

Mount Community Association (CIO)

1171474

Financial Statement

For the 12 month period ended

31 December 2020

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Legal and Administrative Information

Name: Mount Community Association (CIO)

Charity No: 1171474

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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 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.

Over the summer holiday period, Gateshead Council 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.

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.

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. 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:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- Comply with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

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.

Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

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

Receipts and Payments

For the 12 month period ending 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	Funds
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	Restricted	Total
	Funds	Funds	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 (includes £500 held in old account)	14030.87	0	14030.87
Petty Cash	670.00	0	670.00
Total Cash Funds	14700.87	0	14700.87

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

Signature

Neil Parwell

Print Name

NEIL PARWELL

Signature

Print Name

Date of Approval

27/10/2021