

North Cotswold Community Awareness – Annual Report of the Chair of Trustees
For the year ended December 2022

2022 saw a reduction in our expenditure on emergency assistance for local families down from £49,723 in 2021 to £30,092. This was primarily due to a reduction in spend on our Christmaas programme. In December 2021 we had expanded this dramatically to provide support for families who had struggled through the pandemic. December 2022 reached a similar number of families but with a more streamlined package of food vouchers, gift vouchers, toiletries and children's pyjamas.

Our key focus post pandemic is to maintain our fast-response emergency relief efforts and *to add larger, sustainable projects that will have long term benefit to local families with young children.*

Our first such project, supported by two local charitable trusts, was to support the building and refurbishing of an Nurture Hub at Longborough Primary School. This is a sister facility to the one which we already support in Ebrington Primary School. The aim behind these hubs is to give additional support to primary school children who would otherwise be threatened with exclusion from main stream school. Our advisers tell us that once this has happened the child's future education is precarious at best and so the investment in early intervention yields long lasting benefits.

Our fundraising was supercharged by the efforts of some wonderful women who have run a second hand dress sale for some years. Over time, Community Awareness has become their key beneficiary and we were both stunned and hugely grateful to Amanda Coldridge and her colleagues for their donation of over £25k.

We have been pleased to see that the wonderful professionals such as educators and social workers *have been able to keep us connected to those who need our help whilst remaining careful to ensure that our help is seen as emergency support and not an addition to the household budget.* With this in mind our programme of food vouchers has continued to be well used but for a maximum of 3 months per family.

As ever the Trustees and I send our heartfelt thanks to our donors without whom we would not be able to function. Huge thanks goes to the educators, health workers, social care professionals and fellow charity workers who identify the need so that we can help where we can.

Community Awareness Income less Expenditure for the year ended 31st December 2022

Income	Year to December 2022	Year to December 2021
Donations from firms,charities		
North Cotswolds Rotary	957	2,000
Mid Counties Co-op	1,067	2,838
Gloucester Freemasons	1,250	
Notgrove Trust	3,000	
A. Caplin	1,000	
Other	250	350
	7,524	5,188
Standing orders	4,690	4,945
Other personal donations	6,678	3,209
	11,368	8,154
Gift aid	4,326	1,262
Dress sale	25,255	1,500
Village events	500	855
Donation for Nuture Hub project (spent 2023)	10,000	
	58,973	16,959
Expenditure		
Christmas **	18,411	24,399
Furniture	2,554	4,483
Educational support*	3,746	5,840
Clothing	2,348	1,440
House clearance	0	61
Family Covid Food Support	2,673	13,500
Charity administration	360	0
	30,092	49,723
Income surplus/(deficit)over expenditure	28,881	-32,764
Cash at start of year	13,582	46,346
Cash at end of year	42,463	13,582

** Christmas 2022 costs adjusted for January carry overs £14,449
(2021- £22,698 2020-£20,876 2019-£9,743)

*2022 includes £1,900 for play therapy (2021-£2,596)



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

NORTH COTSWOLD COMMUNITY AWARENESS

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/2022

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

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:

26/07/2023

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PAUL ROBINSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

REGULATED ACCOUNTANT

(if any):

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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