

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

England & Wales · Charity number 1178936

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-06-26

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY WORKING WITH PEOPLE IN THE TEES VALLEY WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED ON THE GROUNDS OF THEIR ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF OR CREED TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE AND ASSIST THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY, IN PARTICULAR BY:1. PROVIDING A LOCAL NETWORK GROUP THAT ENCOURAGES AND ENABLES MEMBERS OF THE BME COMMUNITY TO PARTICIPATE MORE EFFECTIVELY WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY;2. INCREASING, OR CO-ORDINATING, OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS OF THE BME COMMUNITY TO ENGAGE WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS, TO ENABLE THOSE PROVIDERS TO ADAPT SERVICES TO BETTER MEET THE NEEDS OF THAT COMMUNITY.

Activities: One Community Link (OCL) is a charitable organisation supporting Black , Asian and Global Majority in Tees Valley, people living in poverty, including people seeking asylum, migrants and refugees. We exist to promote social integration by raising awareness about hate crime and empower BAGM to report, offering English classes and develop anti racism and Inclusion in Tees Valley and the wider UK

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Darlington
- Hartlepool
- Middlesbrough
- Redcar And Cleveland
- Stockton-on-tees

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£171,462	£176,130	-	-
2024-03-31	£84,607	£91,403	-	-
2023-03-31	£73,558	£72,228	-	-
2022-03-31	£63,686	£52,952	-	-
2021-03-31	£73,151	£59,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sheila Ngunga	Chair	2020-01-31
Jesuina Sabino Diogo		2019-07-20
PRISCA MUPESA		2024-02-21
Shazia Noor		2022-10-14

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Accounts



Trustees' Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees:	Sheila Ngunga - Chair Patience Chigumira Jesuina Diogo Shazia Noor Prisca Mupesa
Charity Number:	1178936
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The Trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns, here present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK. The statements of account, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

CHARITY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

OBJECTIVES

The charity's objective is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit, focusing on individuals in the Tees Valley who experience social exclusion due to their ethnic origin, religion, belief, or creed. A core part of our purpose is to challenge racism, hate crime, and structural inequalities that marginalise Black and Global Majority (BAGM) communities.

This is achieved by addressing individual and systemic barriers and supporting people to integrate fully into society through the following aims:

- Providing a trusted local network that enables members of the BAGM community to engage more effectively and confidently with wider society.
- Promoting and protecting positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for individuals and families experiencing social exclusion, particularly those from ethnically diverse communities.
- Coordinating opportunities for BAGM community members to interact with service providers, improving access to fair, culturally competent, and inclusive services.
- Challenging racism, discrimination, and hate crime through education, advocacy, and community-led action.

ACTIVITIES

The charity undertakes a wide range of activities to support social inclusion, empowerment, and racial justice, including:

- Raising awareness of racism and hate crime, and empowering BAGM communities to recognise, report, and respond to discrimination safely.
- Delivering anti-racism education and training, supporting individuals, organisations, schools, and institutions to challenge structural racism and create safer, more inclusive environments.
- Promoting social integration and personal development through ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and sewing classes.



- Providing culturally sensitive mental health awareness sessions, workshops, and peer support activities.
- Offering psychosocial, community-based interventions through group activities that promote wellbeing, resilience, and peer support.
- Providing volunteer opportunities that build skills, confidence, and pathways into employment or further learning.
- Supporting asylum seekers and refugees to participate in community life and reduce isolation.
- Addressing barriers faced by BAGM individuals when accessing statutory and voluntary sector services.
- Assisting asylum seekers and refugees with housing, employment pathways, immigration signposting, and access to mainstream support services.
- Delivering workshops that challenge myths, stereotypes, and misinformation about refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants.
- Partnering with other organisations to design and deliver workshops and events that tackle structural racism in schools, public services, and institutions.
- Fostering skills, knowledge, pride, leadership, and confidence within the BAGM community in the Tees Valley.
- Working to improve understanding of the causes and impacts of hate crime, contributing to prevention and more positive community relationships.
- Enhancing awareness around immigration, asylum, and refugee issues to actively combat xenophobia and racial injustice.

OUR VISION

We envision a society free from hate crime, racism, and discrimination, where justice, dignity, and equality are upheld, and where people from Black and Global Majority communities are able to thrive. We strive to provide a safe, welcoming, and empowering space where racism is actively challenged, voices are heard, and individuals and families are supported to integrate, belong, and participate fully in society.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Each activity undertaken by the charity is subjected to a thorough risk assessment. The Trustees, through the Finance & Risk Sub-Committee, regularly review the Risk Register to identify and address both current and emerging risks. The Trustees ensure that decisions on policy, strategy, and finances are made with consideration of these risks. Internally, risks are mitigated by implementing protocols to monitor transactions and ensure consistent performance across all operations. These processes are reviewed periodically to ensure they meet the evolving needs of the charity. A robust risk management framework, along with a clearly defined risk appetite, guides the charity's operations.



NEEDS OF PEOPLE SUPPORTED

Service users face overlapping challenges including poverty, racism, immigration insecurity, poor mental health, and social isolation. Demand for culturally competent advocacy and wellbeing support has increased significantly.

MAIN SUCCESSES

- 5,120 individuals were supported during the year.
- 450 sessions delivered supporting 3,138 people
- Anti-racism education reached 1,982 people
- 12,000 hot meals served
- Mental health support provided to 546 people
- Implementation of Pixels for HR and Upshot systems
- Strengthened national partnerships
- Six staff completed IAA Level 1 training

BIGGEST CHALLENGES

Rising poverty, discrimination, hostile immigration policies, mental health pressures, and increasing isolation continue to challenge the organisation.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the reporting period, the charity's financial position strengthened, with income increasing from £84,000 to over £100,000. This growth reflects successful fundraising and prudent financial management. Looking ahead, OCL anticipates increased demand for services among Black and Global Majority communities due to rising poverty, mental health needs, discrimination, and immigration-related vulnerabilities. The charity projects a break-even position for 2025–2026, dependent on successful grant applications currently in progress. The charity is actively exploring diverse and sustainable approaches to income generation to support its charitable objectives.

FUNDERS

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following funders for their generous support: National lottery community fund, Comic Relief/ Charity Projects, Lloyd's bank foundation, Tees Valley / Tees Million and Postcode Lottery.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible



for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Ngunga', is written over a horizontal dotted line.

Sheila Ngunga



INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/ members of

Charity Name
One Community Link

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/2025

Charity no.:	1178936	Company no.:	
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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended **31/ 03/ 2025**.

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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: **12/12/2025**



Name: Joe Goredema

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Institute of Chartered Management Accountants


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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.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	One Community Link			Charity No (if any)	1178936	
	Annual accounts for the period					
	Period start date	01/04/2024	To	Period end date	31/03/2025	
Section A Statement of financial activities						
Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds £ F01	Restricted income funds £ F02	Endowment funds £ F03	Total funds £ F04	Prior year funds £ F05
Incoming resources (Note 3)						
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	S01	25,000	146,412	-	171,412	116,248
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments (Interest Receivable)	S04	51	-	-	51	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S07	25,051	146,412	-	171,462	116,248
Resources expended (Note 6)						
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	25,000	151,130	-	176,130	91,403
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	-	-	-	-	-
Total	S12	25,000	151,130	-	176,130	91,403
Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)						
	S13	51	- 4,718	-	- 4,667	24,845
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
Net income/(expenditure)	S15	51	- 4,718	-	- 4,667	24,845
Extraordinary items	S16	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers between funds	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Other recognised gains/(losses):						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S18	-	-	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)	S19	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	S20	51	- 4,718	-	- 4,667	24,845
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total funds brought forward	S21	-	24,845	-	24,845	-
Total funds carried forward	S22	51	20,127	-	20,178	24,845
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Charity Name: One Community Link		Charity No	1178936
		Company No	
Annual accounts for the period	Period start date: 01/04/24	To period end date:31/03/25	

Section B Balance sheet

			Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Intangible assets	(Note 15)	B01	-	-	-	-	-
Tangible assets	(Note 14)	B02	3,495	-	-	3,495	4,315
Heritage assets	(Note 16)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17)	B04	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets			3,495	-	-	3,495	4,315
Current assets							
Stocks	(Note 18)	B06	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	(Note 19)	B07	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 17.4)	B08	-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	-	95,154	-	95,154	24,845
Total current assets			-	95,154	-	95,154	24,845
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	-	26,250	-	26,250	1,815
Net current assets/(liabilities)			-	68,904	-	68,904	23,030
Total assets less current liabilities			3,495	68,904	-	72,399	27,345
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 20)	B14	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		B15	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets or liabilities			3,495	68,904	-	72,399	27,345
Funds of the Charity							
Endowment funds	(Note 27)	B17	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18	-	20,127	-	20,127	24,845
Unrestricted funds		B19	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluation reserve		B20	-	-	-	-	-
Fair value reserve		B21	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds			-	20,127	-	20,127	24,845

The company was entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

Signed by one or two trustees/directors on behalf of all the trustees/ directors	Print Name	Date of approval Dd/mm/yyyy
	Sheila Ngunga	22/12/2025
Signature		

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 1 Basis of preparation

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with*

✓

 the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with*

✓

 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.*

* -Tick as appropriate

1.2 Going concern

If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

Not applicable

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

Not applicable

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

Not applicable

1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and the accounting policies adopted are those outlined in note ().

- Yes*

✓

 * -Tick as appropriate
- No*

✓

Please disclose:

- (i) the nature of the change in accounting policy;
- (ii) the reasons why applying the new accounting policy provides more reliable and more relevant information; and
- (iii) the amount of the adjustment for each line affected in the current period, each prior period presented and the aggregate amount of the adjustment relating to periods before those presented, 3.44 FRS 102 SORP.

1.4 Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period (3.46 FRS 102 SORP).

- Yes*

✓

 * -Tick as appropriate
- No*

✓

Please disclose:

- (i) the nature of any changes;
- (ii) the effect of the change on income and expense or assets and liabilities for the current period; and
- (iii) where practicable, the effect of the change in one or more future periods.

1.5 Material prior year errors

No material prior year error have been identified in the reporting period (3.47 FRS 102 SORP).

- Yes*

✓

 * -Tick as appropriate
- No*

✓

Please disclose:

- (i) the nature of the prior period error;
- (ii) for each prior period presented in the accounts, the amount of the correction for each account line item affected; and
- (iii) the amount of the correction at the beginning of the earliest prior period presented in the accounts.



Section C

Notes to the accounts

(cont)

Note 2 Accounting policies		Yes	No	N/a
2.2 INCOME				
<i>This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.</i>				
Recognition of income	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: • the charity becomes entitled to the resources; • it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and • the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.	✓		
Offsetting	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	✓		
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	✓		
Legacies	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP). Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	✓		
Government grants	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	✓		
Tax claims on donations and gifts	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	✓		
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	✓		
Donated goods	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	✓		
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	✓		
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	✓		
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	✓		
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	✓		
Donated services and facilities	Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	✓		
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.	✓		
Support costs	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	✓		
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	✓		
Income from interest, royalties and dividends	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	✓		
Income from membership subscriptions	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	✓		
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	✓		
Settlement of insurance claims	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	✓		
Investment gains and losses	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	✓		
2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES				
Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	✓		
Governance and support costs	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	✓		
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	✓		
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	✓		
Grants payable without performance conditions	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	✓		
Redundancy cost	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	✓		
Deferred income	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	✓		
Creditors	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.	✓		
Provisions for liabilities	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date.	✓		
Basic financial instruments	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	✓		
2.4 ASSETS				
Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least They are valued at cost.	✓		
	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.	✓		
Intangible fixed assets	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	✓		
	They are valued at cost.	✓		
Heritage assets	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	✓		
	They are valued at cost.	✓		
Investments	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	✓		
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	✓		
Stocks and work in progress	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	✓		
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	✓		
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	✓		
Debtors	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	✓		
	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	✓		
Current asset investments	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	✓		

Section C		Notes to the accounts			(cont)	
Note 3	Analysis of income					
	Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds £	Prior year £
Donations and legacies:	Donations and gifts	25,000	146,412	-	171,412	116,248
	Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
	Legacies	-	-	-	-	-
	General grants provided by government/other charities	-	-	-	-	-
	Membership subscriptions and sponsorships which are in substance donations	-	-	-	-	-
	Donated goods, facilities and services	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total		25,000	146,412	-	171,412
Charitable activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total		-	-	-	-	-
Income from investments:	Interest income	51	-	-	51	-
	Dividend income	-	-	-	-	-
	Rental and leasing income	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total		51	-	-	51
Separate material item of income:		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-	-
Other:	Conversion of endowment funds into income	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a tangible fixed asset held for charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-
	Gain on disposal of a programme related investment	-	-	-	-	-
	Royalties from the exploitation of intellectual property rights	-	-	-	-	-
	Other	-	-	-	-	-
	Total		-	-	-	-
TOTAL INCOME		25,051	146,412	-	171,462	116,248

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 6	Analysis of expenditure		This year				Last year			
			Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted Income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
Analysis	£									
Expenditure on raising funds:										
Incurring seeking donations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Incurring seeking legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Incurring seeking grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Operating membership schemes and social lotteries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Staging fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Fundraising agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Operating charity shops	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Operating a trading company undertaking non-charitable trading activity	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Advertising, marketing, direct mail and publicity	517	-	-	517	838	-	-	838		
Start up costs incurred in generating new source of future income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Database development costs	444	-	-	444	1,140	-	-	1,140		
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Investment management costs:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Portfolio management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Cost of obtaining investment advice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Investment administration costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Intellectual property licencing costs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Rent collection, property repairs and maintenance charges	4,800	-	-	4,800	2,400	-	-	2,400		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total expenditure on raising funds	5,761	-	-	5,761	4,378	-	-	4,378		
Expenditure on charitable activities:										
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total expenditure on charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Separate material item of expense										
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other										
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Total other expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5,761	-	-	5,761	4,378	-	-	4,378		

Section C Notes to the accounts

Note 10 Details of certain items of expenditure

10.1 Fees for examination of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner. If nothing was paid please enter '0' in the appropriate box(es).

	This year £	Last year £
Independent examiner's fees	1,250	953
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	-	-
Tax advisory fees	-	-
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	727	928

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 11 Paid employees

Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.

11.1 Staff Costs

	This year £	Last year £
Salaries and wages	122,963.84	54,985
Social security costs	4,099.26	-
Pension costs (defined contribution scheme)	1,419.34	849
Other employee benefits	-	-
Total staff costs	128,482	55,834

This year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Last year:

Please provide details of expenditure on staff working for the charity whose contracts are with and are paid by a related party

Please give details of the number of employees whose total employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) fell within each band of £10,000 from £60,000 upwards. If there are no such transactions, please enter 'true' in the box provided.

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000

TRUE

Band	Number of employees	
	This year	Last year
£60,000 to £69,999	-	-
£70,000 to £79,999	-	-
£80,000 to £89,999	-	-
£90,000 to £99,999	-	-
£100,000 to £109,999	-	-

Please provide the total amount paid to key management personnel (includes trustees and senior management) for their services to the charity. For specific amounts paid to trustees, see Note 28.

11.2 Average head count in the year

The parts of the charity in which the employees work

	This year Number	Last year Number
Fundraising	-	-
Charitable Activities	4	2
Governance	-	-
Other	-	-
Total	4	2

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 12 Defined contribution pension scheme or defined benefit scheme accounted for as a defined contribution scheme.

12.1 Please complete this note if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Amount of contributions recognised in the SOFA as an expense	1,419	849

Please explain the basis for allocating the liability and expense of defined contribution pension scheme between activities and between restricted and unrestricted funds.

100% restricted funds	100% restricted funds

12.2 Please complete this section where the charity participates in a defined benefit pension plan but is unable to ascertain its share of the underlying assets and liabilities.

Please confirm that although the scheme is accounted for as a defined contribution plan, it is a defined benefit plan.

Yes

Please provide such information as is available about the plan's surplus or deficit and the implications, if any, for the reporting charity for this year and last year, if different

Section C **Notes to the accounts** **(cont)**

Note 14 **Tangible fixed assets**

Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets

14.1 Cost or valuation

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	-	-	4,315	-	4,315
Additions	-	-	3,495	-	3,495
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	7,810	-	7,810

14.2 Depreciation and impairments

	**Basis	SL or RB (Straight Line or Reducing Balance)	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
	** Rate					
At beginning of the year		-	-	4,315	-	4,315
Disposals		-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-
Impairment		-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*		-	-	-	-	-
At end of the year		-	-	4,315	-	4,315

14.3 Net book value

Net book value at the beginning of the year	-	-	-	-	-
Net book value at the end of the year	-	-	3,495	-	3,495

Note 20 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

20.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year	Last year	This year	Last year
	£	£	£	£
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	800	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	-	-	-	-
Taxation and social security	24,200	-	-	-
Other creditors	1,250	1,815	-	-
Total	26,250	1,815	-	-

20.2 Deferred income

Please complete this note if the charity has deferred income.

	This year	Last year
<i>Please explain the reasons why income is deferred.</i>		

Movement in deferred income account

	This year	Last year
	£	£
Balance at the start of the reporting period	-	-
Amounts added in current period	-	-
Amounts released to income from previous periods	-	-
Balance at the end of the reporting period	-	-

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 24 Cash at bank and in hand		This year	Last year
		£	£
Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)		-	-
Short term deposits		-	-
Cash at bank and on hand		95,154	24,845
Other		-	-
Total		95,154	24,845

Section C Notes to the accounts (cont)

Note 27 Charity funds

27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£	£	£
Lloyds Bank Foundation	UR		-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	R		-	16,235	16,235	-	-	-
Charity Projects / Comic relief	R		24,845	55,800	60,518	-	-	20,127
National Lottery Community Fund	R		-	44,377	44,377	-	-	-
Postcode Lottery	R		-	25,000	25,000	-	-	-
Tees Million	R		-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-
Tees Valley Community Fund	R		-	2,500	2,500	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			24,845	171,412	176,130	-	-	20,127

Note 27 Charity funds (cont)

27.2 Details of material funds held and movements during the PREVIOUS reporting period

Please give details of the movements of material individual funds in the reporting period together with a balancing figure for 'Other funds'. The 'Total funds' figure below should reconcile to 'Total funds' in the balance sheet.

* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains and losses	Fund balances carried forward
			£	£	£	£	£	£
CHARITY PROJECTS/COMIC RELIEF	R		-	116,248	- 91,403	-	-	24,845
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
			-	-	-	-	-	-
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds			-	116,248	- 91,403	-	-	24,845

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

England & Wales - Charity number 1178936

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**Trustees' Report and audited Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March
2024**

Trustees:	Sheila Ngunga - Chair Patience Chigumira Jesuina Diogo Shazia Noor Prisca Mupesa
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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024.

The Trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns, here present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK. The statements of account, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

Charity Objectives and Activities

OBJECTIVES

The charity's objective is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit, focusing on individuals in the Tees Valley who experience social exclusion due to their ethnic origin, religion, belief, or creed. This is achieved by addressing their needs and supporting their integration into society through the following:

1. **Providing a local network** that helps members of the BAME community engage more effectively with the wider society.
2. **Coordinating opportunities** for BAME community members to interact with service providers, facilitating services that better meet their needs.

ACTIVITIES

The charity undertakes a wide range of activities to support social inclusion and empowerment, including:

1. **Raising awareness of hate crime** and empowering the BAME community to report it.
2. **Promoting social integration and personal development** through ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and sewing classes.
3. **Offering psychosocial community-based interventions** through social activities.
4. **Providing volunteer opportunities** to build skills and encourage community participation.
5. **Supporting asylum seekers and refugees** in their social engagement.
6. **Addressing issues faced by BAME individuals** in accessing services.



7. **Assisting asylum seekers and refugees** with accessing housing, employment, immigration services, and other mainstream support.
8. **Delivering workshops** to challenge myths and perceptions about refugees and asylum seekers.
9. **Partnering with other organizations** to design workshops and events that address structural racism in schools and institutions.
10. **Fostering skills, knowledge, pride, and confidence** within the BAME community in the Tees Valley.
11. **Improving understanding** of perpetrators of hate crime to reduce incidents and foster positive relationships.
12. **Enhancing awareness around immigration, asylum seekers, and refugees** to combat xenophobia.

OUR VISION

We envision a society free from hate crime, where racism is challenged, justice is upheld, and social integration is promoted. We strive to provide a safe and welcoming space for the BAME community, empowering and facilitating integration into society.

Risk Management

Each activity undertaken by the charity is subjected to a thorough risk assessment. The Trustees, through the Finance & Risk Sub-Committee, regularly review the Risk Register to identify and address both current and emerging risks. The Trustees ensure that decisions on policy, strategy, and finances are made with consideration of these risks. Internally, risks are mitigated by implementing protocols to monitor transactions and ensure consistent performance across all operations. These processes are reviewed periodically to ensure they meet the evolving needs of the charity. A robust risk management framework, along with a clearly defined risk appetite, guides the charity's operations

Financial Review

Total income for the year 2024 amounted to £84,607 (in 2023 £73,558). Expenditure for the year 2024 was £91,403 (in 2023 £72,228). The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the organisation on 31 March 2024 and are confident that the strategies in place will lead to the organisation being able to fulfil its growth objectives.

Funders

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the following funders for their generous support: National lottery community fund, Lloyd's bank foundation, Sports England and Tees Million.



Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

Responsibilities and basis of report

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees.

Sheila Ngunga

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of OCL

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ONE COMMUNITY LINK Year Ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of ONE COMMUNITY LINK ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act')

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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



I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1- Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- 2- The financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3- The financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Akondaawo John Kumpalume', written in a cursive style.

Akondaawo John Kumpalume: AFA MIPA, Msc, BSc (Director)
IFA Member No. 283127,
6 Coatham Road, Stockton on Tees, TS19 8QY
6 May 2024



Statement of Financial Activities

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

Income	2024	2023
Opning Balance	£31,641	£34,956
Grants	£84,607	£73,558
Total Income	£116,248	£108,514
Expenditure		
Avertising & Marketing	£838	£357
Audit & Accountancy	£745	£928
Legal & Professional fees	£843	£953
ESOL	£1,456	£2,558
Hot Meals	£13,671	£5,015
Dance & Exercise	£5,705	£6,924
Food Bank	£182	
Insurance	£448	£1,200
IT expenses	£1,140	£1,035
Light, Power & Heating	£3,053	£2,250
Rent	£2,400	
Pension costs	£849	£365
Salaries	£54,985	£45,028
Sessional worker	£552	
Printing & Stationery	£51	£53
Training	£197	
Telephone & Internet	£189	£864
Volunteer expenses	£2,419	£2,160
Travel expenses	£53	£194
Cleaning	£189	£136
Depreciation	£1,438	£2,208
Total expenses	£91,403	£72,228
Surplus funds	£24,845	£36,286



ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Statement of Financial Postion as at 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fixed Assets		
Equipment	£7,961	£7,961
Depreciation	£3,646	£2,208
Total Fixed assets	£4,315	£5,753
Current assets		
Cash & Bank	£24,845	£31,641
Total assets	£29,160	£37,394
Current Liabilities	£1,815	£2,315
Net assets	£27,345	£35,079
Funded by		
Charity funds	£27,345	£35,079

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ending 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 6 May 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



Chair of Trustees

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

England & Wales - Charity number 1178936

Accounts



Charity Registration No: 1178936

Trustees' Report and audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

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Objectives

The object of the CIO is:

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in the Tees Valley who are socially excluded on the grounds of their ethnic origin, religion, belief, or creed to relieve the needs of such people and assist them to integrate into society, by:

1. providing a local network group that encourages and enables members of the BAME community to participate more effectively with the wider community;
2. increasing, or coordinating, opportunities for members of the BAME community to engage with service providers, to enable those providers to adapt services to better meet the needs of that community.

CHARITY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1. To promote social integration by raising awareness about hate crime and empowering BAME to report
2. To promote social integration and personal development through the provision of ESOL English and sewing classes.
3. To provide psychosocial community-based intervention through various social activities.
4. To enable and provide volunteer opportunities for the use of skills and to encourage mutual community participation.
5. To support social engagement among asylum seekers and refugees.
6. To target and address the issues that BAME people experience when accessing services.
7. To support asylum seekers and refugees in accessing housing, employment, immigration information and other mainstream services
8. To deliver workshops on perceptions and myths about refugees and asylum seekers
9. To raise awareness about hate crime.
10. We work in partnership to design workshops, talks and events to challenge structural racism in schools and institutions.
11. Increase skills, knowledge, pride, confidence, sense of belonging in BAME people in Tees valley.
12. Increase knowledge of perpetrators of hate crime, to decrease it and build positive relationships.
13. To improve understanding around immigration, asylum seekers and refugees to decrease xenophobia.

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Our Vision

Our vision is to have a society which is free from hate crime by challenging racism, upholding justice, empowering, and promoting integration by providing a safe and welcoming space for the BAME community.

Successes and accomplishments.

One Community Link in partnership funding with All in Youth Project still has a 3-year grant from National Lottery Community Fund. The grant is enabling the organisation to host workshops and drop ins, to empower the community to independently report hate crime and challenge racism in schools and institutions. We have resiliently continued to support the community and youth programmes. Adults come together decreasing isolation and gaining support for a range of issues including housing, issues with poverty, experiences of racism at work, how to report hate crime and how to support their children in school. These sessions decrease frustration, increase confidence and support people to feel part of their communities in the Tees Valley. In February 2023 as part of our “Living While Black” series, we held a workshop with Kehinde Andrews, renowned author and professor of Black Studies at Birmingham University.

We received an unrestricted grant from Lloyd’s Bank foundation. The grant has enabled us to hire a new part time worker, as well as our volunteers’ expenses such as travel to and from the centre. The Lloyd’s grant helps us to pay for our rentals, utilities, hot meals , weekly ESOL sessions and well-being activities. In addition to the grant from Lloyd’s Bank, we have received guidance and support from a Lloyd’s enhancement worker, who has helped us with our governance and fundraising ideas, enabling us to have a more solid and structured plan with regards to the growth of the charity. We receive support from MVDA (Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency), who continue to help us with our governance and how to remain sustainable.

We continue to be a referral service for Stockton Riverside College, Stockton Borough Council and Mear’s housing, which oversee the welfare of the asylum seeker/refugee. We have successfully supported families to be reunited and be moved to better accommodation. We have begun a working group with asylum seekers and refugees to collate information about their experiences and what services are needed to become more inclusive. This work will expand because of our work with Mears and the local authority in Stockton, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland.

Sports England kindly awarded us the ESC Queen Platinum Jubilee grant and we engaged the BAME community in group walks, running and physical exercises. This helps strengthen both their physical and mental health. Exercise of course is known to be good for maintaining health and fitness, but our sessions help our service user’s mental health, by bringing people together and reducing social isolation.

In June of the year 2023, we took part in Refugee Week at the Arc in Stockton. Refugee Week celebrates the accomplishments and contributions of the refugee and asylum-seeking community and is held every year in June. Our services users held a fashion show showcasing pieces they had sewed and crocheted themselves at our centre Rhema House. Being able to not only make and produce garments by themselves but then to be able to dress up and showcase their work, really boosted the confidence of those who took part, and some have now gone on to expand on this skill by making and selling their own creations or offering tailoring services, enabling them to have some form of income.

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In December, we started hosting a weekly coffee morning on Tuesdays for ladies, to have a safe space to come and network and receive support and advice, in a judgement free zone. This is a new session, and around 15 ladies have attended, however we are expecting this to grow in number now that the Christmas period is over, and Spring is approaching. The coffee morning sessions allow us to signpost our service users to other relevant services in the area where they can also get help and support, depending on the issues they are facing. We provide coffee, tea, light refreshments, and a warm space.

Finally, this year we held the first of what we hope will be an annual Christmas end of year party. We wanted to bring our service users together, for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. Christmas can be a difficult time of year for some of our service users who may be here without their family, so it was important to us to mark the occasion and have a celebration for those who would otherwise be alone or not financially able to celebrate. We had a range of cultural dishes, many of which were cooked and provided by our trustees. Local DJ Ishmael Adams provided entertainment in the form of cultural and contemporary music, as well as a dance performance from All in. We handed out over 120 gifts to children and families who attended the event, from educational toys to toiletries, depending on the age of the children. The event was a big success, and we look forward to hosting it again for our community.

ESOL CLASSES

Learners are assessed according to levels from Pre-Entry to Entry 3. We have provision prepared for higher levels when needed. Our numbers are steadily increasing, and we usually have at least 25 students per session. We are excited about the future of our ESOL provision, as we continue to receive new students and also welcomed a new volunteer teacher this year to assist our existing ESOL teacher. We intend to expand to holding enrichment sessions such as cooking sessions in English to further develop our learner's English. In addition, we hope to expand to 2 sessions a week. We're also growing strong ties with other organisations in the community such as housing agencies and the local college to offer a more holistic approach to our service users.

Just Sew project, of sewing and crafts, has provided an opportunity of newly arrived asylum seekers to socially integrate with members of the community building social support networks that helping to reduce social isolation. The importance of providing enough psychosocial support has enabled sanctuary seekers to rebuild support structures that help mitigate post- migratory risk factors to mental health and that compliment other psychological therapeutic outcomes. This psychosocial intervention is a cost-effective approach. This invites 30 sanctuary seekers each week and is positively impacting the daily lives and mental health and well-being of newly arrived asylum seekers as well as the wider population of asylum seekers and refugees. The project is supporting families and individuals who are going through bereavement, mental issues, and social isolation. It provides a sense of community enabling members to have a belonging.

The funding has enabled and provide volunteer opportunities for the use of skills and to encourage mutual community participation. With the funding we provided traditional hot meal once every month to support social engagement among asylum seekers, refugees, BAME community and the wider community. BAME people do not normally visit local restaurants and pubs because of cultural barriers for example the type of food, the environment. This helped to reduce anxiety, cultural shock, reduce stress and trauma and create an atmosphere to provide support to access help.

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Rhema House

Rhema House is now fully functional and operational and can hold large numbers of people comfortably. We can hold around 120 people, which we did at our first annual Christmas party this year. When we have our hot meals, we hold around 100 people.

Funding

We foresee increased opportunities to fundraise due to the centre expansion plans. We expect to safely hold 100 participants per fundraising event. We are staying up to date with developments in charity regulation, data protection and to make sure we are legally compliant and adhering to all guidelines. We continue to receive support with regards to our fundraising from our enhancement worker and partners. We extend our deepest gratitude to all our funders including National Lottery Community Fund, Lloyd's Bank Foundation, Sports England (platinum Jubilee) and EMD UK Fund.

Financial review

Our finances have increased significantly due to growing demand of our services and the ever-rising cost of living. Total income for the year 2023 amounted to £73,558 (in 2022 £63,686). Expenditure for the year 2023 was £72,228 (in 2022 £52,962). The trustees are satisfied with the financial position of the organisation at 31 March 2023 and are confident that the strategies in place will lead to the organisation being able to fulfil its growth objectives.

Plans for future periods.

With the new space, we are looking forward to be able to accommodate many service users during our various activities. The outcome from this will be significant as the community have their own community space to deliver activities, take part in workshops, training, and events. The funding we received has enabled us to fulfil most of our objectives, but we aim to create fundraising activities to sustain and expand. The community space will increase session capacity and a greater space for physical activities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

Responsibilities and basis of report

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible

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for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sheila Ngunga", is written over a horizontal dotted line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Sheila Ngunga

Chair of Trustee

Dated: 28 January 2024

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of OCL

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ONE COMMUNITY LINK Year Ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of ONE COMMUNITY LINK ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Akondaawo John Kumpalume'.

Akondaawo John Kumpalume: AFA MIPA, Msc, BSc (Director)
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28 January 2024

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Opening Balance	34956	24222
Donations	0	0
Grants	73558	63686
Total Income	108514	87908
EXPENDITURE		
Advertising & Marketing	357	729
Audit & Accountancy fee	928	670
Legal & Professional fees	953	
ESOL	2558	1540
Hot Meals	5015	3164
Dance and Exercise	6924	
Insurance	1200	1194
IT Expenses	1035	1401
Light, Power and Heating	2250	2050
Pension costs	365	900
Salaries	45028	37818
Printing & Stationery	53	57
Telephone & Internet	864	1500
Volunteer expenses	2160	1929
Travel expenses	194	
Cleaning	136	
Depreciation	2208	
Total expenses	72228	52952
Surplus funds	36286	34956

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	2023	2022
Fixed Assets	£	£
Equipment	7961	2971
Depreciation	2208	616
Total Fixed Assets	5753	2355
Current assets		
Cash & Bank	31641	34956
Total Assets	37394	37311
Current Liability	2315	6219
Net Assets	35079	31092
Funded by		
Charity funds	35079	31092

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board on 28 January 2024

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors



28 January 2024
Chair of Trustee

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

England & Wales - Charity number 1178936

Accounts



Charity Registration No: 1178936

Trustees' Report and audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2022

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**Trustees**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees of the charity for the purposes of the Charities Act 2011 regarding the keeping of accounting records, to the preparation and scrutiny of statements of account, and to the preparation of annual reports and returns, here present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK. The statements of account, reports and returns must be sent to the Charity Commission, regardless of the income of the CIO, within 10 months of the financial year end.

Objectives

The object of the CIO is:

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by working with people in the Tees Valley who are socially excluded on the grounds of their ethnic origin, religion, belief, or creed to relieve the needs of such people and assist them to integrate into society, by:

1. providing a local network group that encourages and enables members of the BAME community to participate more effectively with the wider community.
2. increasing, or coordinating, opportunities for members of the BAME community to engage with service providers, to enable those providers to adapt services to better meet the needs of that community.

Activities

1. To promote social integration by raising awareness about hate crime and empowering BAME to report
2. To promote social integration and personal development through the provision of ESOL English and sewing classes.
3. To provide psychosocial community-based intervention through various social activities.
4. To enable and provide volunteer opportunities for the use of skills and to encourage mutual community participation.
5. To support social engagement among asylum seekers and refugees.
6. To target and address the issues that BAME people experience when accessing services
7. To support asylum seekers and refugees in accessing housing, employment, immigration information and other mainstream services
8. To deliver workshops on perceptions and myths about refugees and asylum seekers
9. To raise awareness about hate crime.
10. We work in partnership to design workshops, talks and events to challenge structural racism in schools and institutions.
11. Increase skills, knowledge, pride, confidence, sense of belonging in BAME people in Tees valley.
12. Increase knowledge of perpetrators of hate crime, to decrease it and build positive relationships
13. To improve understanding around immigration, asylum seekers and refugees to decrease xenophobia.

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Our Vision

Our vision is to have a society which is free from hate crime by challenging racism, upholding justice, empowering, and promoting integration by providing a safe and welcoming space for the BAME community.

Successes and accomplishment

One Community Link partnership funding with All in Youth Project has been awarded another 3-year grant from National lottery Community Fund. The grant is enabling the organisation to empower the community to independently report hate crime, challenge racism in schools and institutions. Despite the pandemic and lockdown, we have resiliently continued to support the community and youths' programmes through virtual zoom meetings. The weekly adult sessions of between 30-50 attendees per week who live across the Tees valley moved to virtual workshops during lockdown. Adults come together decreasing isolation and gaining support for a range of issues including housing, issues with poverty, experiences of racism at work, how to report hate crime and how to support their children in school. These sessions decrease frustration, increase confidence and support people to feel part of their communities in the Tees valley. We have become a referral service for Mear's housing, which oversee the welfare of the asylum seeker/ refugee. We have successfully supported families to be reunited and be moved to better accommodation. We have also begun a working group with asylum seekers and refugees to collate information about their experiences and what services are needed to become more inclusive. This work will expand because of our work with Mears and the local authority in Stockton, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland. We have been awarded Queen Platinum Jubilee from Sports England and we are engaging BAME community in group walks, running and physical exercises.

ESOL classes and Sewing project

We had funding for ESOL and core costs from Lloyds Bank Foundation. While uptake was affected by Covid and renovations to the building, we had a lot of interest in our ESOL provision. Learners were assessed according to levels from Pre-Entry to Entry 3. We also had provision prepared for higher levels when needed. Our numbers are steadily increasing, and we expect to have at least 20 students per session as we relocate to a bigger space within the building soon. We are excited about the future of our ESOL provision. We intend to expand to holding enrichment sessions such as cooking sessions in English to further develop our learner's English. In addition, we hope to expand to 2 sessions a week. We're also growing strong ties with other organisations in the community such as housing agencies and the local college to offer a more holistic approach to our service users.

Just Sew project, of sewing and crafts, has provided an opportunity of newly arrived asylum seekers to socially integrate with members of the community building social support networks that helping to reduce social isolation. The importance of providing enough psychosocial support has enabled sanctuary seekers to rebuild support structures that help mitigate post- migratory risk factors to mental health and that compliment other psychological therapeutic outcomes. This psychosocial intervention is a cost-effective approach. This invites 20 sanctuary seekers each week and is positively impacting the daily lives and mental health and well-being of newly arrived asylum seekers as well as the wider population of asylum seekers and refugees. The project is supporting families and individuals who are going through bereavement. It provides a sense of community enabling members to have a belonging.

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barriers for example the type of food, the environment. This helped to reduce anxiety, cultural shock, reduce stress and trauma and create an atmosphere to provide support to access help.

Catalyst Stockton supported us with BAME covid small grants. With the funding we encouraged consistent covid-19 testing, providing testing kits to service users. We distributed test kits to about 50 families every week. This work will continue as we learn to live with Covid and adapt to the new normal.

Rhema house (Operating Centre)

So far, we have made exceptional progress at the premises of Rhema House with flooring of the main hall and carpeting throughout the arc hall. Toilets have been fitted to accommodate those with disabilities. We are looking to open the space to hold community sessions this October.

Fundraising

We foresee increased opportunities to fundraise due to the centre expansion plans. We expect to safely hold 60 participants per fundraising event. We are staying up to date with developments in charity regulation, data protection and to make sure we are legally compliant and adhering to all guidelines.

Financial review

The finances were used for the achievement for the operational activities and meeting the objectives of the charity.

Plans for future periods

With the new space, we are looking forward to being able to accommodate many service users during our various activities. The outcome from this will be significant as the community have their own community space to deliver activities, take part in workshops, training, and events. The funding we received has enabled us to fulfil our objectives, but we aim to create fundraising activities to sustain and expand. The community space will increase session capacity and a greater space for physical activities.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

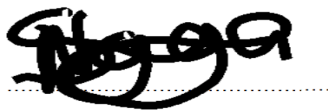
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Responsibilities and basis of report

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The Trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees



Sheila Ngunga
Chair of Trustee
Dated: 12 October 2022.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT, TO THE TRUSTEES OF ONE COMMUNITY LINK

Year Ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of ONE COMMUNITY LINK ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

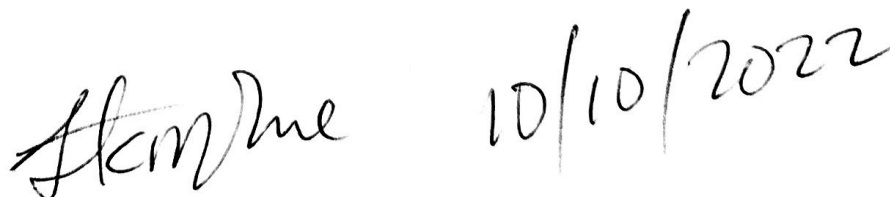
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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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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 financial statements to be reached.



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23 July 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

Income and Expenditure	
One Community Link	
For the year ended 31 March 2022	
Account	2022
Income	
Opening Balance	24,221.85
Donations	0.00
Grant	63,685.75
Total Income	63,685.75
Available Funds	87,907.60
Expenditure	
Advertising & Marketing	728.88
Audit & Accountancy fees	150.00
ESOL	1,540.00
Hot Meals	3,164.25
Insurance	1,193.80
IT Software and Consumables	1,400.85
Light, Power, Heating	2,050.00
Payroll/Bookkeeping	520.00
Pensions Costs	899.54
Printing & Stationery	57.24
Salaries	37,818.19
Telephone & Internet	1,500.00
Volunteer- Reimbursements	1,929.32
Total Expenditure	52,952.07
Opening Balance	24,221.85
Total Income	63,685.75
Total Expenditure	(52,952.07)
Surplus	10,733.68
Total	34,955.53
Assets	
Office Furniture	3,041.56
Closing Balance	37,997.09

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

England & Wales - Charity number 1178936

Accounts



Charity Registration No: 1178936

**Trustees' Report and audited Financial
Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2021**

Trustees

Sheila Ngunga Chair
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Objectives

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CHARITY OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

1. To promote social integration by raising awareness about hate crime and empowering BAME to report
2. To promote social integration and personal development through the provision of ESOL English and sewing classes.
3. To provide psychosocial community-based intervention through various social activities.
4. To enable and provide volunteer opportunities for the use of skills and to encourage mutual community participation.
5. To support social engagement among asylum seekers and refugees.
6. To target and address the issues that BAME people experience when accessing services
7. To support asylum seekers and refugees in accessing housing, employment, immigration information and other mainstream services

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8. To deliver workshops on perceptions and myths about refugees and asylum seekers
9. To work with police, Victim care support and other service providers, to raise awareness of hate crime
10. We work in partnership to design workshops, talks and events to challenge structural racism in schools and institutions.
11. Increase skills, knowledge, pride, confidence, sense of belonging in BAME people in Tees valley.
12. Increase knowledge of perpetrators of hate crime to decrease it and build positive relationships
13. To improve understanding around immigration, asylum seekers and refugees to decrease xenophobia.

Our Vision

Our vision is to have a society which is free from hate crime by challenging racism, upholding justice, empowering, and promoting integration by providing a safe and welcoming space for the BAME community.

Successes and accomplishment

One Community Link partnership funding with All in Youth Project from National lottery Community is ongoing and has enabled the organisation to empower the community to independently report hate crime, challenge racism in schools and institutions. We have seen many BAME becoming confident in reporting hate crime. The centre Rhema house. has become a third reporting centre, which will allow service users to freely report any form of hate crime. Despite the pandemic and lockdown, we have resiliently continued to support the community and youths' programmes through virtual zoom meetings.

The weekly adult sessions of between 30-50 attendees per week who live across the Tees valley moved to virtual workshops during lockdown. Adults come together decreasing isolation and gaining support for a range of issues including housing, issues with poverty, experiences of racism at work, how to report hate crime and how to support their children in school. These sessions decrease frustration, increase confidence and support people to feel part of their communities in the Tees valley.

Lloyds bank foundation has offered a two-year unrestricted grant towards ESOL provision and mental health projects. English classes are run twice a week with qualified teachers which enables new arrivals of asylum seekers to learn and communicate during their first six months. Just Sew Project, of sewing and crafts, provides an opportunity of newly arrived asylum seekers to socially integrate with members of the community building social support networks that help reduce social isolation. The importance of providing enough psychosocial support will enable sanctuary seekers

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to rebuild support structures that help mitigate post-migratory risk factors to mental health and that compliment other psychological therapeutic outcomes. This psychosocial intervention is a cost-effective approach. This invites 20 sanctuary seekers each week and is positively impacting the daily lives and mental health and well-being of newly arrived asylum seekers as well as the wider population of asylum seekers and refugees. The project is supporting families and individuals who are going through bereavement. It provides a sense of community enabling members to have a belonging. The funding has enabled and provide volunteer opportunities for the use of skills and to encourage mutual community participation.

With the funding we aim to provide traditional hot meal once every month to support social engagement among asylum seekers, refugees, BAME community and the wider community. This will help to reduce anxiety, cultural shock, reduce stress and trauma and create an atmosphere to provide support to access help.

County Durham, National lottery, Lloyd's bank foundation in partnership with DCMS supported us with hot meals and food parcels throughout all the lockdowns. We worked together with five local charities to run a long-term food delivery project which supported 150 people every week.

Catalyst Stockton supported us with BAME covid small grants. With the funding we will continue to encourage consistent covid-19 testing, providing testing kits to service users. We will be able to distribute test kits to about 50 families every week. This work will continue as we learn to live with Covid and adapt to the new normal.

We have become a referral service for Mears housing, which took over the asylum seeker/ refugee housing contract from Jomast. Several of our members approached us with difficulties they faced because of the changeover. We have successfully supported families to be reunited and be moved to better accommodation. We have also begun a working group with asylum seekers and refugees to collate information about their experiences and what services are needed to become more inclusive. This work will expand because of our work with Mears and the local authority in Stockton, Middlesbrough, Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland.

Fundraising

We foresee increased opportunities to fundraise due to the centre expansion plans. We expect to safely hold 60 participants per fundraising event. We are staying up to date with developments in charity regulation, data protection and to make sure we are legally compliant and adhering to all guidelines.

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Financial review

The finances were used for the achievement for the operational activities and meeting the objectives of the charity.

Plans for future periods

Plans and partnership efforts are ongoing to expand the working space into a community sports space. The outcome from this will be significant as the community will finally have their own community space to deliver activities, take part in workshops, training, and events. The funding we received has enabled us to fulfil most of our objectives, but we aim to create fundraising activities to sustain and expand. Expansions plans will increase session capacity and a greater space for physical activities. We are looking forward to the expansion of our sewing project into an enterprise. Our aim is to upskill service users for financial freedom.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The charity trustees may from time to time make such reasonable and proper rules or byelaws as they may deem necessary or expedient for the proper conduct and management of the CIO, but such rules or bye laws must not be inconsistent with any provision of this constitution. Copies of any such rules or bye laws currently in force must be made available to any member of the CIO on request.

Responsibilities and basis of report

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees



Sheila Ngunga

Chair of Trustee

Dated: 23 September 2021

ONE COMMUNITY LINK

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of ONE COMMUNITY LINK
Year Ended 31 March 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of ONE COMMUNITY LINK ("the Charity") for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

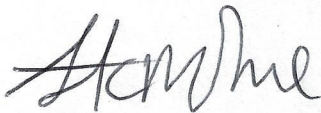
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.



Akondaawo John Kumpalume: AFA MIPA, Msc, BSc (Director)
IFA Member No. 283127,
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6th September 2021



EGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES



Income & Expenditure	
One Community Link	
For the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021	
Account	1 Apr 2020-31 Mar 2021
Income	
Grant	73,151.45
Other Revenue	
Total Income	73,151.45
Expenditure	
Audit & Accountancy fees	50.00
ESOL	150.00
Food Bank	15,137.36
IT Software and Consumables	353.76
Light, Power, Heating	2,586.68
Payroll/Bookkeeping	215.00
Pensions Costs	1,396.34
Refund/Transfer	3,474.00
Salaries	29,048.00
Session Worker	5,960.00
Telephone & Internet	138.88
Volunteer- Reimbursements	550.00
Total Expenditure	59,060.02
Operating Surplus	14,091.43
Surplus on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	14,091.43
Surplus after Taxation	14,091.43
Balance b/f	7,734.08
Cash Available	21,825.51
Office Equipment b/f	4,634.67
Total Reserves	26,460.18