



# Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens CIO

Registered Charity No. 1180452

Financial Statements  
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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## **Legal and Administrative Information:**

**Charity Name:** Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens CIO

**Charity No:** 1180452

**Registered Office:**

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**Trustees:**

Victoria Powell (Chair)  
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## **Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens CIO Chairs Annual Report 2024**

In 2024 we celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of moving into the current building. We provided a Family Fun Day for local residents, who enjoyed activities inside the centre and outside in the gardens despite the weather.

The Trustees have focused on making capital improvements to the building, with a focus on energy efficiency measures, as well as working with our partners to offer groups and activities of interest to local people.

We have continued to offer the main hall for private hire to local groups. We have three long term groups Karate, Taekwondo and Pilates. This year we also welcomed a local CIC who has delivered fitness classes. These included a small group working with women who have experienced trauma and a small group working with women who have experienced pregnancy or baby loss.

We continued to work in partnership with the with local organisations via the HOPE Network as well as providing an office base for local Community Health Equity Team Workers (employed by Edberts House). The workers continued to support a Men's Group and Sporting Memories activities.

Edbert's House Family Equity Support team are also delivering a range of activities and groups from the centre including 1-2-1 support, small group sessions, parent and child groups and diabetes support for young people with type 2 diabetes.

At the beginning of the year welcomed families to the centre that would normally use Pelaw library as it was closed for refurbishment. This included Rhyme Time and after-school sessions. We also hosted a Dementia Cafe and Baby and Toddler and Sessions.

Following our independent Energy Assessment in 2023, we identified a number of improvements we could make to the building and put a funding plan in place to deliver these works. We secured funding from the DCMS Energy Efficiency Programme to install solar PV and Battery storage. Funding from the Gateshead Hubs Capital Project enabled us to replace our heating control panel, replace the boiler flue, retrofit TRVs to radiators, replace inefficient blow heaters in the main hall with Infrared heaters, replace extraction fans with more efficient models and make repairs to the roof. We have also replaced the glass in the main hall Velux windows and replaced our Security System from our Reserve Funds. We continue to ensure the Community Centre, Community Gardens, allotments and garages are well managed and maintained at a high standard.

We were successful in an application to The National Lottery Awards for All to support our Caretaker salary and some of the centres running costs for 18 months.

Our Community Gardens continue to flourish with the Vegetable Garden and Wild Garden being managed and maintained by volunteers across 3 gardening sessions over the week.

As always, I would like to finish by thanking local residents who use the facilities, our funders, officers from the council and local elected members for their support over the last year. And finally thank you to our Trustees, volunteers and caretaker, we couldn't run the centre without all your hard work.

Victoria Powell  
**Chair – Board of Trustees**

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

<b>Report to the Trustees</b>	Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens CIO
<b>Charity No</b>	1180452
<b>On the accounts for period ended</b>	31 December 2024
<b>Set out on pages</b>	7-10

### **Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Examiner:**

The Trustees of the charity are responsible for the preparation of accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2001 Act.
- follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of the independent examiner's statement:**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiners statement:**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act;
- 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 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.



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Date: 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025

**Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens CIO**

**Receipts and Payments Account**

**1 January 2024 - 31 December 2024**

		Restricted	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>					
Income from activities	3	-	14,364.00	14,364.00	11,902.00
Refunds		-	1,656.00	1,656.00	267.00
Fundraising & Donations		-	-	-	120.00
Grants	4	30,000.00	-	30,000.00	500.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>16,020.00</b>	<b>46,020.00</b>	<b>12,789.00</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Wages	5	2,418.00	5,427.00	7,845.00	7,842.00
Utilities	6	1,644.00	6,330.00	7,974.00	6,317.00
Insurance		-	3,406.00	3,406.00	3,384.00
Telephone		-	821.00	821.00	732.00
Building expenses	7	6,794.00	12,569.00	19,363.00	5,815.00
Professional fees	8	-	325.00	325.00	515.00
Office costs		-	400.00	400.00	512.00
Community activities	9	-	768.00	768.00	335.00
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>10,856.00</b>	<b>30,046.00</b>	<b>40,902.00</b>	<b>25,452.00</b>
<b>Surplus/Deficit for the period</b>		<b>19,144.00</b>	<b>(14,026.00)</b>	<b>5,118.00</b>	<b>(12,663.00)</b>
<b>Funds brought forward 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>33,302.00</b>	<b>33,302.00</b>	<b>45,965.00</b>
<b>Funds carried forward 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024</b>		<b>19,144.00</b>	<b>19,276.00</b>	<b>38,420.00</b>	<b>33,302.00</b>

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b>Current assets:</b>			
Cash at bank		38,420.00	33,234.00
Cash in hand		-	68.00
<b>Total current assets:</b>		<b>38,420.00</b>	<b>33,302.00</b>
<b>Current liabilities:</b>			
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>38,420.00</b>	<b>33,302.00</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Restricted reserves	10	19,144.00	-
Unrestricted reserves	11	4,276.00	13,302.00
Designated reserves	12	15,000.00	20,000.00
<b>Total funds:</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>38,420.00</b>	<b>33,302.00</b>

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Board of Trustees:

Signed:  Position: 



# **Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens CIO**

## **Notes to the accounts as at 31 December 2024**

<b>1</b>	The accounts are prepared on the receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.
<b>2</b>	Hertfordshire House Community Centre and Gardens is a Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) no 1180452, registered on 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2018. The organisation is governed by a Board of Trustees.
<b>3</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rentals £12,814</li><li>• Allotments £1,250</li><li>• Garage £300</li></ul>
<b>4</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gateshead Council – Community Hubs Capital - £10,00</li><li>• NLCF Awards for All - £20,000</li></ul>
<b>5</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wages costs £7,673</li><li>• Social Security costs £172</li></ul> <p>No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000.</p>
<b>6</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gas £3,845</li><li>• Electricity £3,016</li><li>• Water £1,113</li></ul>
<b>7</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Building costs £16,677</li><li>• Fire protection £1,028</li><li>• Alarms £1,372</li><li>• PRS/PPL £286</li></ul>
<b>8</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accountancy fees £275</li><li>• Gateshead Council £50</li></ul>

<b>9</b>	This includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Garden £768</li> </ul>
<b>10</b>	Restricted funds to be spent on activities as set out in specific funding agreements.
<b>11</b>	Unrestricted funds available to the charity.
<b>12</b>	The Trustees have designated £15,000 of unrestricted funds as a contingency fund to pay costs in the event that the charity has to be wound-up. This is kept under review by the Trustees annually.
<b>13</b>	Total funds available to the charity as at 31 December 2024.