



Willow Green

Willow Green Trustees Annual Report

Year Ending 3rd April 2022

Our aims, which are unchanged from the previous year

Willow Green is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charities Commission, with Registered Charity Number 1173796. The purpose of the CIO is to “to empower young people with special educational needs and disabilities, through the delivery of practical and skill based programmes, that will enable them to participate fully in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.”

Currently, in order to achieve and develop socially, emotionally and economically after age 19, the young people of Warrington with special educational needs and disabilities have to move or travel out of the area. This means being away from their surroundings, families and support networks. It can lead to great distress as a result of the upset to the routine of the young person and those around them as well as often being at great expense to both the local authority and local families.

Willow Green aims to create a familiar, supportive and local environment which will further the lives of young people with SEND through high quality, bespoke development programmes based on their individual needs. The programmes will provide a foundation for lifelong learning and wellbeing. They will focus on essential and transferrable, work, economic, social and life skills which will enable increased independence and self-determination.

Willow Green will have the individual and their specific requirements at the centre, taking into account parental views. The service will aim to develop progress and reassure the young person by supporting their participation, volunteering and employment possibilities and liaise with partner agencies to offer the beneficiary a place within their organisation. The goal will then be to progress this into a long-term relationship allowing the young person to reach their maximum potential.

Our Achievements during 2021/22

During this period we supported 10 learners via our Supported Internship Programme and 4 on our Work Skills programme. We also secured funding for a total of 17 places for the 2022-23 academic year, starting September 2022, through the LEA Post 19 High Needs Funding.

Feedback from our learners has been very positive and their attitudes have been fantastic throughout the year; our learners have met the high expectations that both they and the teaching staff have set. We have had no exclusions or incidents of bullying.

For the academic year 2021/22 we had 10 leavers, of which:

- 1 left with Entry Level 3 Functional English.
- 9 left with Level 1 Functional English.
- 9 left with Level 1 Functional Maths.
- 10 left with City & Guilds Level 1 in Employability Skills.

All learners were successful in completing all aspects of their planned educational goals with 90% progressing into paid work or volunteering roles.

To support the learners on the programme during 2021-22, and to prepare for the 2022-23 academic year for which 17 learners are transitioning to Willow Green, we are increasing the teaching and support staff from 9 people to have the following complement of staff:

- Business Manager x 1
- Curriculum and Quality Lead x 1
- Engagement Lead / Tutor x1
- Employability Skills Tutor x1
- Work Skills Tutor x1

- Life Skills Tutor x1
- Therapy Assistant x1
- Learning Support Assistants x 4* for Employability Skills, Work Skills, Preparation for Adulthood and Life Skills programmes.
- Administrator x 1

*Subject to individual assessment of needs and may increase to accommodate.

In addition to the Supported Internship and Work Skills programmes, during this academic year (2021-22) Willow Green has continued to operate the Preparation for Adulthood Programme, which has again been well received by our 10 learners and has continued to be funded by Adult Social Care.

Our Finances for Financial Year 2021/22

Revenues for the year total £196,642, with £173,637 earned through the Education funded programmes. The total cost of the provision (i.e. both the internship and work skills programmes) during this period was £166,949.

The revenue for the Supported Internship and Work Skills programmes comes through the contract with the Local Education Authority (LEA) and the Education Skills Funding Agency (through Post-19 High Needs Funding). The revenue for the Preparation for Adulthood programme is provided by Adult Social Care budgets.

For the financial year 2021/22 the net operating surplus for Willow Green was £29,692. This surplus was allocated to be used towards the refurbishment costs of the new accommodation for the next academic year, starting September 2022.

At the end of the financial year 2021/22 Willow Green had £242,836 of cash. Accounts payable totalled £163,134 and accounts receivable totalled £63,164.

Future Plans

Following the success of all three programmes during 2021-22 we are continuing with our plan to grow to meet the needs of a new cohort of learners starting in September 2022. The accommodation at Woolston Learning Village that we have used to date was sufficient for Willow Green's programmes through the 2021-22 academic year, however they were not big enough for the larger cohort of learners due in September 2022. Also, irrespective of our growth plans, the LEA notified us that the accommodation would not be available for us to continue to use in 2022-23 due to the space being utilised by Green Lane School.

As a result we identified new premises for our provision and negotiated a lease arrangement with the landlord for September 2022. However, the LEA did not accept our funding request that included the lease costs for this new accommodation, instead working with us to find alternative accommodation within an existing Council property. This resulted in Willow Green moving into St Werburgh's community hub in September 2022.

Throughout 2021-22 Willow Green has had the Board of Trustees and the Business Manager in place to ensure that the business operates on a day to day basis and has the governance and operational structure it needs. For the upcoming year, the focus of the Board of Trustees and Business Manager will be establishing Willow Green at the new accommodation at St Werburgh's whilst maintaining the safety and quality of the provision for our learners.

Balance Sheet

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ACCOUNTS	As of 3 April 2018	As of 3 April 2019	As of 3 April 2020	As of 3 April 2021	As of 3 April 2022
Assets					
Cash and Bank	£0	£30,122	£84,163	£201,826	£242,836
Total Cash and Bank	£0	£30,122	£84,163	£201,826	£242,836
Other Current Assets					
Accounts Receivable	£18,842	£43,644	£129,218	£4,468	£63,164
Total Other Current Assets	£18,842	£43,644	£129,218	£4,468	63164
Total Assets	£18,842	£43,644	£129,218	£4,468	£63,164
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	£0	£15,721	£84,091	£93,121	£163,134
Total Current Liabilities	£0	£15,721	£84,091	£93,121	£163,134
Total Liabilities	£0	£15,721	£84,091	£93,121	£163,134
Total Equity	£18,842	£58,045	£129,290	£113,174	£142,866

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Profit and Loss

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ACCOUNTS	As of 3 April 2018	As of 3 April 2019	As of 3 April 2020	As of April 2021	As of April 2022
Income					
Sales	£18,842	£61,205	£133,435	£92,725	£196,642
Total Income	£18,842	£61,205	£133,435	£92,725	£196,642
Gross Profit	£18,842	£61,205	£133,435	£92,725	£196,642
Operating Expenses					
Payroll – Salary & Wages	£0	£15,621	£83,991	£93,121	£166,849
Professional Fees	£0	£100	£100	£100	£100
Total Operating Expenses	£0	£15,721	£84,091	£93,221	£166,949
Net Profit	£18,842	£45,484	£49,344	-£496	£29,692

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Willow Green CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

3rd April 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1173796

Set out on pages

N/A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 03/04/2022

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 (~~other than that disclosed below *~~) 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.

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

Signed:

Date:

27/01/2023

Name:

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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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.

N/A