



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/1/2020
date

Period start date To 31/12/2020 Period end

Charity name: THE BIRSTALL COMMUNITY TRUST

Charity registration number: 1176310

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To further or benefit the residents of the community of Birstall West Yorkshire, as delineated on the plan annexed to the Constitution, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents, local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort 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 or such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.
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	<p>Our main activities and who we try to benefit are described in this Report. Like many small village charities, the reporting period has been dominated by the restrictions imposed due to Covid. Throughout the year our charitable activities have focused on the preservation and long-term use of the Birstall Community Centre and are undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.</p> <p>In order to ensure the continued use of the building for the community the Charity continued to benefit from a lease negotiated with Kirklees Metropolitan Council to retain the village Library. The continued receipt of service charges from the Council together with available government grants provided a welcome income stream to offset forced reductions in user fees after March 2020 during a period when fixed costs had to be met. The Trust benefited from</p>

		<p>the furlough scheme, when it was uncertain as to how and when we could re-open, to retain our two employees</p> <p>As a result of Covid the Trust also held a grant from Kirklees to help the local food share programme. It was the only group that could, at the time of the first lockdown, hold funds and pay invoices to ensure a supply of food for the food share which was desperately needed at the time locally. The Trustees agreed that this was for immediate emergency use (Covid-19 crisis) and an extension of the Trust's local charitable aims.</p> <p>Once normality returns priority will continue to be given to those from the local community.</p>
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 referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Trust's aims and objectives and in planning future activities,

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	n/a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	n/a
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>In the reporting period the building has been closed for a number of months and therefore there has been no opportunities for volunteers other than Trustees.</p> <p>Trustees have worked extremely hard over the time period to ensure that the building followed all covid restrictions and guidelines to ensure that when we could re-open we did so safely.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
		Under difficult circumstances the main achievement has been to ensure that the

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	<p>building and the Community Centre are there for the benefit of the local community.</p> <p>We ensured the building was covid secure and followed guidelines to be able to re-open for the benefit of the local community.</p> <p>We enabled a grant from the local authority to be used for the food share at a time when it was necessary for the food share's continuance during the first lockdown.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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	There is a loss of income over expenditure, but this is a reduced position from the previous year. The Trustees have compared the loss with the previous year and agree that it is not a material deficit. The Charity benefited from Government grants and service charges (as outlined above) which covered fixed costs during the time we were closed.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As a new trust we are continually increasing our portfolio of policies. The Policy on Reserves will be produced in the coming year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	There was no dedicated fund for reserves but the financial position was continually reviewed to ensure we remained viable throughout the year.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	The reserve position is to be reviewed in the following financial year.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Trustees reviewed the current financial position including trends from previous years and decided there was no material deficit.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

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		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	CIO – Foundation Constitution – Registered 15 th December 2017
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
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	Co-option by existing trustees subsequently ratified/elected by Members at the Annual General Meeting

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 BIRSTALL COMMUNITY TRUST
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1176310
Charity's principal address	19 Bond Street, Birstall, Batley, WF17 9EX

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	Elizabeth E Smaje	Chair / Joint Treasurer		
2	Ian Blamires	Vice Chair		
3	Lesley Reilly	Secretary	From 28/9/20	
4	Stuart Jones	Joint Treasurer		
5	Keith Evans			
6	Donna Towell			
7	Jill Mellor			
8	Joanna Cooney			
9	John McLoughlin		From 28/9/20	
10	Antony Kilburn		From 28/9/20	
11	Martin J Hill			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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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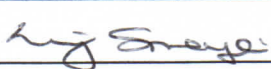

Other optional information

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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)	ELIZABETH E. SMAJE	LESLEY ANTONIA REILLY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	SECRETARY
Date	22/10/21.	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Birstall Community Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2020

Charity
no (if
any)

1176310

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2020.

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 £25,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Chartered Institute of Accountants.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the 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: 05/10/2021

Name:

Mr D A Taylor

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

Institute of Chartered Accounts in England & Wales

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Wakefield

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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.