



Telford African and Afro-Caribbean  
Resource Centre (TAARC)

Accounts

1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

TAARC, a registered charity since 2017, is dedicated to supporting the local community in Telford and Wrekin (T&W). Our activities and events cater to people of all ages, including children, young people, adults, and the elderly, while contributing to T&W's social value and local priorities. A key focus of our work is promoting awareness of African and Afro-Caribbean history and culture. We achieve this by organising social events, participating in community and advisory panels, and offering seminars, mentorship programs, and workshops in schools. Through these efforts, we promote harmony within T&W's increasingly diverse population and strengthen community cohesion.

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

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

As a volunteer-led organisation with no paid staff, TAARC relies entirely on voluntary contributions to make a meaningful impact in fostering participation, integration, and unity.

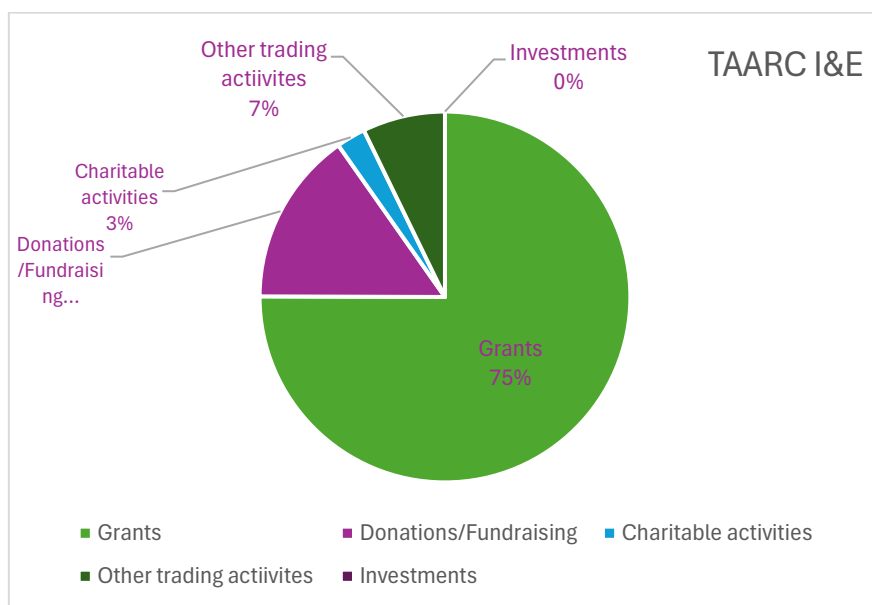
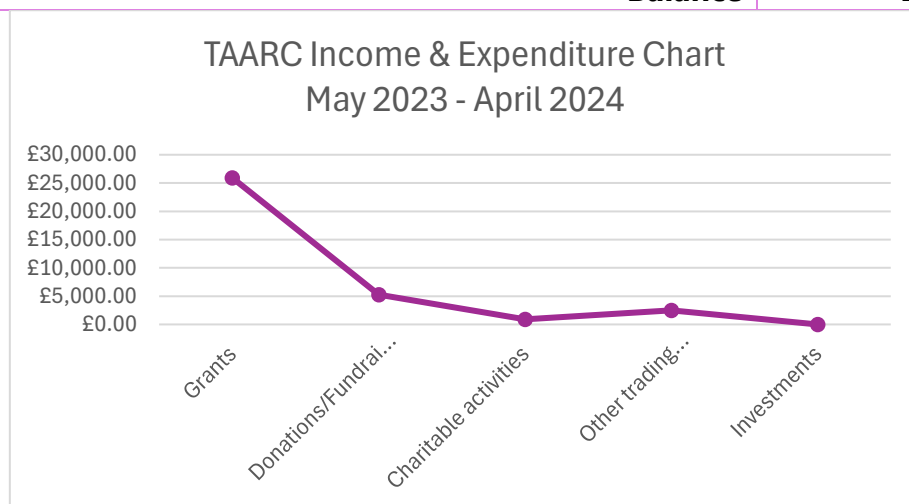
Our statement of income and expenditure is displayed in the charts and graph overleaf.

**Balance Brought Forward: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022 - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 = 1,585.99**

| MONTH                | INCOME    | EXPENDITURE | BALANCE   |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|
| May 2023             | 20,999.23 | 8508.68     | 14,076.54 |
| <b>B/F 14,076.54</b> |           |             |           |
| Jun 2023             | 420.39    | 6,235.20    | 8,261.73  |
| <b>B/F 8,261.73</b>  |           |             |           |
| Jul 2023             | 477.28    | 7,916.96    | 822.05    |
| <b>B/F 822.05</b>    |           |             |           |
| Aug 2023             | 999.76    | 743.12      | 1,078.69  |
| <b>B/F 1,078.69</b>  |           |             |           |
| Sept 2023            | 8.00      | 735.76      | 350.93    |
| <b>B/F 350.93</b>    |           |             |           |
| Oct 2023             | 327.12    | 611.97      | 66.08     |
| <b>B/F 66.08</b>     |           |             |           |
| Nov 2023             | 4,230.55  | 3,544.81    | 751.82    |
| <b>B/F 751.82</b>    |           |             |           |
| Dec 2023             | 2,482.46  | 2,069.19    | 1,165.09  |
| <b>B/F 1,165.09</b>  |           |             |           |
| Jan 2024             | 466.51    | 1,269.55    | 362.05    |
| <b>B/F 362.05</b>    |           |             |           |
| Feb 2024             | 2,837.25  | 1,071.90    | 2,127.40  |
| <b>B/F 2,127.40</b>  |           |             |           |
| Mar 2024             | 261.22    | 407.68      | 1,980.94  |
| <b>B/F 1,980.94</b>  |           |             |           |
| Apr 2024             | 1,027.22  | 1,770.45    | 1,237.71  |
| <b>B/F 1,237.71</b>  |           |             |           |

**Balance: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023 - 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 = 1,237.71**

| Summary<br>1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023 – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 |            |              |   |            |
|---|------------|--------------|---|------------|
| Balance Brought Forward   |            |              |   | £1,585.99  |
| Grants  | £25,920.58 | Total Income | + | £34,536.99 |
| Donations / Fundraising   | £5,248.18  |              |   |            |
| Charitable Activities   | £878.23    |              |   |            |
| Other trading activities  | £2,490.00  |              |   |            |
|   |            |              | = | £36,122.98 |
| Total Expenditure   |            |              | - | £34,885.27 |
| Balance   |            |              | = | £1,237.71  |



## **Financial year 2022 – 2023**

TAARC has enjoyed another successful year, reaching the community through innovative new activities while continuing to deliver our much-loved weekly, monthly, and annual events. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our supporters, sponsors, and volunteers for their unwavering commitment, which has been vital to our success.

Thanks to grant funding from The Church Urban Fund (Windrush 75), we delivered several impactful events for the Windrush community, benefiting the people of Telford and the surrounding areas. With this funding, we were able to organize the following:

- Intergenerational Community Art Project: Over sixty T&W students and over twenty Windrush members collaborated with a local Caribbean artist from WelliArt to explore the Windrush contributions to the community, and how this could be expressed artistically. This initiative resulted in a lasting commemorative art display.
- Interactive Windrush Workshops in Schools: Over 1,000 students engaged with the music, fashion, drama, language and contributions of the local and national Windrush generation.
- Windrush Exhibition: Hosted at Wellington Orbit, and subsequently at WelliArt Gallery, this event showcased an impressive wall display of school-created collaborative art alongside art pieces from Windrush community members, and photographic information posters from the Windrush Exhibition Telford & Wrekin.
- Trip to Lancaster: Over twenty Windrush members enjoyed a delightful day, including a visit to a garden centre, a canal boat trip with lunch, and a relaxing time at the beach.
- Red-Carpet Event at Wellington Orbit: A special celebration marking Windrush Day.
- Celebratory Tea Party: Featuring a three-course meal, culturally rich entertainment, games, and 75th Anniversary Awards affirming Windrush members.
- Windrush Family Fun Day: Held on local school grounds, this lively event offered Caribbean and African cuisine, vibrant entertainment, community stalls, puppet shows, raffles, prizes, a DJ, and steel-pan music, with approximately 1,000 diverse community members attending.

### **West Mercia Grant**

This grant supported continued community engagement, including our annual Black History Month celebration. This flagship event has been a tremendous success,

bringing people together to celebrate Black culture and history, fostering unity and appreciation for diversity.

### **The Cooperative Grant**

Funding from The Cooperative supported new and ongoing activities for young people, offering meaningful opportunities and experiences that benefited the wider community.

Through these projects and collaborations, TAARC has continued to play a significant role in enriching lives, promoting inclusion, and building a stronger community in Telford and Wrekin.

### **Ongoing Sports and Social Activities**

Amid the many additional events throughout the year, TAARC continued its core programs that bring value and consistency to the community.

- **Weekly Football in the Community:** A 5-a-side indoor football program for individuals aged 18+, providing a space for fitness, weight loss, friendship, and the love of the game. Participants also benefit from informal life coaching and mentorship.
- **Netball in the Community:** In partnership with Netball England, is a weekly indoor netball session for women aged 16+, offering an opportunity for fun, fitness, and friendship.
- **Monthly Over-60s Social:** Designed for the Windrush generation and their friends, these gatherings include a one-hour seated exercise session, lunch, games, and plenty of fun and laughter.
- **Weekly Warm Winter Hub:** Held during the colder months, this hub provides a warm, welcoming space for community members to connect and stay comfortable.
- **Youth Club:** Partnering with Telford Elim Community Church (TECC), we support "Limitless Telford," a youth club for ages 11–16. Overseen by TECC youth pastors, this well-established program allows us to reach a broader audience of young people in the community.

TAARC's ability to host these activities year after year is a testament to our sustainability, resilience, and dedication to showcasing African and Afro-Caribbean cultures while addressing the needs of our diverse community.

## **Community Groups and Partnerships**

TAARC plays an active role in various community groups and initiatives, fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion:

- **Multi-Organisation Focus Group:** We collaborate with Telford & Wrekin Council, Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council, Age UK Shropshire T&W, and West Mercia Police to address racial issues and encourage community cohesion.
- **Age UK Shropshire T&W:** As a member organisation, TAARC has contributed significantly. Our Chair, Natalie Headley, previously served on their Board of Trustees and is now an ambassador for the organisation.
- **Seldom Heard Voices Forum:** Co-founded by our Chair, this forum addresses inequalities in the healthcare sector, ensuring underrepresented groups have a voice.
- **Telford & Wrekin Interfaith Council:** As members, we actively support initiatives that promote understanding and unity across diverse faith communities.

## **Intended Activities and Annual Events**

TAARC remains committed to delivering a rich program of annual events and activities that bring the community together:

1. **International Women's Day:** A yearly celebration highlighting the critical and diverse roles of women in the community, in collaboration with multicultural groups.
2. **Windrush Day:** An annual commemoration of the arrival of the HMT Empire Windrush on June 22, 1948, celebrating the contributions of the Caribbean community to the UK.
3. **CaribFest/Family Fun Day:** A summer event featuring food, entertainment, and activities for the entire community.
4. **Black History Month:** Involving local schools in interactive learning and culminating in an annual celebration event.
5. **Christmas Party:** A festive dinner and dance honouring our volunteers and community members.

Through these diverse programs, TAARC continues to empower, engage, and enrich the lives of individuals across Telford and Wrekin.

## **Finance - Funding, Donations and Grants**

Funding for 2023 - 2024 financial year has been received from a number of sources including:

- The Church Urban Fund
- The Cooperative
- NHS/Keele University
- Telford & Wrekin Council
- West Mercia Police
- Donations from individuals in the community

Funding also received for bespoke workshops in schools throughout the year.  
There are no financial debts associated with the charity.

### **Report Prepared by:**

**Heather Reid (Finance Officer) and Natalie Headley (Chair)**

**Telford African and Afro-Caribbean Resource Centre (TAARC)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> January 2025**





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees**

TELFORD AFRICAN AND AFRO-CARIBBEAN RESOURCE CENTRE (TAARC)

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1171645

**Set out on pages**

1 to 7

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30/04/2024.

**Responsibilities and  
basis of report**

As the charity's 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 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 gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:** 

**Date:** 30.1.2025

**Name:** Mrs Jacqueline Lewis (Counsellor for the Church of England)

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):** Not Applicable

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