



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 2023 To 2024

Charity name: Barton Road Centre Charity

Charity registration number:1182276

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To improve the conditions of life for the residents of South Lancaster and the neighbourhood, without distinction of age, gender, ability sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare and recreation.</p> <p>To establish or secure a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.</p>

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Barton Road Centre is open to the public every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to deliver a number of sessions and activities which serve to meet the purposes of the organisation.</p> <p>Since 2022 the Centre also runs a community cafe - 'The Milk Kit Cafe' which is run by volunteers. Groups include 'Play Cafe' aimed at pre-school children and babies three mornings a week; Crafternoons which is aimed at people who enjoy craft activities; 'Games Afternoon' which was set up to combat loneliness and provide a meaningful space for people to come to keep warm; Thursday Coffee Group for people over 55; Gardening Group. The Centre also runs its own Community Choir which performs regularly at community concerts and in old people's homes across the district.</p> <p>The Centre is also open to a range of fee-paying groups which broadly meet the purposes of the charity. These range from table tennis groups, art groups, fitness groups and battle re-enactment groups. In total, the Centre has a weekly footfall of over 500 people, mainly from within a 2 mile radius of the centre.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees place a very strong emphasis on placing the Charity Commission guidance at the centre of what they deliver at the Centre.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity comprises 30 community volunteers who undertake duties such as cafe staff, gardeners, window cleaners and group facilitators.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The question we often ask ourselves is, 'where would people be WITHOUT Barton Road Centre?' 'What would those people be doing if they weren't here?'</p> <p>The positive effect on the area by the achievements of Barton Road Centre Charity are, we believe, significant. After COVID lockdowns of 2020 and 2021, many people were broken by the experience. The main priority of the Charity was to provide a meaningful space for babies and toddlers to bring them and their parents and carers together to commune and share experiences. It's proved invaluable. At each session we welcome anywhere up to 30 children to a session. Not only can they play, but their parents have a space to share their experiences - even the volunteers are helpful in this process! The experience of selling tea and cake and chatting is vitally important to building relationships and trust. Time after time we hear that parents wouldn't know where they would be without Barton Road Centre. It's been a place to soothe people's minds in the aftermath of the pandemic.</p> <p>The function of our other groups has been similar: There are no fees for our groups (with the exception of Choir and Coffee Group), but people are encouraged to come and participate in groups and, if they can afford a piece of cake to help the centre's running costs, then all is well! If they cannot, it is no problem either. We are providing spaces where people can feel in control of what they do in a very friendly, supportive environment.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Barton Road Centre Charity is in a stable financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	A reserve is currently being held because the building is owned by Lancashire County Council and as such it has been declared surplus to requirements. The uncertain future of the building has made it imperative that the charity holds a reserve in case alternative premises need to be sourced.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£77,764
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Barton Road Centre Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Trust governed by a constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.</p> <p>In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Barton Road Centre Charity
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1182276
Charity's principal address	Barton Road Centre Barton Road Lancaster LA1 4ER

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Denise Nardone	Treasurer	March 2024 -	
2	David Saul		July 2019 -	
3	Brenda Milston		March 2019 -	
4	Anne Whitehead		March 2019 -	
5	Christine Rawsthorne		May 2024 -	
6	Camille Brownlee		July 2024 -	
7	Catherine Denmark		Feb 2024 -	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information


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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Janine Bebbington

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

31/3/24

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of

Barton Road Centre Ltd.

Charity No. 1182276

I report on the accounts for the year 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as 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 examiner's statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

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



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15th May 2024

BARTON ROAD CENTRE LTD
DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
1ST APRIL 2023 TO 31ST MARCH 2024

Profit & Loss Account	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
INCOME		
Transfer B/w Funds		
Grants	350	3,000
Room Hire/Rent	12,783	16,073
Kitchens	15,725	8,065
Centre Groups	117	40
Events	2,429	1,163
Equipment	463	730
Fees/Subscriptions	6	313
Crafts Paid in	40	0
Stationery & Consumables	0	63
Donations	14,866	3,215
Managed Group Funds	976	829
Bank Interest	1,912	1,022
Printing & Postage		10
Travel	262	383
Total Income	49,929	34,906
 Cost of Services		
Transfer B/w Funds		
Wages	18,131	14,830
Room Hire/Rent		
Kitchens	3,566	2,413
Centre Groups	438	54
Events	1,925	890
Equipment	1,355	4,623
Fees/Subscriptions	4,353	3,563
Travel	125	525
Stationery & Consumables	174	221
Donations	304	589
Pension	1,699	1,136
Tax	4,078	1,567
Mobile Phones	63	60
Bank Charges	99	102
Printing & Postage	255	782
Funding	2,000	0
Total Expenses	38,564	31,355
 Profit /(Loss) for the year	11,365	3,551

Profit/Loss on the year (All Funds)	11,365
Balance at start of the period	92,038
Balance at end of the period	103,403
Carried Forward	£ 103,403

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			2023-24	2022-23
			£	£
Note				
1	Unrestricted Funds		88,573	71,672
2	Restricted Funds			
	4th Plinth		-110	291
	Best Cake Oven In The World		236	699
	Choir		0	1,653
	Committed		7,200	7,200
	Community Choir		2,021	0
	Cows Shed to Community		0	4,899
	Friday Women		0	191
	Good Soup & Games		2,030	2,030
	Memory Makers		1,387	1,387
	Projector Screen (Lottery Funding)		0	130
	Recipes Remembered		897	897
	Reflection		209	0
	Table Tennis Rental		990	990
			14,861	20,366
3	Funds			
	Cash on hand	Cash	1,537	13
	Working Account	Bank	24,133	17,251
	Savings Account	Bank	77,764	74,774
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4	Movement in Funds		11,395	

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