

CONNECTIONS GROUP EXETER

England & Wales · Charity number 1176763

Details

Other names CONNECTIONS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-01-22

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE IN EXETER (AND THE SURROUNDING AREA) WHO REQUIRE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES BY PROVIDING ACCESS TO COMMUNITY AND LEISURE FACILITIES WITH THE AIM OF RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "SOCIALLY EXCLUDED" MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF EXPERIENCING SERIOUS AND ENDURING MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS.

Activities: We reduce social isolation and improve quality of life by enabling members, who experience serious and enduring mental health problems, to access community facilities for leisure and social reasons.This includes one to one work, breaking down barriers that might prevent participation. Activities include walks, ten pin bowling, meals out, coach trips, table tennis, a quiz, visiting local towns, etc

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** People With Disabilities

Geography

- Devon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,103	£27,763	-	-
2024-03-31	£28,959	£28,834	-	-
2023-03-31	£31,649	£26,455	-	-
2022-03-31	£15,394	£26,400	-	-
2021-03-31	£36,052	£26,458	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
SYLVIA HALL	Chair	2016-06-01
Charlotte Eales		2023-10-25
JANICE CURNOW		2023-10-25
Kathryn Anne Fox		2021-11-11

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**UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**FOR
CONNECTIONS GROUP EXETER**

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CONNECTIONS GROUP EXETER
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Aim and Purpose

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How our activities deliver public benefit

All our charitable activities focus on our objective to promote social inclusion for those people that experience serious and enduring mental health problems. The work that we undertake furthers our charitable purposes and in doing so the Trustees have paid special regard to the Charity Commission statement on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

During the year ending 31st of March 2023 Connections had 58 Members. The trend for an increased number of referrals each month for people interested in joining us since the Covid pandemic continued.

Our new Events Manager, Nigel Scarr began work on February the 1st, thus bringing to fruition a key step in our plan to make Connections more resilient. He has proved a popular choice. Having two workers means we will have cover for holidays and absence, and a second pair of hands will help us fulfil our health and safety and safeguarding obligations on our most well attended events.

The workers have put energy into providing a varied programme of events and this has been reflected in the numbers attending each event and the feedback from members. Innovations included a visit to the circus in Paignton, crazy golf, bowls and cricket and increasing the number of shorter walks offered each month.

Connections one to one enablement work continued to be available throughout the year, but as we only had one part time worker until February, there was a limit to what could be done.

Our core funding for the past financial year mainly came from Devon Partnership NHS Trust (£15,300) and the National Lottery Community Fund (£10,000). We also succeeded in obtaining smaller but no less vital grants from The Norman Family Charitable Trust (£2,000) and Exeter City Councils Exeter Small Grants Fund (£2,000). We are tremendously grateful to our funders for their support.

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year to 31 March 2023 amounted to £31,649 (year ended 31 March 2022 £15,394).

Total payments for the year to 31 March 2023 amounted to £26,455 (year ended 31 March 2022 £26,400).

The charity holds £9,187 in their bank account as at 31 March 2023 (£3,993 at 31 March 2022).

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
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Reserves Policy

The Trustees agree that the level of reserves to be held should be 2 months expenses, to include the facilitators salary.

Risk Management Policy

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that there are systems in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Plans for Future Periods

Once we have recruited a replacement for Alison, who left us in July 2023 after 2 years' service, the priority is to strengthen the Board of Trustees. This is vital to ensure good governance and to ensure that the members are represented at Board level. Also, we need more Trustees to meet the demands of potential funders.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity's objects and regulations are set out in the charity's Memorandum and Articles, which were first agreed in January 2018. The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation.

The method of identifying and appointing trustees is through recommendations by Connections' members. The Connections Group Exeter newsletter is also sent to care managers in the mental health team. This leads to potential trustees being found and invited to stand.

Reference and Administration Details

Registered Charity Number:	1176763
Elected Members:	Miss S Hall - Chair A Alker - Treasurer (to July 2023) K Fox - Trustee
Administrator:	A Alker (to July 2023)
Bankers:	Natwest Bank, 59 High Street, Exeter, EX4 3DL Lloyds, PO BOX 1000, Andover
Address (postal only):	C/O Colab Exeter, Wat Tyler House, 3 King William Street, Exeter, EX4 6PD
Independent Examiner	G M Corby BSc FCA Merlin Accountancy Services Ltd 2 nd Floor, 33 Longbrook Street, Exeter, Devon, EX4 6AW

CONNECTIONS GROUP EXETER

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants	29,300		15,288	
Events	2,349		-	
Donations	-		106	
		<u>31,649</u>		<u>15,394</u>
Payments				
Refreshments	1,988		3,368	
Telephone	94		522	
Post and Stationery	930		1,571	
Travelling	4,285		4,814	
Admissions	1,994		1,142	
Room Hire/Storage	334		230	
Staff Costs:				
- Salaries	11,040		12,399	
- Working from home allowance	560		480	
- Taxes	953		-	
Accountancy	887		965	
Insurance	641		433	
IT Costs	99		250	
Miscellaneous Expenses	791		15	
Training	234		165	
Professional Fees	1,625		46	
		<u>26,455</u>		<u>26,400</u>
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		<u>5,194</u>		<u>(11,006)</u>
Cash Funds at 01 April 2022		<u>3,993</u>		<u>14,999</u>
Cash Funds at 31 March 2023		<u>9,187</u>		<u>3,993</u>

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year one of the trustees, Alison Alker, was paid for her role as the Administrator of the charity. The total remuneration for this role was £9,825 (2022: £4,530).

Average Number of Employees

Average number of employees for the year ended 31st March 2023 was 1.17 (1 for year ended 31st March 2022)

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 MARCH 2023

	31 March 2023		31 March 2022	
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
Bank Current Account		<u>9,187</u>		<u>3,993</u>
OTHER ASSETS				
Other Debtors – HMRC PAYE		<u>1,049</u>		<u>-</u>
LIABILITIES				
Staff Expenses	-		161	
Accruals	<u>620</u>		<u>590</u>	
		<u>620</u>		<u>751</u>

The members declare that they approve the financial statements and confirm that they have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the members

Sylvia Hall
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Sylvia Hall - Chairman

Date: 18/09/2023
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
CONNECTIONS GROUP EXETER

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

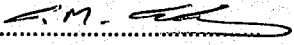
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

G M Corby BSc FCA
Merlin Accountancy Services Ltd
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EX4 6AW

Signed: 

Date: 20/9/23

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Achievements and Performance

During the year Connections had 54 members, with more interested in joining and accessing our services.

As the last of the lockdowns and restrictions ceased, Connections continued to open up the number of activities and events that it provided. These ranged from exploring the Exeter area and further afield, theatre and cinema trips, quizzes, walks, chats over coffee, meals out and yoga.

In October 2021 Ben Warren stood down as facilitator and after a few months of shadowing and learning the role, Alison Alker took his place. This changeover has for the most part been successful, but not surprisingly there have been a handful of members that have found this change difficult to cope with.

Alison has been working with members to find out what activities and events are the most popular, with coach, cinema and theatre trips, meals out and shorter local walks attracting the largest numbers. Many members are happy to do local trips and events, with others wanting to get out of Exeter.

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Financial Review

Total receipts for the year to 31 March 2022 amounted to £15,394 (year ended 31 March 2021 £36,052).

Total payments for the year to 31 March 2022 amounted to £26,400 (year ended 31 March 2021 £26,458).

The charity holds £3,993 in their bank account.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees agree that the level of reserves to be held should be 2 months expenses, to include the facilitators salary.

Risk Management Policy

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that there are systems in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Plans for Future Periods

There have been a large amount of new referrals coming in, presumably from the impact of Covid. As well as all the activities, there is also an advocacy and 1 to 1 service available from the facilitator that members can access. These services are currently limited due to the number of hours available, and a new member of staff would be able to share this work load.

We have secured some grant funding to employ another part time support worker, and the recruitment process is currently ongoing. This will not only allow us to increase our membership numbers, but also we will be able to extend the services we provide and increase the variety and number of events.

New events for 2022/2023 include longer walks, tennis, yoga and golf.

Structure, Governance and Management

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
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Receipts				
Grant	15,288			36,052
Donations	106			-
		<u>15,394</u>		<u>36,052</u>
Payments				
Refreshments	3,368		2,414	
Telephone	522		880	
Post and Stationery	1,571		2,145	
Travelling	4,814		3,422	
Admissions	1,142		-	
Room Hire/Storage	230		90	
Rent	480		480	
Administrator	12,399		11,050	
Accountancy	965		549	
Insurance	433		312	
IT Costs	250		-	
Miscellaneous Expenses	15		1,616	
Training	165		-	
Loan Repayment	-		3,500	
Professional Fees	46		-	
		<u>26,400</u>		<u>26,458</u>
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		<u>(11,006)</u>		<u>9,594</u>
Cash Funds at 01 April 2021		<u>14,999</u>		<u>5,405</u>
Cash Funds at 31 March 2022		<u>3,993</u>		<u>14,999</u>

Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

During the year one of the trustees, Alison Alker, was paid for her role as the Administrator of the charity from November 2021. The total remuneration for this role was £4,530 (2021: £nil).

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
31 MARCH 2022

	31 March 2022		31 March 2021	
	£	£	£	£
ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE				
Computer	-		510	
Printer	-		158	
		<u>-</u>		<u>668</u>
CASH FUNDS				
Bank Current Account	3,993		13,973	
Cash Held by Administrator	-		1,026	
		<u>3,993</u>		<u>14,999</u>
LIABILITIES				
Staff Expenses	161		-	
Accruals	590		576	
		<u>751</u>		<u>576</u>

The members declare that they approve the financial statements and confirm that they have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

Signed on behalf of the members

Sylvia Hall

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Sylvia Hall - Chairman

Date: *16/08/2022*
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Signed: 

Date: 17/8/22

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Achievements and Performance

Despite it being a difficult year, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic, Connections has continued to be available for its members, many of them have a severe and enduring mental illness. Our facilitator has critical worker status, and this has meant that he could travel and meet those most affected by the various lockdowns.

The rules and regulations at the beginning of the first lockdown, with regards why you could leave your house, weren't clear enough for our members. Our facilitator found guidance, that stated those with mental illnesses were more likely to suffer from isolation. This guidance, therefore, made it possible for those suffering from a mental illness to leave their house more frequently. This made a huge difference to those anxious and isolated people. The facilitator gave a copy of the relevant guidance to all members, to be taken with them when they left the house.

During the past financial year Connections has been in receipt of Covid-19 Response grants from Exeter City Council and Devon County Council, which we are very grateful for. We were successful in another bid to the Big Lottery Fund and continue to receive our core funding from the Devon Partnership Trust. We also secured a grant from the Allen Lane Foundation, to undertake a specific task to enhance the life of a very vulnerable person.

It is very heartening to the ethos of Connections' aims, that we receive these grants to enable us to undertake a wide range of different ways to assist vulnerable people.

The past year has without doubt, been very challenging for those continuing to provide mental health services. Not only trying to adhere to the regulations, but also help to reduce isolation and strive to improve the quality of life. This means that the people who use Connections' services, can continue to enjoy the events that are put on.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Financial Review

Total receipts for the year to 31 March 2021 amounted to £36,052 (year ended 31 March 2020 £19,074).

Total payments for the year to 31 March 2021 amounted to £26,458 (year ended 31 March 2020 £21,339).

The charity holds £13,973 in their bank account.

Reserves Policy

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Risk Management Policy

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the operations and finances of the Charity and are satisfied that there are systems in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Plans for Future Periods

We, like many others, are still feeling the impact of Covid-19.

Despite this, Connections is continuing to provide the means for its members to reduce their isolation by nearly operating a full service of activities, whilst adhering to social distancing and other Covid-19 restrictions.

As restrictions are eased, we will look at re-instating those events that had to be cancelled throughout the pandemic.

Structure, Governance and Management

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Reference and Administration Details

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Elected Members:

A Clewes	-	Chairman
Miss S Hall	-	Deputy Chair
Miss J Curnow	-	Secretary
B Warren	-	Treasurer
M Gardner	-	Trustee

Administrator: B Warren

Bankers: Natwest Bank, 59 High Street, Exeter, EX4 3DL

Address: 19 Fairpark Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4HL

Independent Examiner

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	31 March 2021		31 March 2020	
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grant		36,052		15,289
Christmas Draw		-		40
Subscriptions		-		245
Loan		-		3,500
		<u>36,052</u>		<u>19,074</u>
Payments				
Refreshments	2,414		1,483	
Telephone	880		678	
Post and Stationery	2,145		1,756	
Travelling	3,422		2,894	
Admissions	-		616	
Room Hire/Storage	90		443	
Rent	480		480	
Administrator	11,050		10,800	
Accountancy	549		536	
Insurance	312		309	
Advertising	-		982	
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,616		362	
Loan Repayment	3,500		-	
		<u>26,458</u>		<u>21,339</u>
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS		<u>9,594</u>		<u>(2,265)</u>
Cash Funds at 01 April 2020		<u>5,405</u>		<u>7,670</u>
Cash Funds at 31 March 2021		<u>14,999</u>		<u>5,405</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR OWN USE				
Computer	510		510	
Office Furniture	-		296	
Printer	158		158	
		<u>668</u>		<u>964</u>
CASH FUNDS				
Bank Current Account	13,973		3,546	
Cash Held by Administrator	1,026		1,859	
		<u>14,999</u>		<u>5,405</u>
LIABILITIES				
Loan	-		3,500	
Accruals	576		549	
		<u>576</u>		<u>4,049</u>

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Signed on behalf of the members

S Jim Hall VICE CHAIR

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A Clewes - Chairman

20 / 09 / 2021

Date:

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- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to these matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act; or
2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Date: 29/03/21