

**North Cotswold Community Awareness – Annual Report of the Chair of
Trustees
For the year ended December 2021**

2021 saw us building on the work that we had started during the early days of the pandemic – providing emergency relief in the form of food and clothing to local families who found themselves struggling financially.

Our overall spending peaked in 2020 to £58,485 due to unprecedented demand for our help, and 2021 saw this diminish slightly to £49,723. Major expenditure was, as in the previous year, on covid related support as well as our Christmas programme. We made the decision in relation to Christmas to maintain the logistics of the previous year – providing *food vouchers and clothing/retail vouchers rather than physical gifts*. This worked well and has had the added benefit of meaning that we can look to the future and support more families as we are no longer constrained by having to ship large bulky packages of food and presents. We have maintained the provision of toiletries to our clients as these are not only a basic requirement but also increasingly expensive.

Fund raising in the times of covid was very hard and we relied heavily on grants as well as our wonderful regular donors. Cash in the bank fell as a result from £46,346 to £13,582 but we are confident that once normal social interaction begins again we can replenish our reserves.

Our major concern during the year, as communicated to us by the education and healthcare professionals with whom we work, has been reaching children and families that need us. During lockdown we knew that families were suffering from the effects of poverty and the mental health issues surrounding the pandemic. With children not in school the professionals who usually monitor their health and wellbeing were not able to see them regularly and once schools returned we saw a peak in need. This peak is not expected to lessen in the near future and we continue to work to source the right therapeutic offerings to support the children and their families.

As ever the Trustees and I are indebted to our donors, our volunteers and to the professionals who do all the hard work. In particular the education, health and social care workers who uncover the need, recommend the solutions and ensure that they are put in place. We are in awe of what they do.

Community Awareness Income less Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2021

Income	Year to December 2021	Year to December 2020
Donations from firms,charities		
North Cotswolds Rotary	2000	5201
Mid Counties Co-op	2838	3964
Gloucestershire CC		7000
Covid 19 response		9300
Cotswold DC		1000
Susanne Peake CT		8000
Edward Peake CT		1000
Notgrove Trust		4000
Bourton Old Peoples' Club		1195
Kleinwort Sezincote		1000
Other	<u>350</u>	900
	5188	42560
Standing orders	4945	4020
Other personal donations	<u>3209</u>	<u>13895</u>
	8154	17915
Gift aid	1262	1523
School events	0	2070
Village events	855	595
Dress sale	<u>1500</u>	<u>11000</u>
	16959	75663
Expenditure		
Christmas **	24399	18878
Furniture	4483	7427
Educational support*	5840	5575
Clothing	1440	2288
House clearance	61	844
Debt relief	0	450
Family Covid Food Support	13500	22286
Charity administration	<u>0</u>	<u>737</u>
	49723	58485
Income surplus/(deficit)over expenditu	(32764)	17178
Cash at start of year	46346	29168
Cash at end of year	13582	46346

** Christmas 2021 costs adjusted for January carry overs £22,698 (2020-£20,876 2019-£9,743)

*2021 includes £2,596 for play therapy



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

NORTH COTSWOLD COMMUNITY AWARENESS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2021

Charity no
(if any)

1175482

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 12 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 [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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:

Paul Robinson

Date:

24/10/2022

Name:

PAUL ROBINSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

REGULATED ACCOUNTANT

(if any):

Address:

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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.

NONE