

1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

Centre re-opened September 2021

Between April 2021 and September 2021, the community centre was closed due to lockdowns and Lancashire County Council's decision to keep some of its buildings closed to the public. During this time, the charity continued to adapt its delivery methods to fulfil its objectives:

1. The charity continued to use the community centre as a community hub, reaching out to local people to offer support through food shopping, letter writing, prescription collecting and dog walking. It also enlisted the help of 100 volunteers.
2. The charity established a food collection twice weekly from May 2020 for people to bring food for the Morecambe Bay Foodbank. A collection point was set up at the back door of the centre and

staffed by volunteers who collected and sorted the food.
3. The charity provided vital support to isolated members of the community through regular phone calls and letters. The telephone lines were kept open and the centre became an information hub for people in need of support or just general information.
4. The charity set up a soup delivery service in January 2021 and volunteers produced and distributed home-made soup to people in need.
5. Where possible, groups which had had to close, were kept in contact through regular phone calls. For example, the charity continued to employ staff to call vulnerable community members such as members of the coffee group and dementia group so they were kept connected.
6. Gardening projects and general building improvement projects were set up and made available to people who just needed to connect with others within the COVID guidelines to help re-balance their mental health.

In September 2021, Lancashire County Council authorised the re-opening of Barton Road Centre for public use. The Trustees developed a framework for user groups to return safely to the centre. The top priority was to ensure that all user groups adhered to policies which would respect the need to keep everyone as safe as possible. Given that the Charity had operated so effectively from the back door for the previous 18 months, Trustees focused on bringing best practices from the outside in.

7. The community cafe was brought into the centre. The trustees wanted to help people to congregate and share the company of others in a safe space. The COVID period had increased isolation and loneliness, so Trustees established a cafe space three days a week.

This cafe was staffed by a team of volunteers who had been recruited during lockdown. These volunteers have shown huge commitment to their community cafe. They have also supported each other and cafe clients.

8. The Trustees wanted to make access to sessions simple and so many of the existing groups were adapted. For example, the previous Babies and Toddlers Group had been closely facilitated by a small committee of childminders with a weekly entrance fee. From September 2021, the Trustees were more concerned with getting people who may have been socially isolated to come to the Centre, so the Wednesday Babies and Toddlers Group was disbanded and replaced by a Wednesday Play Cafe. The Play Cafe is free to attend with the hope that users will invest in cake to cover the cost of the hall. This model was used for many other sessions. The trustees provided a safe space with reasonably priced, community baked cake and tea for people to make of their time at the centre whatever they wanted. This involved Tuesday Crafternoons - an informal afternoon where users could get together and craft.

9. The Trustees were keen for the Centre foodbank collection to continue. Volunteers attend to take food donations from the public, and organise and arrange for collection by the Morecambe Bay Foodbank.

10. To begin with, after opening, the Trustees did not rush the process of groups returning - everyone needed to feel comfortable in the space. In the six months between September 2021 - March 2022, user numbers increased steadily from 250 users to 500 users per week.

11. By March 2022, the Centre was hosting new groups such as St Bernadette's Brownies.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Barton Road Centre Ltd

Company No. Charity No. 1182276

I report on the accounts for the year

1st April 2021 – 31st March 2022

Respective responsibilities of Committee and Examiner

The committee are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The committee consider that an audit is not required for this year and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination has included a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation 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 you as committee 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 examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, **no matter** has come to my attention:

Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect:

- that the proper accounting records required have not been maintained and
- that the requirement to prepare the accounts based on said records have not been met; or

To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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19th May 2022

BARTON ROAD CENTRE LTD
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2022

Profit & Loss Account	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
INCOME		
Transfer B/w Funds		
Grants	1,930	12,000
Room hire/Rent	6,127	2,722
Kitchens	5,322	544
Centre Groups	178	210
Events	0	87
Equipment	281	273
Fees/Subscriptions	260	0
Petty Cash	140	0
Stationery & Consumables	0	0
Donations	4,458	3,431
Managed Group Funds	6	0
Bank Interest	57	83
Total Income	18,759	19,349
 Cost of Services		
Transfer B/w Funds		0
Wages	12,930	12,518
Room hire/Rent		0
Kitchens	1,363	186
Centre Groups	80	0
Events		553
Equipment	100	265
Fees/Subscriptions	714	4,213
Travel		0
Stationery & Consumables	394	1,487
Donations	307	396
Pension	1,074	953
Tax	1,537	1,773
Mobile Phones	225	220
Bank Charges	82	82
Printing & Postage	8	145
Petty Cash out	41	0
Total Expenses	18,854	22,791
 Profit /(Loss) for the year	-95	-3,443

Profit Loss on the year(All Funds)	-95
Balance at start of the period	88,582
Balance at end of the period	88,488
Carried Forward	£ 88,488

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		2021-22	2020-21
		£	£
Note			
1	Unrestricted Funds	66,140	68,216
2	Restricted Funds		
	Memory Makers	1,387	1,387
	Choir	2,184	2,184
	4th Plinth	291	291
	Cows Shed to Community	6,099	6,099
	Friday Women	341	273
	Good Soup & Games	2,030	2,030
	Recipes Remembered	925	942
	Committed	7,200	7,200
	Wind Turbine	-38	-38
	Choir online from Lottery Funding	810	0
	Table Tennis Rental	990	0
	Project screen from Lottery Funding	130	0
		22,348	20,366
3	Funds		
	Cash on hand Cash	130	77
	Working Account Bank	14,606	46,333
	Savings Account Bank	73,752	42,173
		88,488	88,582
4	Movement in Funds	-95	