



Telford African and Afro-Caribbean
Resource Centre (TAARC)

Accounts

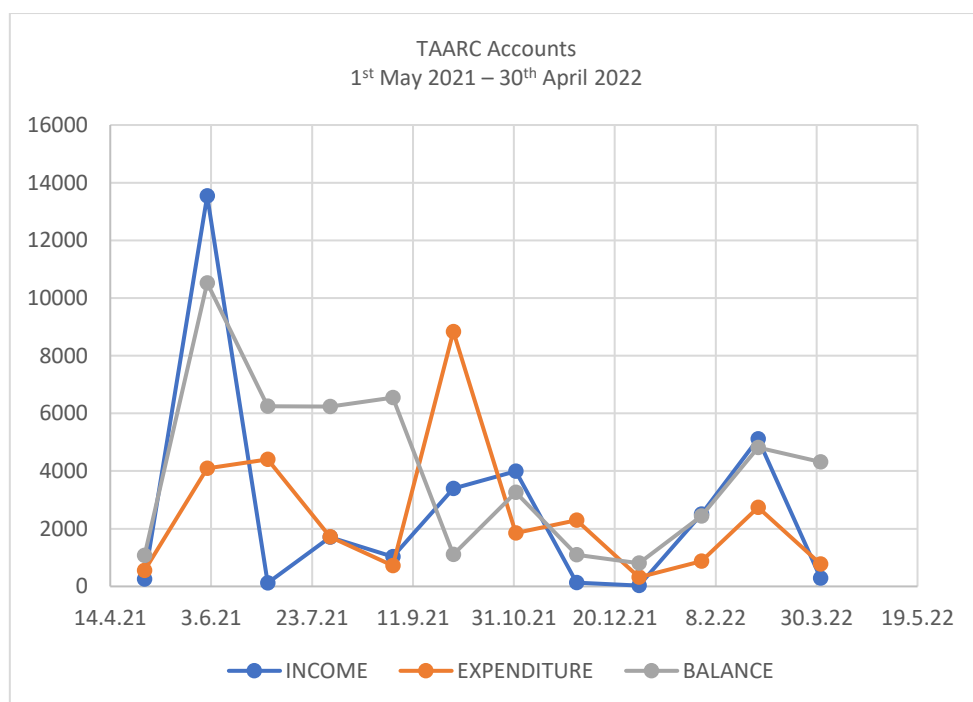
1st May 2021 – 30th April 2022

Balance Brought Forward: 1st May 2020 - 30th April 2021 = 1,369.80

MONTH	INCOME	EXPENDITURE	BALANCE
May 2021	257.00	554.28	1,072.52
B/F - 1072.52			
Jun 2021	13,540.00	4,088.75	10,523.77
B/F - 10,523.77			
Jul 2021	123.00	4,402.81	6,243.96
B/F - 6,243.96			
Aug 2021	1,704.21	1,717.08	6,231.09
B/F - 6,231.09			
Sept 2021	1,035.00	716.00	6,550.09
B/F - 6,550.09			
Oct 2021	3,398.30	8,838.63	1,109.76
B/F - 1,109.76			
Nov 2021	3,995.00	1,847.62	3,257.14
B/F - 3,257.14			
Dec 2021	132.50	2,296.84	1,092.80
B/F - 1,092.80			
Jan 2022	29.00	317.49	804.31
B/F - 804.31			
Feb 2022	2,504.21	869.18	2,439.34
B/F - 2,439.34			
Mar 2022	5,110.58	2,735.02	4,814.90
B/F - 4,814.90			
Apr 2022	285.13	779.61	4,320.42
B/F - 4,320.42			

Balance: 1st May 2021 - 30th April 2022 = 4,320.42

Summary 1 st May 2021 – 30 th April 2022		Balance Brought Forward		1,369.80
Grants	26,255.00	Total Income	+	32,113.93
Fundraising	4888.93			
Gifts / Donations	433.00			
School Assembly / Bespoke Workshops	537.00			
			=	33,483.73
Total Expenditure			-	29,163.31
Balance			=	4,320.42



TAARC continues to be a charity for the local community of Telford and Wrekin (T&W), directly serving young people, adults and the elderly as well as delivery to the T&W social value local agenda. One of our chief aims is to raise awareness about African and Afro-Caribbean history and culture through social events, sitting on community and advisory groups; plus seminars, mentorship and workshops in schools, thereby improving community cohesion.

TAARC has developed established relationships, working in partnership with various businesses, organisations and community providers, for example:

- Age UK Shropshire Shropshire Telford & Wrekin
- All Saints Parish Church
- Asda Donnington
- Avara Foods
- Bayfield Vehicle Hire
- Energize Shropshire
- Hadley Methodist Church
- Mitie
- Morrisons Wellington
- NHS Community Engagement Facilitator
- Police Crime Commissioner
- The Wellington Orbit
- Telford Elim Community Church
- Telford & Wrekin Council
- Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council
- Telford & Wrekin Multicultural Development Team (MDT)
- Wellington Community Art Gallery (WelliArt)
- West Mercia Police
- Windrush Exhibition Telford & Wrekin

This has enabled TAARC to play a pivotal role in community cohesion, participation and integration, whilst building valued relationships.

TAARC is a voluntary-based charitable organisation with no paid employees.

Activities 2021 - 2022

As we were slowly coming out of the pandemic, we knew it would have been difficult for many to come out to events. However despite this, TAARC has had a successful year in reaching the community and delivering several of our annual events.

We celebrated Windrush Day by delivering bespoke Windrush cards to the Windrush members in T&W and shared videos on social media of our Windrush generation sharing their journey and time here in the UK. We also celebrated Windrush Day at our annual Family Fun Day, where hundreds came out to celebrate the day from multiple ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

We hosted a Jamaica Independence Day dinner and dance,, delivered our Black History Month (BHM) workshops in schools, reaching an astonishing 4,000 students and many also taking part in our BHM Art Competition. At our annual BHM celebration we also had an opportunity to display the work of Windrush Exhibition T&W and some of the shortlisted students' artwork; plus a separate exhibition through Wellington Community Art Gallery late November with students art competition entries.

Our annual Over 60s Christmas social was the culmination of all that we achieved throughout the year. With Covid safeguards in place, many came out to the lunch and had a fantastic time.

We continued with our Football in the Community and had our first friendly indoor football match, October 2021, with our local West Mercia officers. It was a fantastic match and close finish to the end. We had our first Over 60s monthly social in February 2022 with a Valentine's Day event with a hearty lunch, games, fun and music. For International Women's Day in March, we celebrated our local heroines of Telford & Wrekin.

We are pleased to say that TAARC's ability to host these events successfully, despite local and global constraints, show our commitment to our vision in showcasing the best in African and Afro-Caribbean cultures, and our willingness to adapt our strategies, and cater for the needs of our community.

Community Groups

TAARC sits on the panel of a multi-organisation focus group which includes Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council, Age UK Shropshire T&W and West Mercia, encouraging diversity, and tackling current and past racial issues in the community.

We are a member Age UK Shropshire T&W, and our Chair Natalie Headley also sits on their Board of Trustees.

We are also members of Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council which supports the wider community.

Our Intended Annual Events/Activities:

Windrush Day – An annual celebration on the commemorative anniversary of the docking of the HMT Empire Windrush at the port of Tilbury on the 22nd June 1948 – an impactful time in history when many came from the Caribbean to work and live and work in the UK.

Family Fun Day – Annual summer family fun day event for the local community.

Black History Month – This also incorporated local Nursery, Primary and Secondary schools engaging in interactive learning on the importance of Black History as well as our annual Black History Month celebration event.

Christmas Party – has continued to be an annual over 60's party for elders in the community.

International Women's Day – an annual celebration focussing on the critical and diverse role of women in our community, collaborating with several multicultural groups.

Football in the community – Weekly 5-a-side indoor football with young men from the age 16 years to 30+. Many attends for keeping fit, losing weight, friendship and for the love of football.

Over 60s social – Monthly get together, targeting the Windrush generation and their friends. Activities include seated exercise, games, laughter and fun plus a hot lunch.

Youth club – We have partnered with Telford Elim Community Church youth club, Limitless Telford, ages 11years to 16years; this has enabled us to reach a wider audience of young people. This is an ongoing well established weekly activity.

Coming soon – We are hoping through a consultation with Telford & Wrekin Council to secure a grant to offer free courses to the community plus start a few activities, such as netball for women, learning to cook on a budget, plus be able to subsidise the cost for the seated exercise and monthly social for the over 60s.

Finance:

Funding, Donations and Grants

Funding for 2021 - 2022 financial year has been received from a number of sources:

- ASDA
- Local Policing and Community Ambassador's Fund
- Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
- Telford & Wrekin Council

Funding also received for bespoke workshops in schools throughout the year.

They are no financial debts associated with the charity.

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