remained. We once again hosted our popular community sheep for two months over the summer to manage the vegetation in the wild garden area, and work continued on completing the pond area and fencing, with installation of a solar powered fountain to aerate the water. Our volunteers have established a vegetable patch and composting area, further planting in the Field of Dreams, and we have added some more seating for those wishing to enjoy a quiet moment in the garden. In recognition of our hard work, we were awarded Level 4 (out of 5) in the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood competition.

Over the summer holiday period, Gateshead Council again used the field to deliver their free daily #BrightentheDay activity sessions which were well attended, often with 10-20 local children, who benefited from the sports offered, socialising with their friends and free packed lunches.

We also ran a number of events outdoors during lockdown, including pop up coffee mornings, a litter pick of the local area with our MP and local councillors, topped up our children's welly boot garden and an Easter egg hunt.

From September 2021, we held a cautious reopening, which provided us with the opportunity to test and understand our covid practices. Initially we opened just for private hires, and we welcomed a new and now well established fitness class which trains in the hall daily during the week, and in the garden when weather permits.

Towards the end of the year we started to re-establish our programme of community events to bring people back together after the lockdowns, and had one of the busiest autumn/winter seasons we have held at the hall, with the following highlights:

- Monthly community coffee mornings, themed e.g. Remembrance with Poppy Trail
- Children's Halloween parties and Pumpkin Trail
- Christmas lights switch on social evening

- Free community Christmas lunch for older residents, partnering with a local pub and caterer
- Breakfast with Santa
- Polar Express showing for children with live performers, fancy dress and themed refreshments
- Christmas fair with gifts from local sellers
- Glass decorating and wreathmaking workshops
- Fundraiser for a defibrillator cabinet
- Partnering with Birtley Hub to arrange for food collection to support their Christmas appeal
- Shipcote and Friends outdoor mini festival

We also continued work moving towards our long-term goal of refurbishment of the hall, and finalised the phasing of the works and fundraising strategy, following some more preparatory work with contractors such as asbestos removal and detailed design.

The trustees have considered the guidance produced by the Charity Commission on the provision of public benefit and they confirm that public benefit has been provided by the range of activities as described above.

Reserves Policy:

It is the policy of the charity to try to build up unrestricted funds, which are free reserves of the charity, to a level that equates to approximately 3 months unrestricted expenditure (note we have since voted to increase this to 6 months in early 2022 to improve our resilience). This will provide sufficient funds to cover management and administration support costs and any emergencies that may arise from time to time.

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable Charity Law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

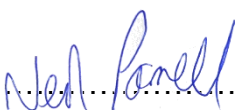
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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name.....Neil Parnell.....Position.....Secretary.....

Signature..........Date.....24 October 2022.....

Receipts and Payments

For the 12 month period ending 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<i>Total</i> Funds
Receipts	£	£	£
Grants and Ad-hoc Donations – Note 1	18228.43	0	18228.43
Entry and Events	1520.91		1520.91
Refreshments/Food	275.44		275.44
Hire of Hall & Facilities	2058.25		2058.25
Raffles	98		98
Bank Interest	0		0
Other	17.77		17.77
Total Receipts	22198.80	0	22198.80
Payments			
Utilities & Insurance	2947.09		2947.09
Cleaning Materials	1107.28		1107.28
Refreshment Area Expenses	167.93		167.93
Events	1058.37		1058.38
Equipment/Refurbishment/Repairs	3239.91		3239.91
Security Equipment and Maintenance	843.50		843.50
Licences	42.00		42.00
Telephone/Postage	0		0
Stationery & Advertising/Printing	0		0
Rent	5.00		5.00
Restricted Project Costs – Note 2		0	0
Other	316.32		316.32
Total Payments	9727.40	0	9727.40

Notes

1. The grants received during period:

Restricted Funds

- **None**

Unrestricted Funds

- **January £6386.86** Gateshead Council Covid19 Support
- **March £2096** Gateshead Council Covid19 Support
- **April £8000** Gateshead Council Covid19 Support
- **June £500** RWE Renewables Community Volunteer Award
- **August £250** CAF donation from local resident
- **December £350** CAF donation from local resident

2. Restricted project costs spent during period:
None

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds	£	£	£
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/20</i>			
Current Account	14030.87	0	14030.87
Petty Cash	670.00	0	670.00
Total Cash Funds	14700.87	0	14700.87
2021 receipts	22198.80	0	22198.80
2021 payments	9727.40	0	9727.40
Surplus/(Deficit) on the year	12471.40	0	12471.40
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/21</i>			
Current Account <i>(includes £500 held in old account)</i>	25861.89	0	25861.89
Petty Cash	1310.38	0	1310.38
Total Cash Funds	27172.27	0	27172.27

*Signed by one or two of the Trustees on behalf
of all the Trustees*

Signature  **Print Name** NEIL PARNELL

Signature _____ **Print Name** _____

Date of Approval 24 October 2022

THE MOUNT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1171474

Accounts

Mount Community Association (CIO)

1171474

Financial Statement

For the 12 month period ended

31 December 2020

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Charity No: 1171474

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Summary of Main activities

Provides social and educational facilities for the local area in the form of regular classes in yoga and dancing, coffee mornings, party nights and a community garden. A monthly club for parents and young children is also held at the hall. The hall and garden are available to members of the community to hire for private parties and events, and the garden is open to all to relax, enjoy and get involved in.

Activities and Achievements

The early part of 2020 built on the success of 2019 and saw events flourish, with a number of regular events continuing, including yoga, sugarcraft, puppy school (using the community garden) and movie nights. We also had some new events including trial classes with the Workers Educational Alliance and a sell-out Cheese and Wine Night.

Closure due to coronavirus restrictions during March meant that the hall was closed for the remainder of 2020. However, as we are lucky enough to have the community garden surrounding the hall, we decided to make use of this as much as possible for activities bringing the community together, as restrictions permitted.

At the start of April, we had taken delivery of around 150 trees donated by the Woodland Trust for our garden, and planned a volunteering event with local residents and supported by staff from Co-op. As this was unable to take place, we instead remotely organised single family tree-planting sessions, which allowed us to still plant the trees, and also demonstrated to us we were capable of continuing to provide a valuable resource during lockdown.

Throughout the summer period, the garden received increased attention from passers-by and we raised funds to continue to develop it through personal donations and small grants from the Rank Foundation, RWE Renewables, Lamesley Ward Local Community Fund and from Liz Twist MP, who also visited events at the garden to enjoy the space. The garden itself was well used without any events, as a place to relax, play games, meet friends in a socially distanced and safe place and also volunteer. During this time we also installed some more fencing, completed the pond and started preparatory work on some other project areas including composting facility and adding more benches.

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Later in the year, as restrictions eased, we started to hold socially distanced community events, which included an installation of poppies and 'Tommy' figure, with small coffee morning. Our biggest event was a visit from Santa himself, who's sleigh arrived with our big Christmas light switch on (supported with funding from Gateshead Council), and local children were lucky enough to be able to book a time slot to come to the field to meet with him at a safe distance!

We also continued work moving towards our long-term goal of refurbishment of the hall, and this year received planning permission for the proposed works from Gateshead Council. We have since worked up and refined the detailed design with our architect and progressed further some of the investigative work to allow us to reach a point where we could put the full works out to tender to establish a project budget.

2020 has been a challenging year for The Mount during lockdown, but we have enjoyed being able to continue to provide an important place for the community during this time, to exercise, volunteer, meet and relax in the garden.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name..... Neil Powell..... Position..... Secretary.....
Signature..... Neil Powell..... Date..... 27/10/2021.....

Receipts and Payments

For the 12 month period ending 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	<i>Total</i>
	Funds	Funds	<i>Funds</i>
Receipts	£	£	£
Grants and Donations – Note 1	15977.50	3400.00	19377.50
Entry and Events	399.45		399.45
Refreshments/Food	150.43		150.43
Hire of Hall & Facilities	1187.50		1187.50
Raffles	0		0
Bank Interest	0		0
Other	7.00		7.00
Total Receipts	17721.88	3400.00	21121.88
Payments			
Utilities & Insurance	2766.40		2766.40
Cleaning Materials	99.30		99.30
Refreshment Area Expenses	175.81		175.81
Events	496.92		496.92
Equipment/Refurbishment/Repairs	1939.63		1939.63
Security Equipment and Maintenance	25.58		25.58
Licences	94.00		94.00
Telephone/Postage	0		0
Stationery & Advertising/Printing	0		0
Rent	5.00		5.00
Restricted Project Costs – Note 2		6678.40	6678.40
Other	19.32		19.32
Total Payments	5621.96	6678.40	12300.36

Notes

1. The grants received during period:

Restricted Funds

- **Feb £2000** – Gateshead Thrive Fund at the Community Foundation serving Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
- **Feb £1000** – AkzoNobel International Paint at the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland
- **Apr £400** – Warburtons Covid-19 Support

Unrestricted Funds

- **Apr £10000** – Gateshead Council Covid-19 support
- **July £250** – Rank Foundation
- **Aug £500** – Liz Twist MP
- **Oct £500** – RWE Renewables UK Ltd
- **Dec £500** – Lamesley Ward Local Community Fund
- **Dec £2968.50** – Gateshead Council Covid-19 Support
- **Dec £934** – Gateshead Council Covid-19 Support

2. Restricted project costs spent during period:
£6678.40 on geotechnical engineers, architectural fees, gardening equipment, materials, fencing materials, a contactless payment system and tablet

Balance Sheet
as at 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
Cash Funds	£	£	£
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/19</i>			
Current Account	1487.27	3278.40	4765.67
Petty Cash	1113.68	0	1113.68
Total Cash Funds	2600.95	3278.40	5879.35
2020 receipts	17721.88	3400.00	21121.88
2020 payments	5621.96	6678.40	12300.36
Surplus/(Deficit) on the year	12099.92	(3278.40)	8821.52
<i>Balance at year end 31/12/20</i>			
Current Account <i>(includes £500 held in old account)</i>	14030.87	0	14030.87
Petty Cash	670.00	0	670.00
Total Cash Funds	14700.87	0	14700.87

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Signature

Neil Parwell

Print Name

NEIL PARWELL

Signature

Print Name

Date of Approval

27/10/2021