

THE TOGETHER CENTRE @ LOXLEY HOUSE CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1173335

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-06-08

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

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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF TAMESIDE AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR 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 OBJECT.

Activities: The Together Centre Charity provides meaningful support services for local Families and Communities within a thriving Community Hub, and our ambition is to support and encourage empowering positive outcomes whilst demonstrating inclusive and equal participation for Tameside and its wider Communities. We also have a Food Pantry and Charity Shop to help those struggling financially.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£176,985	£131,670	-	-
2024-03-31	£112,060	£137,946	-	-
2023-03-31	£88,191	£132,417	-	-
2022-03-31	£79,547	£39,062	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,780	£2,159	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dawson Lane	Chair	2017-04-19
Anne Murphy		2021-12-05
Christine Salah		2021-12-05
Councillor Margaret Sidebottom		2017-04-19
Jaqueline Elizabeth Ann Lane		2017-04-19
Lyndsey Bertenshaw		2024-06-20
Mark Lee Collier		2021-12-05
Paul Robert Metcalf Rippon		2021-12-05
Susan Quinn		2021-12-05

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2025 Period start date To 31st March 2025 Period end date

Charity name: The Together Centre

Charity registration number: 1173335

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Together Centre has a vision to make the centre a place of possibility. We want the Centre to be a place where people can come together, feel safe, well and happy, learn, grow and feel a sense of pride and ownership. The centre aims to support and provide for vulnerable individuals/families struggling through the financial economic crisis. We also envisage the Centre to be a hub of creativity and achievement, with access to beautiful and accessible green spaces. To provide community resources and facilities for all to use, but with a specific focus on vulnerable families. To provide a range of inclusive activities for the above to participate in. Low-cost food provisions. Low-cost second-hand clothing, household items and furniture. To provide an introductory space for mental health services and to offer healthy eating advice and promote exercise in-house. To help people, particularly vulnerable families, to access services and facilities to improve their wellbeing. To develop a community presence as an inclusive, creative, and 'green' hub.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To further or benefit the residents of Tameside and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or 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 cooperate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above object. Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008].
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in exercising their powers and duties. In line with this guidance, the trustees ensure that the charity's activities are carried out to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit. The Together Centre operates to benefit the residents of Tameside and the surrounding areas without discrimination. Our services and activities are designed to provide inclusive support, promote wellbeing, and improve quality of life for vulnerable individuals, families, and the wider community. The trustees regularly review the charity's work and policies to ensure that our resources are used effectively and that our activities continue to deliver clear and measurable public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Policy on Grant Making This section is currently under development. The trustees recognise the importance of having a clear grant making policy and intend to complete and include it in the next annual

		report.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Policy on Social Investment This section is currently under development. The trustees recognise the importance of having a clear policy on social investment, including program-related investments, to guide how the charity's resources may be used to further its charitable objectives. Work is ongoing to develop and formalise this policy, ensuring that any social investments are made prudently and align with the charity's mission and regulatory requirements. The trustees intend to include a comprehensive social investment policy in the next annual report.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers continue to play a vital role in supporting the work of The Together Centre. Their commitment and diverse skills help to deliver many of our services, including running the charity shop, assisting with the food pantry, leading activity sessions, and supporting our community garden and allotment projects. Currently, we have 37 active volunteers who collectively contribute around 110 hours per week, which equates to over 5,700 hours annually. Valued at the national minimum wage for illustrative purposes, this represents a contribution worth approximately £65,000 per year. Our volunteers not only extend our capacity but also enrich the community spirit of the centre. We are committed to supporting and valuing our volunteers through regular training, recognition, and providing a welcoming environment where they can develop new skills and social connections.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Summary of the Main Achievements Over the past year, The Together Centre has made significant strides in improving the lives of vulnerable individuals and families in our community. Through our inclusive range of services and activities, we have provided essential support that addresses both immediate needs and longer-term wellbeing. Our charity shop continues to offer affordable clothing and household goods, helping families stretch their budgets while reducing waste. The food pantry has supported an average of 43 people weekly, rescuing thousands of kilograms of food that would otherwise have been wasted and providing nutritious meals for those in need. This not only alleviates food insecurity but also contributes positively to environmental sustainability. We have expanded our social enterprise activities, including gardening support for older adults and a handyman service that enhances home safety for survivors and victims of domestic violence. These initiatives have empowered individuals, improved quality of life, and strengthened community resilience. Our dedicated volunteers have been instrumental in delivering these services, contributing thousands of hours and fostering a welcoming, supportive environment. Beyond direct support, The Together Centre has helped foster social inclusion and community cohesion, creating safe spaces where people can connect, learn, and grow. Our specialized groups for children, people with autism, and those with stoma bags have provided tailored support and a sense of belonging. Collectively, these achievements demonstrate our commitment to making a meaningful, positive difference in the lives of our beneficiaries and the wider society we serve.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The trustees intend to develop this section in the coming year to provide a detailed summary of progress against the charity's strategic objectives.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The trustees have maintained close oversight of The Together Centre's finances throughout the year. Following a period of scrutiny and significant reductions in staffing last year, the charity is now in a much stronger financial position. We have successfully produced and implemented our first financial reserves policy, marking an important step towards long-term sustainability. Grants and donations have increased significantly, rising from £27,950 to £79,859, providing vital unrestricted income to support our work. Together Services, our social enterprise, has expanded its reach by introducing gardening support for people over 55 who need help maintaining their outdoor spaces. This initiative has been popular and increased income by 27%—from £44,070 at the end of 2024 to £55,932 at the end of 2025. Additionally, Together Services began a handyman contract with Jigsaw Homes' domestic violence project, Sanctuary, which helps secure the homes of vulnerable women with security measures such as cameras, window locks, chains, and lighting. Having a trusted charity attend to these sensitive needs has been invaluable in supporting these women's safety and wellbeing. The trustees remain committed to managing resources prudently while continuing to develop services that meet the evolving needs of our community.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The trustees have established a reserves policy to ensure The Together Centre maintains sufficient unrestricted funds to manage financial risks and safeguard ongoing charitable activities. Reserves are held to provide a financial buffer against unforeseen shortfalls in income, unexpected expenditure, and periods of operational change or uncertainty. This enables the charity to continue delivering services and meeting commitments without disruption. The target level of reserves is set at three to six months of core operating costs, currently estimated at between £23,000 and £46,000.

		This range is reviewed annually to reflect changes in income, expenditure, and risk.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the year-end, The Together Centre held unrestricted reserves of approximately £75,000, which exceeds the target range set in the reserves policy.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable. The charity currently holds unrestricted reserves as detailed above.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds materially in deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The trustees have assessed the charity's financial position and are satisfied that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The Together Centre's principal sources of funds include grants and donations from local and national funders, income generated through our charity shop, and revenue from our social enterprise activities such as gardening support and handyman services. Fundraising activities include community events and appeals, which complement our core income streams. These diverse sources help sustain our services and community projects.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Currently, the charity does not hold significant investments beyond cash reserves. The trustees are developing a formal social investment policy to guide potential future program-related investments and ensure any investments align with the charity's mission and risk appetite. Until this policy is finalised, reserves are held primarily in liquid, low-risk accounts to maintain accessibility and financial stability.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The trustees have identified several principal risks that could affect the charity's operations and sustainability, including: • Fluctuations in funding and grant availability, which could impact income levels. • Dependency on key staff and

		volunteers, with potential challenges in recruitment and retention. • Operational risks related to service delivery, including health and safety and safeguarding. • External economic factors that may increase demand for services while constraining resources. These risks are regularly reviewed, and the trustees implement appropriate mitigation strategies such as diversifying income, maintaining reserves, and ensuring robust governance and operational policies.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Together Centre is governed by its Constitution dated 20th January 2017. The constitution sets out the charity's objects, powers, and rules governing its administration.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered with the Charity Commission. This legal structure provides the charity with a corporate personality and limited liability for its trustees.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected through a voluntary application process followed by election by the membership. This democratic process ensures that trustees are appointed based on their commitment and suitability to govern the charity effectively. The constitution does not provide for any external or automatic appointments. The trustees are responsible for the overall governance and strategic direction of the charity and meet regularly to oversee its operations and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	New trustees receive an induction pack that includes the charity's governing document, recent financial reports, policies, and relevant guidance on trustee duties. They are offered an introductory meeting with the Chair and other trustees to familiarise themselves with the charity's operations and strategic priorities. The charity supports ongoing trustee development through access to training opportunities, workshops, and external resources relevant to their roles. Trustees are encouraged to keep up to date with best practice and regulatory requirements to ensure effective governance.
The charity's organisational		The Together Centre operates with a board of trustees responsible for governance and

structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	strategic oversight. Day-to-day management, is led by the Centre Manager, supported by staff and volunteers delivering services. The charity actively collaborates with local authorities, voluntary organisations, and community groups to enhance service provision and community impact. These partnerships help extend our reach and ensure coordinated support for beneficiaries.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity maintains transparent and professional relationships with all related parties, including trustees, staff, volunteers, partner organisations, and funders. Any potential conflicts of interest are declared and managed according to the charity's conflict of interest policy to ensure decisions are made in the best interests of the charity.
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Together Centre @ Loxley House
Other name the charity uses	The Together Centre
Registered charity number	1173335
Charity's principal address	Loxley House 287 Birch Lane Dukinfield, Tameside Greater Manchester SK16 5AU

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	Dawson Lane	Chair		Membership
2	Mark Collier	Trustee		Membership
3	Ann Murphy	Trustee		Membership
4	Susan Quinn	Trustee		Membership
5	Jackie Lane	Trustee		Membership
6	Christine Salah	Trustee		Membership
7	Paul Rippon	Trustee		Membership
8	Lyndsey Bertenshaw	Treasurer/Trustee		Membership
9	Margaret Sidebottom	Trustee		Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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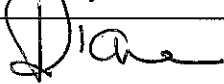
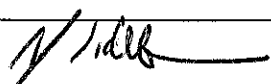
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dawson Lane	Margaret Sidebottom
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Trustee

Date	24/01/2025
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THE TOGETHER CENTRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

THE TOGETHER CENTRE

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THE TOGETHER CENTRE
GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

CHARITY: The Together Centre (Registered Charity no.1173335)

ADDRESS: 287 Birch Lane
Birch Lane
Dukinfield
SK16 5AU

ACCOUNTANT: MB Services MCR Ltd
131 Brendon Drive
Audenshaw
Manchester
M34 5RW

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO
THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOGETHER CENTRE

In accordance with instructions given to me I have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of The Together Centre and from information and explanations supplied to me.

MB Services MCR Ltd
131 Brendon Drive
Audenshaw
Manchester
M34 5RW

The Together Centre
Profit And Loss Account
For the year ended 31 March 2025

		<u>2025</u>		<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Charity shop	7327			
Fund raising	5,942		10,669	
Grants and donations	79,859		27,950	
Room hire	12,514		9,790	
Services	55,932		44,070	
Workshops	<u>15,411</u>		<u>19,581</u>	
		176,985		112,060
<u>Cost of sales</u>				
Fund raising expenses	2,101		142	
Meal provision	12,423		7,268	
Resources	4,155		6,910	
Volunteer costs and expenses	<u>23,606</u>		<u>23,896</u>	
		<u>42,285</u>		38,216
Gross Profit		134,700		73,844
<u>Administration costs</u>				
Accountancy	530		618	
Computer and software costs	445		335	
Depreciation	2,016		2,556	
Insurance	2,807		1,768	
Motor expenses	3,275		6,470	
Professional fees	266		423	
Stationery and printing	4,022		2,843	
Sundry expenses	0		265	
Telephone and internet	3,471		3,530	
Wages costs	<u>61,542</u>		<u>75,250</u>	
		78,374		94,058
<u>Establishment costs</u>				
Property repairs	3,555		2,098	
Repairs and maintenance	7,456		3,574	
		11,011		5,672
Net profit/-loss		45,315		-25,886

The Together Centre
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FA - equipment, fixtures & fittings</u>		
Cost - b/fwd	5,167	2611
Cost - additions	0	2556
Depn - b/fwd	1660	784
Depn - charge	<u>672</u>	<u>876</u>
	2,835	3,507
<u>FA - motor vehicle</u>		
Cost - b/fwd	10,500	10500
Cost - additions	0	0
Depn - b/fwd	3780	2100
Depn - charge	<u>1344</u>	<u>1680</u>
	5,376	6,720
<u>Bank</u>		
Current account	75,997	30609
Petty cash	<u>1817</u>	<u>0</u>
	77,814	30609
<u>Creditors</u>		
Accruals	530	1137
Net wages	2272	0
PAYE and NI	<u>694</u>	<u>2485</u>
	3496	3622
	74,318	26987
Net assets	<u>82,529</u>	<u>37214</u>
Funded By		
<u>Profit and loss account</u>		
Brought forward	37,214	63100
Net profit	<u>45,315</u>	<u>-25886</u>
	82,529	37214
Total funds	<u>82,529</u>	<u>37214</u>



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Together Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173335

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

22/01/2026

Name:

J V Fidler

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

F.C.C.A.

Address:

80 Joel Lane

Gee Cross, Hyde

Cheshire, SK14 5LF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**

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**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 **Period start date** **To** 31st March 2024 **Period end date**

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Charity registration number: 1173335

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Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We have had changes to our centre manager and a trustees this year. We intend to work on a policy for grant making for next year.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	As above
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers play a huge role within our charity. From helping and collecting for the Food Pantry, sorting and helping people that attend our Charity Shop to running activity sessions sharing a skill they have. Currently, we have recruited 35 dedicated active volunteers. Our allotment team who are

		also volunteers provide an excellent range of activities for the community and also for local disabled schools and a group of children from another school that have mental health problems and are anxious. We worked out recently that the hours our volunteers contribute are 110 hours per week - 5,720 per year. If converted to minimum wage for example purposes only, this amounts to £65,436.80. This is truly amazing!
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Recently, we have opened a charity shop, ensuring low prices for our beneficiaries to be able to purchase clothes, household items and other items donated to the centre. Our charity shop is based in our portacabin, it has two rooms and a kitchen. One room is a charity shop, the other room we have are converting into a warm, safe space for those that struggle with their mental health. Feedback from our beneficiaries is that the centre can be busy and vibrant and build a barrier to access for those with mental health problems. The space will offer refreshments and be an introductory to branching out into the centre to join in with activities or even become volunteer! Our Food Pantry has been successful. We offer around 2-3 bags of food including staple items, freezer, chilled, fresh fruit and veg and personal hygiene and cleaning items for £3.75. Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 – 1669 individuals/families collected food from the pantry. During last year we collected 126 Tesco evening donations. Our pantry users took 2646kg of food home with them, cooked 6301 meals equivalent and 50443kg of Co2 savings. All this food would have otherwise been thrown away. We run our pantry on Fridays and Saturdays to ensure those working have the opportunity to attend. We have no criteria to become a member of our pantry apart from living in Tameside. During the financial economic

		crisis, any family could struggle to purchase food. Our wellbeing activities continue throughout the week and we have lots of plans for the future.
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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Together Centre's finances have had the Trustees full attention over the last 6 months. The accounts have been scrutinised and multiple changes have been initiated. Employee PAYE and Volunteer costs are noticeably high. A new Centre Manager has been employed with extensive management experience and leadership skills. The Trust has also welcomed a new trustee/treasurer with key qualities and knowledge to add to the diverse range of expertise the Board of Trustees. Staff costs have reduced significantly along with volunteer expenses as shown in the projected costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not currently hold reserves. This has been discussed and as soon as we feel we are in a position to hold reserves this will be completed
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	This has not yet been set up, the centre has a new centre manager and treasurer – reserves will be discussed with the board of trustees this year. The trustees are keen to have unrestricted funds set aside to use towards the charities aims and objectives or to protect ourselves from any future financial drops in income.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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	Dawson Lane	Chair		Membership
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3	Ann Murphy	Trustee		Membership
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5	Jackie Lane	Trustee		Membership
6	Christine Salah	Trustee		Membership
7	Paul Rippon	Trustee		Membership
8	Lyndsey Bertenshaw	Treasurer/Trustee		Membership
9	Margaret Sidebottom	Trustee		Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 20th January 2017
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Dated 20th January 2017
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Voluntary application and selection by membership election

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Together Centre at Loxley House
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1173335
Charity's principal address	287 Birch Lane Dukinfield SK16 5AU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	DAWSON LANE.	LYNOSEI LOUISE BERTENSHAW
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	22/10/2024	

THE TOGETHER CENTRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

THE TOGETHER CENTRE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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THE TOGETHER CENTRE
GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

CHARITY: The Together Centre (Registered Charity no.1173335)

ADDRESS: 287 Birch Lane
Birch Lane
Dukinfield
SK16 5AU

ACCOUNTANT: MB Accountancy and Payroll Services Ltd
131 Brendon Drive
Audenshaw
Manchester
M34 5RW

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO
THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOGETHER CENTRE

In accordance with instructions given to me I have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of The Together Centre and from information and explanations supplied to me.

MB Accountancy and Payroll Services Ltd
131 Brendon Drive
Audenshaw
Manchester
M34 5RW

The Together Centre
Profit And Loss Account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Fund raising	10,669		10	
Grants and donations	27,950		50,492	
Room hire	9,790		8,878	
Services	44,070		24,080	
Workshops	<u>19,581</u>		<u>4,731</u>	
		112,060		88,191
<u>Cost of sales</u>				
Fund raising expenses	142		120	
Meal provision	7,268		16,991	
Resources	6,910		15,685	
Volunteer costs and expenses	<u>23,896</u>		<u>24,662</u>	
		<u>38,216</u>		57,458
Gross Profit		73,844		30,733
<u>Administration costs</u>				
Accountancy	618		446	
Bank charges	335		0	
Computer and software costs	876		576	
Depreciation	1,680		2,557	
Equipment expensed	0		194	
Insurance	1,768		534	
Motor expenses	6,470		2,808	
Professional fees	423		415	
Stationery and printing	2,843		1,894	
Sundry expenses	265		467	
Telephone and internet	3,530		5,990	
Uniform	0		649	
Wages costs	<u>75,250</u>		<u>54,047</u>	
		94,058		70,577
<u>Establishment costs</u>				
Property repairs	2,098		3,111	
Rates	0		374	
Repairs and maintenance	3,574		897	
		5,672		4,382
Net profit/-loss		-25,886		-44,226

The Together Centre
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FA - equipment, fixtures & fittings</u>			
Cost - b/fwd	2,611	1637	
Cost - additions	2556	974	
Depn - b/fwd	784	327	
Depn - charge	<u>876</u>	<u>457</u>	
	3,507		1,827
<u>FA - motor vehicle</u>			
Cost - b/fwd	10,500	0	
Cost - additions	0	10500	
Depn - b/fwd	2100	0	
Depn - charge	<u>1680</u>	<u>2100</u>	
	6,720		8,400
<u>Bank</u>			
Current account	30,609	56538	
Petty cash	<u>0</u>	<u>2257</u>	
	30,609	58795	
<u>Creditors</u>			
Accruals	1137	824	
Net wages	0	1658	
PAYE and NI	<u>2485</u>	<u>3440</u>	
	3622	5922	
	26,987		52873
Net assets	<u>37,214</u>		<u>63100</u>
<u>Funded By</u>			
<u>Profit and loss account</u>			
Brought forward	63,100	107326	
Net profit	<u>-25,886</u>	<u>-44226</u>	
	37,214		63100
Total funds	<u>37,214</u>		<u>63100</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Together Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173335

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signed:

Date:

04/10/2024

Name:

J V Fidler

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

F.C.C.A.

Address:

80 Joel Lane

Gee Cross, Hyde

Cheshire, SK14 5LF

Section B

Disclosure

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**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**

THE TOGETHER CENTRE @ LOXLEY HOUSE CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1173335

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2022		Day 31st	Month March	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Together Centre @ Loxley House (CIO)		
Other names charity is known by	None		
Registered charity number (if any)	1173335		
Charity's principal address	287 Birch Lane		
	Dukinfield		
	Tameside		
	Postcode	SK16 5AU	

Names of the charity trustees and officials 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	Dawson Lane	Chair		Membership
2	Mark Collier	Secretary		Membership
3	Paul Callaghan	Treasurer		Membership
4	Jackie Lane	Trustee		Membership
5	Ann Murphy	Trustee		Membership
6	Margaret Sidebottom	Trustee		Membership
7	Susan Quinn	Trustee		Membership
8	Paul Rippon	Trustee		Membership
9	Christine Salah	Trustee		Membership

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Leanne Bold

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 19 th April 2017
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(eg. trust deed, constitution)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Dated 8th June 2017

Voluntary application and selection by membership election

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.

The charity is ultimately managed at the Centre Manager and at a strategic level by the 9 Trustees with support currently provided by local officers as part of the local council's community asset transfer agenda. Operationally, the organisation is managed and operates through a team of volunteers who all have specific job roles and responsibilities.

A formal partnership arrangement is in place with Active Tameside to deliver a community café and health and wellbeing activities within the centre.

Tameside MBC provides a commissioned Day Service for people with disabilities from the centre with an employed team of 3 care staff and one Senior.

Risk assessments were carried out during the summer of 2022 prior to services re-opening from the lockdown periods towards the end of the year. The assessments were approved by our Health and Safety Champion. Consideration of risk is also given within the business plan in terms of overall management of the charity and its priorities. Specific risk assessments are completed as and when required in terms of events and activities. All other risks eg Fire, Health and Safety etc are managed within the relevant documents and policies.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO according to the constitution are:

To further or benefit the residents of Tameside and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or 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 interest 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 object.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with (Section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005) and (Section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008)

The Centres Vision Statement is:

We want to be a place of possibility. We want to be a place where people can come together, feel safe, well and happy. Where people can learn and grow and feel a sense of pride and ownership.

The Centres Strategic Aims are:

- To provide a community resource and facilities for all to use.
- To provide a range of activities for all to participate in.
- To provide a healthy food offer available and accessible for all.
- To help people to access services and facilities which will help to improve their wellbeing.

Summary

The Together Centre at Loxley House seeks to develop a range of health and wellbeing activities over time in order to achieve our social objectives, as well as generate sufficient income to manage and maintain the centre in the longer term.

Key activities of the Trust will be:

- Managing the Together Centre as an accessible, community facility hosting a range of services to the community.
- Providing a range of services to meet the needs of local Families.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

We currently do not have a policy on grant making, however, this is something that we will be working on more detail with our colleagues at Action Together Tameside. We have submitted a number of successful grants for specific projects within the centre and are working hard to deliver the projects.

We recognise the importance and the crucial contribution that is made by our volunteers and this is reflected in the centres Volunteer Strategy that is in place. This covers all aspects of volunteering ensuring that all our volunteers have a positive experience whilst being involved at the centre.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main

Section D

Achievements and performance

achievements of the charity during the year

Volunteers – The Together Centre successfully recruited a core group of 57 volunteers, all of whom support the Centre Manager and recently recruited new Trustees.

Council Support – Work has continued on a DRAFT Business Plan for the Centre, as one of the key requirements to effect transfer of the asset to the Together Centre.

Donations and Funding – Our Centre Manager appointed in 2021 now leads on the development and submission of new grant applications and building the level of donations and commercial income into the organisation.

The Centre Manager recognised the Charity would need to establish a 'not for profit' activity to make itself financially sustainable, and therefore just recently in September 2022 Together Services has been established to successfully deliver a wide range of initiatives ranging in size from a few hundred pounds to thousands of pounds in value. The common threads of 'grow our own' and 'added value' have guided and informed our delivery model.

Recognised for our pioneering and creative approach Together Services fits The Together Centre's objectives perfectly – to grow our trading arm commercially and enhance our social, ethical, and environmental offer in the local community. In addition, the significant financial contribution we make to the Together Centre enables the Charity to grow rapidly and develop new projects which benefit our local Community

Activities Timetable – The Centre supports local families with a vast amount of weekly wellbeing sessions and workshops, most importantly supporting those most during these unprecedented times; ages 0 – 100+

Partnership working – We have continued to work with Action Together on building the capacity of the organisation alongside other support Organisations including the NHS, AGEUK, local Schools, the local Authority, Housing Associations, and MORE.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

AsThe Together Centre is in its formative and development years, any surpluses and reserves shall be dedicated to expand and further its ambitions as stated in the Objects section of the Constitution.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including

The Charities principal sources of funds and income are generated from:

- Rental income
- Room Hire
- Community Café

- any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

- Together Services
- Service Delivery
 - o Grants
 - o Contracts
 - o Direct Payments
- Fundraising (Fairs, events, socials etc)
- Voluntary income and donations

Expenditure is focused primarily on the purchase of equipment to enhance and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation.

A business plan forming the basis of a Community Asset Transfer with the local authority is well advanced and reflects our policy objectives. Reserves and working resources will, wherever possible, be employed in an ethical manner.

To develop and maintain a healthy reserve it is our policy to retain a reserve fund supplemented by a minimum of 25% of the year-end surplus. The Trust Board may increase this at any time as it sees fit and appropriate, under advisement of the Treasurer.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dawson Lane	Paul Callaghan
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29-01-2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Together Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
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1173335

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Signed:

Date:

29.2.24

Name:

J V Fidler

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

F.C.C.A.

Address:

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Gee Cross, Hyde

Cheshire, SK14 5LF

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Together Centre @ Loxley House CIO

1173335

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2022

To

Period end date
31/03/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	10	-	-	10	32
Grants and donations	50,492	-	-	50,492	72,709
Room hire	8,878	-	-	8,878	6,806
Services	24,080	-	-	24,080	-
Workshops	4,731	-	-	4,731	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	88,191	-	-	88,191	79,547
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	88,191	-	-	88,191	79,547
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses	120	-	-	120	120
Meal provision	16,991	-	-	16,991	4,261
Resources	15,685	-	-	15,685	5,793
Volunteer costs	24,662	-	-	24,662	8,810
Administration costs	13,526	-	-	13,526	2,755
Wages	48,949	-	-	48,949	14,326
Establishment costs	4,382	-	-	4,382	2,013
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	124,315	-	-	124,315	38,078
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	11,474	-	-	11,474	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,474	-	-	11,474	-
Total payments	135,789	-	-	135,789	38,078
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 47,598	-	-	- 47,598	41,469
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	106,393	-	-	106,393	64,924
Cash funds this year end	58,795	-	-	58,795	106,393

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		56,538	-	-
		2,257	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,795	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Unrestricted	2,611	-
	Motor vehicle	Unrestricted	10,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accruals	Unrestricted	824	
	Net Wages	Unrestricted	1,658	
	PAYE	Unrestricted	3,440	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAUL CALMAN	18/03/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Together Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

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Signed:

Date:

29.2.24

Name:

J V Fidler

Relevant professional
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CC16a

For the period
from

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To

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	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,474	-	-	11,474	-
Total payments	135,789	-	-	135,789	38,078
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 47,598	-	-	- 47,598	41,469
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	106,393	-	-	106,393	64,924
Cash funds this year end	58,795	-	-	58,795	106,393

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		56,538	-	-
		2,257	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58,795	-	-

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	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Unrestricted	2,611	-
	Motor vehicle	Unrestricted	10,500	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accruals	Unrestricted	824	
	Net Wages	Unrestricted	1,658	
	PAYE	Unrestricted	3,440	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Paul Cairns

PAUL CAIRNS

18/03/24

THE TOGETHER CENTRE @ LOXLEY HOUSE CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1173335

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	1st	April	2021		31st	March	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Together Centre @ Loxley House (CIO)

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1173335

Charity's principal address 287 Birch Lane

Dukinfield

Tameside

Postcode SK16 5AU

Names of the charity trustees and officials 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	Dawson Lane	Chair		Membership
2	Mark Collier	Secretary		Membership
3	Paul Callaghan	Treasurer		Membership
4	Jackie Lane	Trustee		Membership
5	Ann Murphy	Trustee		Membership
6	Margaret Sidebottom	Trustee		Membership
7	Susan Quinn	Trustee		Membership
8	Paul Rippon	Trustee		Membership
9	Christine Salah	Trustee		Membership

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Leanne Bold

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution dated 19 th April 2017
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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.

The charity is ultimately managed at the Centre Manager and at a strategic level by the 9 Trustees with support currently provided by local officers as part of the local council's community asset transfer agenda. Operationally, the organisation is managed and operates through a team of volunteers who all have specific job roles and responsibilities.

A formal partnership arrangement is in place with Active Tameside to deliver a community café and health and wellbeing activities within the centre.

Tameside MBC provides a commissioned Day Service for people with disabilities from the centre with an employed team of 3 care staff and one Senior.

Risk assessments were carried out during the summer of 2022 prior to services re-opening from the lockdown periods towards the end of the year. The assessments were approved by our Health and Safety Champion. Consideration of risk is also given within the business plan in terms of overall management of the charity and its priorities. Specific risk assessments are completed as and when required in terms of events and activities. All other risks eg Fire, Health and Safety etc are managed within the relevant documents and policies.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO according to the constitution are:

To further or benefit the residents of Tameside and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or 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 interest 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 object.

Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with (Section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005) and (Section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008)

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The Centres Strategic Aims are:

- ☐ To provide a community resource and facilities for all to use.
- ☐ To provide a range of activities for all to participate in.
- ☐ To provide a healthy food offer available and accessible for all.
- ☐ To help people to access services and facilities which will help to improve their wellbeing.

Summary

The Together Centre at Loxley House seeks to develop a range of health and wellbeing activities over time in order to achieve our social objectives, as well as generate sufficient income to manage and maintain the centre in the longer term.

Key activities of the Trust will be:

- ☐ Managing the Together Centre as an accessible, community facility hosting a range of services to the community.
- ☐ Providing a range of services to meet the needs of local Families.

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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

- ☐ policy on grantmaking;
- ☐ policy programme related investment;
- ☐ contribution made by volunteers.

We currently do not have a policy on grant making, however, this is something that we will be working on more detail with our colleagues at Action Together Tameside. We have submitted a number of successful grants for specific projects within the centre and are working hard to deliver the projects.

We recognise the importance and the crucial contribution that is made by our volunteers, and this is reflected in the centres Volunteer Strategy that is in place. This covers all aspects of volunteering ensuring that all our volunteers have a positive experience whilst being involved at the centre.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As with the rest of the country, the Together Centre spent the first 3 months of the year in lockdown as a result of the pandemic. During the summer of 2020 as restrictions were gradually eased the Trustees undertook a series of conversations with the local authority around the safety measures to be put in place that would permit a re-opening of the premises.

Given the highly vulnerable nature of most of the centre's service users the decision was taken to re-introduce existing services on a gradually phased and socially distanced basis.

Volunteers - The Together Centre was able to recruit a core group of 46 volunteers who were instrumental both in reconfiguring the premises so that a limited range of activities could be re-established, cleaning and sanitising the premises after use and supporting general operations.

Trustees - The break in operations gave the current Board time both to continue working on a Community Asset Transfer with the local authority and to assess current levels of representation. Conversations have now taken place a number of local residents, service users and volunteers and we have successfully recruited new Trustees to expand the make-up of the Board, bringing in a wider set of skills and experience to help develop the CIO.

Council Support - The Centre received ongoing advice and support from local council officers, particularly in the context of making the premises safe for people to meet in small numbers in line with government regulations and guidance Work also continued on a draft business plan for the Centre as one of the key requirements to effect transfer of the asset to the Together Centre.

Donations and Funding - A Centre Manager has now been appointed who will lead on the development and submission of new grant applications and building the level of donations and commercial income into the organisation.

Activities Timetable - The Centre has returned to normal operations and will continue to include weekly wellbeing sessions and workshops.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Community Café – The purchase of new ovens has now taken place in order to bring the café back into full operation.

Partnership working – We have continued to work with Action Together on building the capacity of the organisation and they now provide our payroll service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

As the TTC is in its formative and development years, any surpluses and reserves shall be dedicated to expand and further its ambitions as stated in the Objects section of the Constitution.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

The charities principal sources of funds and income will be derived from:

- ☐ Rental income
- ☐ Room Hire
- ☐ Community Café
- ☐ Service Delivery
 - ☐ Grants
 - ☐ Contracts
 - ☐ Direct Payments
- ☐ Fundraising (Fairs, events, socials etc)
- ☐ Voluntary income and donations

Expenditure is focused primarily on the purchase of equipment to enhance and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the organisation.

A business plan forming the basis of a Community Asset Transfer with the local authority is well advanced and reflects our policy objectives. Reserves and working resources will, wherever possible, be employed in an ethical manner.

To develop and maintain a healthy reserve it is our policy to retain a reserve fund supplemented by a minimum of 25% of the year-end surplus. The Trust Board may increase this at any time as it sees fit and appropriate, under advisement of the Treasurer.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)	 	
Full name(s)	Dawson Lane	Paul Callaghan
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29-01-2023	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Together Centre @ Loxley House CIO

1173335

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2021

To

Period end date
31/03/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fundraising	32	-	-	32	830
Grants and donations	72,709	-	-	72,709	950
Room hire	6,806	-	-	6,806	3,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	79,547	-	-	79,547	4,780
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	79,547	-	-	79,547	4,780
A3 Payments					
Fundraising expenses	120	-	-	120	100
Meal provision	4,261	-	-	4,261	-
Resources	5,793	-	-	5,793	-
Volunteer costs	8,810	-	-	8,810	-
Administration costs	2,755	-	-	2,755	2,059
Wages	14,326	-	-	14,326	-
Establishment costs	2,997	-	-	2,997	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	39,062	-	-	39,062	2,159
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	39,062	-	-	39,062	2,159
Net of receipts/(payments)	40,485	-	-	40,485	2,621
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,545	-	-	67,545	64,924
Cash funds this year end	108,030	-	-	108,030	67,545

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		104,136	-	-
		2,257	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	106,393	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment	1637	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	The Together Centre		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2022	Charity no (if any)	1173335
Set out on pages	1 - 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:  Date: 26/04/2023

Name: J V Fidler

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any): F.C.C.A.

Address: 80 Joel Lane
Gee Cross, Hyde
Cheshire, SK14 5LF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

THE TOGETHER CENTRE @ LOXLEY HOUSE CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1173335

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day 1st	Month April	Year 2020	To	Day 31st	Month March	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Names of the charity trustees and officials 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	Dawson Lane	Chair		Membership
2	Sharon Hall	Secretary		Membership
3	Jackie Lane	Trustee		Membership
4	Colin Higham	Trustee		Membership
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6	Margaret Sidebottom	Trustee		Membership

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Council Officer	Janine	Byron
Council Officer	Nicola	Carter

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

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)	
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The charity is ultimately managed at a strategic level by the 6 Trustees with support currently provided by 2 local government officers as part of the local council's community asset transfer agenda. Operationally, the organisation is managed and operates through a team of trustees and volunteers who all have specific job roles and responsibilities.

There are a number of other provider organisations that operate from the centre, namely The Shed (Tameside), Noah's A.R.T, the Stroke Association, St Antony's and Active Tameside. Members of these groups are also trustees of the CIO. A formal partnership arrangement is in place with Active Tameside to deliver a community café and health and wellbeing activities within the centre.

Tameside MBC provides a commissioned Day Service for people with disabilities from the centre with an employed team of 3 care staff and one Senior.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic this year, the centre has operated at a reduced capacity and for most of the current financial year was unable to deliver face to face services owing to Covid restrictions. Risk assessments were carried out during the summer of 2020 prior to services re-opening towards the end of the year. The assessments were approved by Tameside Council's Health and Safety and Public Health team. Consideration of risk is also given within the business plan in terms of overall management of the charity and its priorities. Specific risk assessments are completed as and when required in terms of events and activities. All other risks eg Fire, Health and Safety etc are managed within the relevant documents and policies.

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Summary

The Together Centre at Loxley House seeks to develop a range of health and wellbeing activities over time in order to achieve our social objectives, as well as generate sufficient income to manage and maintain the centre in the longer term.

Key activities of the Trust will be:

- Managing the Together Centre as an accessible, community facility hosting a range of services to the community, including people with a disability and / or sensory impairment.
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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)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As with the rest of the country, the Together Centre spent the first 3 months of the year in lockdown as a result of the pandemic. During the summer of 2020 as restrictions were gradually eased the Trustees undertook a series of conversations with the local authority around the safety measures to be put in place that would permit a re-opening of the premises.

Given the highly vulnerable nature of most of the centre's service users the decision was taken to re-introduce existing services on a gradually phased and socially distanced basis.

As key service providers such as The Shed and Noah's Art were unable to deliver activity to generate income and/or meet grant and contract targets the Board of Trustees agreed to reduce rental costs by 50%. The ongoing suspension of most services meant that rent represented the bulk of the Together Centre's income for 2020-21.

Volunteers – Despite the pandemic, the Together Centre was able to retain a core group of 16 volunteers who were instrumental both in reconfiguring the premises so that a limited range of activities could be re-established, cleaning and sanitising the premises after use and supporting general operations.

Trustees – The break in operations gave the current Board time both to continue working on a Community Asset Transfer with the local authority and to assess current levels of representation. Conversations have been held with a number of local residents, service users and volunteers with a view to expanding the make-up of the Board during the coming year, bringing in a wider set of skills and experience to help develop the CIO.

Council Support – The Centre received ongoing advice and support from local council officers, particularly in the context of making the premises safe for people to meet in small numbers in line with government regulations and guidance. Work also continued on a draft business plan for the Centre as one of the key requirements to effect transfer of the asset to the Together Centre.

Donations and Funding – no new grants were secured during the year, partly due to the premises not being available for the safe delivery of services and partly due to the need to prioritise the delivery of projects, services and initiatives funded by previously secured grants. Plans are in hand to appoint a new Centre Manager who will lead on the development and submission of new grant applications, and building the level of donations and commercial income into the organisation.

Activities Timetable – This will be re-established once the Centre is able to return to normal operations and will continue to include; exercise classes for a range of abilities and interests, a weekly singing session, music workshops, drama workshops and language sessions.

Community Café – The purchase of new ovens is required in order to bring the café back into full operation. This is subject to ongoing negotiation with Tameside MBC and Active Tameside who currently manage the kitchen and café area.

Winter Pressures for vulnerable people – During the winter we again worked in partnership with Active Tameside using funding from the local council to support vulnerable people. We were able to provide free hot meals and activities to those in need and this also included delivery to people's homes.

Room hire – other than core tenants room hire was static for the year owing to the pandemic restrictions.

Membership – A membership system is well established with members clear about what they can expect from becoming a member. Administrative systems are in place to support this. The membership offer has been expanded by the improved activity offer. We have also introduced a "suspended membership scheme" which is an anonymous "pay it forward" scheme for people to purchase memberships on behalf of others who are finding the cost difficult for whatever reason to ensure the centre is as inclusive as possible.

Partnership working – We have continued to work with Action Together on building the capacity of the organisation by setting out plans to increase the number of volunteers and Trustees and finalise a job description for our first paid employee. Action Together will also be providing payroll support once an employee is appointed.

Outreach work – Outreach activities will resume once government restrictions arising from the pandemic ease sufficiently to allow such engagement.

Fareshare — Active Tameside, with whom we work in partnership to run the Together Café, is a full member of Fareshare. This continues to allow the café to offer a range of foods that would not normally be available to the members at a reduced rate and is helping to support our value of providing healthy and ethical food.

Grow Together – Following work in previous years to develop this initiative, further work is planned during 20-21 to promote wider involvement in the gardens, including the creation of a commemorative garden for former users and stakeholders of Loxley House and an allotment project to grow food and flowers to be used to prepare meals in the community café and for the general benefit of service users.

Animals from Noah's A.R.T – Noah's A.R.T. is a social project that operates out of the centre. Their purpose is to provide animal assisted therapy for anybody who loves animals, nature and creativity as an alternative to talking therapies. The animals based at the centre provide a warm, welcoming and homely environment which is enjoyed by all members at the centre.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Social evenings – We will resume Social evenings at the centre once pandemic restrictions are ease. These will continue to reflect members' interests and include games, pub quiz, 3 course meal and a pop up bar.

Christmas Celebrations – Unfortunately, these were not possible during 2020 owing to Greater Manchester being in Tier 3 restrictions.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F

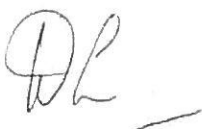
Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Dawson Lane	Paul Callaghan
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	27/01/22	

2020 - 2021 - Year-end Account Summary

2019-20 Year-end

Cash Carried FWD from 2019-20	£3,295.27
Bank Carried FWD from 2019-20	£58,380.67
Total carried FWD from 2018/19	£61,675.94

2020-21 Income

2020-21	Members' fees	£0.00
2020-21	Grants & donations	£950.00
2020-21	Lunch club	£0.00
2020-21	Room hire	£3,000.00
2020-21	Fund raising	£830.00
2020-21	Total income	£4,780.00
2020-21	Bank Balance	£62,040.67
2020-21	Cash Balance	£2,256.56

Balance

Total Income in-year	£4,780.00
Total Expenditure in-year	£2,158.71
In-year, end Balance	£2,621.29

Running Balance as at 31/3/2020	£64,297.23
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(including last years surplus)

2020-21 Expenditure

Rent	£0.00
Rates	£0.00
Grant expend.	£0.00
Water & sewerage	£0.00
Gas/Elec.	£0.00
Maint/ Repairs	£0.00
Lunch club expenses	£0.00
Fundraising expenses	£100.00
Refreshments	£0.00
Postage	£0.00
Office / catering equipment	£0.00
Stationery & printing	£0.00
Phone & Internet	£0.00
Motor/ Travel exp.	£0.00
Insurance	£0.00
Misc.	£1,958.73
Garden	£0.00
Licences	£99.98
Total Cash Expenditure	£2,158.71
Total Cheque Expenditure	£0.00
In-year Total Expenditure	£2,158.71



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Together Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1173335

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2021.

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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

25/01/2022

Name:

J V Fidler

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

FCCA

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.