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# ANNUALREPORT

2023/2024



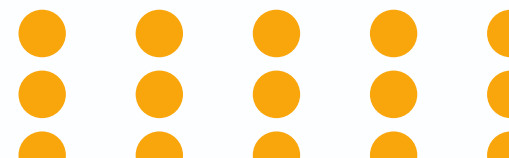
# Agenda

Annual General Meeting

1st February 2025

Caribbean Court Day Centre  
Leicester

2pm to 4pm

1. Welcome and introductions
  2. Minutes of the last AGM (27/10/2023) and matters arising
  3. Reports and accounts
    - Chairperson's report
    - Treasurer's report and accounts for the period ended 31 March 2024  
*(Full Financial Report is in a separate document)*
    - Questions and Answers
  4. Trustees and Officers
    - Election of Trustees
    - Election of Chairperson
    - Election of Treasurer
    - Election of Secretary
  5. Keynote Speaker - Serendipity
  6. Any Other Business
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## CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

### Background

The Caribbean Collective (TCC) has developed from a small self-help group of individuals meeting in homes, then becoming a registered charity, developing a local authority funded service provider with premises, and becoming the parent organisation for the Leicester Caribbean Credit Union (LCCU).

The various public faces of TCC over time include Leicester Jamaica Community Service Group (LJCSG), West Indian Senior Citizens Project (WISCP), and Caribbean Court Day Centre. We became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in March 2019 and the organisation's name was formally changed from LJCSG To TCC in May 2022.

The Caribbean Collective is now one of the few Black-led organisations in Leicester that has stood the test of time and has been able to celebrate a 50th anniversary. We must never forget the pioneers that laid the foundations for what we continue now. Let them remain a central part of our motivation.



## **Gala Dinner - 50 years as a registered charity**

On 27th April 2024, TCC held a very successful and well received Gala Dinner celebrating 50 years as a registered charity. Over 130 people attended and were very well fed and entertained. The positive feedback was 'off the scale' and we have been asked to make this an annual event, which we aim to do. Amongst the special guests in attendance was the Lord Mayor and Consort and surprise appearances from cricketers Sir Andy Roberts and Sir Viv Richards. The Jamaican High Commissioner sent a special message of congratulations, and we had much appreciated support from The Antigua and Barbuda Tourist Association.

Other 50th Anniversaries - The Leicester Caribbean Credit Union and The Contrast Steel band also celebrated 50th anniversaries in 2024 and TCC trustees and members took great pleasure in celebrating these landmark events with our partners and fellow community institutions.

## **Day Centre and Satellite Activities**

Day care attendance has been gradually increasing and reached near capacity towards the end of 2024. TCC has continued to deliver a wide range of activities and events for community members attending our Day Centre. Specialist contractors provide weekly in-house sessions of exercise, arts and gardening. We also take the day centre attendees on weekly trips to shops, parks and other places of local interest. In addition, this year we also went further afield with trips to Birmingham, Skegness, Derby and a barge trip in Birstall. We have also hosted fundraising social events at the Day centre on Saturday afternoons.

Managing the day centre remains very challenging for volunteer trustees who divide up the role in the absence of sufficient funds to pay for a centre manager. This has meant that at times it is difficult to meet the exacting demands of regulators as well as the high standards we aim for. This ongoing challenge will be addressed by the trustees as a core objective for the upcoming year.



Our external work this year included our volunteers facilitating group work programs with local groups of elders (The Silver Strand and Click). This was an oral history project involving elders and school children and supported by the Heritage Fund.

Details of our other National Lottery funded projects are outlined on page 8.



## Seniors Day Dance

Following discussion with a local peer lead women's group (The Exotics) we identified that there was demand for a new type of community gathering. We contacted a local community managed venue (The African Heritage Alliance) and very quickly arranged the first event. We are pleased to report that the initial event was very well received and attracted more than 130 people. Now an increasing number of attendees attend the monthly 'Day Dance' events which we continue to help facilitate and promote. This is a testament to the value of our partnership working.

## Elders Transport Fund And The Bus 100 Initiative

The Elders Transport Fund has been developed to replace our existing transport arrangements which are inadequate for our needs and goals. A range of fundraising events and initiatives have contributed to the fund which is held with the Credit Union. Grant applications have so far been unsuccessful, but will continue. We are hopeful of more success this year. The latest development is the Bus 100 initiative which aims to recruit 100 people to make monthly contributions towards the leasing of a new fit for purpose bus.

## Partnerships

The Caribbean Collective continues to work in close partnership with other community groups and organisations including The Credit Union, various elders' groups, island groups, churches, especially New Testament Church of God, and a special bond has been formed with The African Heritage Alliance who manage the African Caribbean Centre on behalf of the community. As close neighbours, we have many opportunities for collaboration and for mutual support; for example, Caribbean Court service users attend the Wellbeing Hub once a month and the Day Dance once a month. The TCC also prioritises the ACC to deliver activities and events such as our Gala Dinner, which was one of the first major events to be held at The ACC under community ownership.



## Eric Hudson Green Space Project

This initiative has had limited success this year. However, spring and summer planting brightened up the grounds of Caribbean Court once again. Volunteers are few and far between and autumn and winter planting did not happen. This initiative is crying out for a green fingered champion.



## **Strategic Plan 2024-27**

This plan was developed during 2024 and sets out our mission, values and strategic priorities for the future. This plan will enable TCC to draw on the experience of 50 years of service to continue to grow and deliver community health, wellbeing and cohesiveness whilst celebrating our African Caribbean culture and heritage. We aim to be enabler, facilitator, champion, and server to our local communities.

### **I conclude with a vote of thanks to:**

*Volunteers* - Thanks to our pool of dedicated volunteers, without whom we could not deliver the range and level of services that we do. We still need more like them, so feel free to join or encourage others to join us.

*Staff* - Thanks to our small dedicated paid staff team, who have worked hard to maintain a good service under ever challenging conditions.

*Trustees* - Thanks to all our trustees, a truly remarkable team of volunteers with an emphasis on team. Trustees have pulled together once again to meet our many challenges throughout the year. Our greatest strength is unity and the absence of negativity.

*Our Secretary* - Thank you to our secretary who ensures we remain business-like and have good standards of governance, despite working remotely from London and even abroad at times.

*Our Treasurer* - Thank you to our treasurer, who has ensured we have kept on top of our finances and 'in the black' throughout the year, whilst also having a hands-on operational role within the centre.

*Donations* - Finally I would like to thank all those who make regular and one-off monetary contributions to support the work we do. And a special thanks to those who have signed up to the Bus 100 Initiative. We need many more to sign up to be assured of first-class transport arrangements for our esteemed elders.



### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

I am pleased to report that this has been an exciting year which has seen us complete a great deal of new community activities (See Chairperson's Report). Overall the 2023-2024 has been a stable financial period with our income from letting kitchen and office space together with fees for day care services offsetting our operating costs. Our cleaning cost vastly increased due to the new arrangements made with PA housing, however the increased payments we will receive from them will be shown in the next accounting period.

While there has been significant project spending this year to fund the delivery of a wide range of community activities, you will see from the audited accounts that the majority of the end of year balance is made up of restricted funds from the National Lottery and the Dementia Program Board. The relatively small unrestricted balance of £7,680 includes the total cumulative trustee donations of some £4000 absorbed within the Other Income heading on pg. 5 of the accounts.

The current and future financial periods are expected to be far more challenging. Increases in the national minimum wage together with current insurance and rent costs is problematic, as these costs are difficult to pass on to our vulnerable client group. Next year we will see further increases in the national minimum wage and employer national insurance contributions while our monthly premises rental may also increase.

As our current financial period draws to a close, our budget planning indicates that our finances are under some stress. To address this situation we will be reviewing spending in the final quarter seeking to reduce costs and preparing a budget for the 2025/26 period to reflect the expected increased operating costs.



The Caribbean Collective

## **RIISING TOGETHER - OUR NATIONAL LOTTERY FUNDED PROJECT**

The second year of our project has been far more successful as regards consistent staffing and overall community engagement.

**The Steel Pan sessions** continued to be popular, leading to some interesting developments. We began sessions where our elders and school children (aged 7-9) learned to play songs together. This culminated in two summer performances one at the school and another at a community event.

**Community Information Technology sessions** were started by volunteers which included focussing on our community members in residential care. The residents were also supported to access our weekly on-line Caribbean Catch up sessions. Our community links enabled us to locate more people of Caribbean heritage in other care homes, so this area of work will continue to grow.

**Community Wellbeing** was contributed to by addressing a range of health-related issues including dementia, diabetes and hypertension. We continued to build relationships with community organisations and health providers. Some of the events in which we participated include a dementia information stall at the *Mental Health and Social Isolation Conference* 6th February 2024 at King Power Stadium, attended by 300 people. This was repeated at the *Memory and Dementia Information Event* 6th May 2024 hosted by Age UK at the Braunstone Civic Centre, with 150 people in attendance. This was followed by another dementia information session at the *Mind Body and Soul Event*, 6th June 2024 hosted by New Testament Church of God, attended by 120 people.

**Our Cognitive Stimulation Therapy** based programmes (Livity programme) which address dementia were each delivered over 14 weekly sessions with a total of 30 participants. Two of the programmes were delivered at our Day Centre with the others taking place at two local community centres namely the Pakistani Youth and Community Association and the Bangladeshi Youth & Cultural Shomiti.

### **Future planning for year 3**

- Continue intergenerational music sessions where older adults and children can learn to play together.
- Provide a minimum of 80 digital literacy sessions to people living in Care Homes.
- Deliver at least 4 updated Livity programs which will now include an enhanced physical activity aspect.
- Embed the monthly Day Dances for our community elders aiming to increase the numbers able to attend.

## THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

### Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
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<b>Incoming Resources:</b>					
Sales		149,642	0	149,642	127,732
National Lottery Grant		0	35,810	35,810	17,962
Dementia Program Board Grant		0	0	0	25,000
Rental Income		15,660	0	15,660	0
Donations		0	0	0	2,178
Bank Interest		789	0	789	168
Other Income		4,940	0	4,940	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>171,031</b>	<b>35,810</b>	<b>206,841</b>	<b>173,040</b>
<b>Resources Expended:</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	3	141,372	29,125	170,497	123,131
Management & Administration	4	19,990	31,638	51,628	12,115
Publicity		2,173	656	2,829	355
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>163,535</b>	<b>61,419</b>	<b>224,954</b>	<b>135,601</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>7,496</b>	<b>(-25,609)</b>	<b>(-18,114)</b>	<b>37,439</b>
<b>Fund balance brought forward</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>41,346</b>	<b>41,530</b>	<b>4,091</b>
<b>Fund balance carried forward</b>		<b>7,680</b>	<b>15,736</b>	<b>23,416</b>	<b>41,530</b>

# THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

## Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets			0		0
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	6	0		0	
Cash at Bank	7	24,116		42,230	
		24,116		42,230	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors	5	700		700	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			23,416		41,530
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Represented by:

### Unrestricted Income Funds

General Purposes Fund	7,680	184
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### Restricted Income Funds

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Dementia Program Board	10,859	25,000

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The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on March 2005.

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature DEREK RAWLE

Date 19/9/2024

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

# OUR TRUSTEES



Albert Blake



Lesley-May O.  
Sanneh



Derek Rawle



Gloria Daley



Ivy Hamilton



Michelle Lowe



Sandra Stanley



Charmaine Blake



Lovona Brown

Our trustees are all unpaid volunteers who spend from 10 hours a month upwards helping to manage the organisation.

The Board of Trustees needs skills and experience in the following areas:

- financial management, income generation and enterprise
- national and local government and statutory bodies – funding and quality
- marketing and publicity including digital strategies
- care of the elderly
- food operations
- service delivery and customer care
- human resource management
- fund-raising
- facilities management
- Health and Safety and hygiene compliance

If you feel you can contribute do let us know by contacting the chairperson at: [albert@caribcourt.uk](mailto:albert@caribcourt.uk)

We provide services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those aged over 50 with particular emphasis on the African Caribbean heritage community. We have developed expertise about our elders and we understand their needs, aspirations and the challenges they face every day.

**Caribbean Court Day Centre** offers social, leisure and educational activities including exercise sessions, singing, dancing, workshops and outings. We are open five days per week from 10:00 am to 3 pm. We provide lunch, stimulating activities and other support services. We have introduced a program (Liverty) based on Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) which improves the health and wellbeing of those living with dementia. We pick up and drop off clients attending the Day Centre with our specially adapted minibus.

**Caribbean Court Kitchen** provides nutritious, delicious, freshly prepared Caribbean meals delivered direct to our customers' homes.

**Caribbean Catch Up** provides online gatherings involving games, quizzes, music and chat. This aims to reduce the risk of social isolation and loneliness.

Our services are monitored by Leicester City Council and we comply with their Quality Assurance Framework.



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## THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024  
Registered Charity No. 1182669 (CIO Registration)

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## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Legal and Administrative Information for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

<b>Address:</b>	Caribbean Court Day Centre 29 Sparkenhoe Street Leicester LE2 0TD
<b>Registered Charity No:</b>	1182669 (CIO Registration)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh
<b>Trustees:</b>	Vincent Blake - Chairperson Derek Rawle Gloria Daley Herma Hamilton Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh Charmaine Blake Michelle Lowe Sandra Stanley Fred Clarke-Bapiste - resigned
<b>Bankers:</b>	Unity Trust Bank plc Four Brindleplace Birmingham B1 2JB
<b>Independent Examiners:</b>	Brandon Accountancy Limited 24 Littlethorpe Willenhall Wood Coventry CV3 3GG

## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements. The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charities constitution and applicable accounting standards.

Leicester Jamacia Community Service Group was registered as a CIO Registration Charity on 28th March 2019 under number 1182669. The constitution dated 19th March 2019. All assets have now been transferred

On 2nd May 2022 the charity changed its name to The Caribbean Collective and will continued to be reregistered with the Charity Commission under the number 1182669. .

#### **Objects of the Charity**

1. To benefit the residents of the City of Leicester and surrounding districts by providing facilities and service for recreation, education and leisure-time occupation of life of these residents. These facilities and services will be provided without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions.
2. The relief of poverty and poor health amongst people resident in the City of Leicester and surrounding district by providing facilities and services calculated to relieve the needs of such persons.
3. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds within the City of Leicester and sounding district..

#### **Activities**

The charity (also know as Caribbean Court) provides services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those aged over 50, with particular emphasis on the African/Caribbean heritage community. The charity also promotes understanding of people from diverse backgrounds and different ages by organizing cultural events. Our beneficiaries reside within the City of Leicester and surrounding district.

#### **Organisation**

The trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 1 and meet on a regular basis. The trustees have ultimate control over all the affairs of the charity.

#### **Achievement and Performance**

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. In summary, the incoming resources for the year amounted to £206,841 (2023 - £173,040), with the major portions of income come from grants and sales. The expenditure was £224,954 (2023 - £135,601), with the main expense being salaries, and general running costs.

#### **Reserve Policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. This review encompassed the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the needs to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves

## THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

(Continued)

#### Risk management

The trustees conducts its own review of major risks to which the centre is exposed. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity and are as follows:

- an annual review of the risks which the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of the risks materialise

#### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for financial year which shows a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and to its financial position at the year end. In preparing financial statement the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- make judgment and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement;
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable charity rulings. The trustees 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.

#### Independent Examiner

Brandon Accountancy have expressed their willingness to continue as examiners and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed 

Date 19/9/2024

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Independent Examiners' report to the Trustees of The Caribbean Collective in respect of the year ended 31st March 2023**

I report on the account for the year ended 31st March 2024 set on pages 5 to 8.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts, and consider that an audit is not required for the year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

Having checked that the charity is eligible for an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Direction given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011;
- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis on the independent examiners' report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. The 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 does 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 statements below.

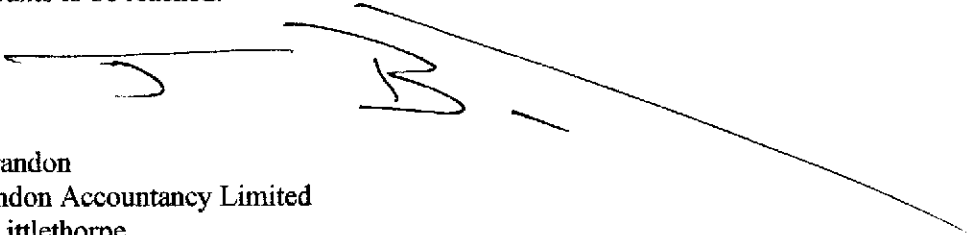
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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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7th September 2024

# THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

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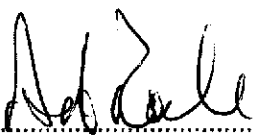
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Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature   
Print Name DEREN RAWLE  
Position TREASURER

Date 19/9/2024

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## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

#### **Note 1 Accounting policies**

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and other applicable accounting standards.
- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and include in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- (d) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- (f) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.
- (g) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.
- (h) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (i) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.
- (j) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

#### **Note 2 Taxation**

As a charity, The Caribbean Collective is exempt from Corporation Tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

## Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

Note	Description	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£
<b>Note 3</b>	<b>Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>				
	Salaries and NIC	56,168	22,950	79,118	74,077
	Pension	632	0	632	664
	Recruitment	532	0	532	192
	Sessional and Subcontractors	5,573	628	6,201	4,763
	Volunteers Expenses	0	3,675	3,675	0
	Rent	29,230	0	29,230	13,140
	Rates	244	0	244	944
	Heat and Light	0	0	0	499
	Telephone and Internet	1,189	0	1,189	1,290
	Equipment	0	0	0	323
	Equipment Hire	1,012	0	1,012	1,193
	Food Catering & Refreshments	33,469	0	33,469	20,615
	Vehicle Expenses	10,846	0	10,846	5,203
	Activities & Entertainment	704	1,872	2,576	0
	Consultants & Professional Fees	1,774	0	1,774	0
	Volunteers Travel & Expenses	0	0	0	230
		<b>141,372</b>	<b>29,125</b>	<b>170,497</b>	<b>123,131</b>
<b>Note 4</b>	<b>Management &amp; Administration</b>				
	H M R C NIC Outstanding Debt	0	0	0	2,400
	I T Equipment and Support	1,491	0	1,491	2,054
	Premises Maintenance	288	0	288	305
	Cleaning	8,978	0	8,978	4,809
	Licence and Subscriptions	0	0	0	357
	Administration	1,851	4,444	6,295	518
	Training Costs	25	979	1,004	0
	Printing, Post and Stationery	134	0	134	0
	Insurance	1,131	0	1,131	889
	Travel & Transport Costs	3,179	12,386	15,566	0
	Development Fees	0	2,571	2,571	0
	Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
	Bank Charges	174	0	174	83
	General Expenses	2,038	11,257	13,295	0
		<b>19,990</b>	<b>31,638</b>	<b>51,628</b>	<b>12,115</b>
<b>Note 5</b>	<b>Creditors</b>				
	Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
		<b>700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Note 6</b>	<b>Debtors</b>				
<b>Note 7</b>	<b>Bank Accounts</b>				
	Business Reserve Accounts	10,450	36,648		
	Current Accounts	13,665	5,582		
		<b>24,116</b>	<b>42,230</b>		

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## THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024  
Registered Charity No. 1182669 (CIO Registration)

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## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Legal and Administrative Information for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

<b>Address:</b>	Caribbean Court Day Centre 29 Sparkenhoe Street Leicester LE2 0TD
<b>Registered Charity No:</b>	1182669 (CIO Registration)
<b>Secretary:</b>	Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh
<b>Trustees:</b>	Vincent Blake - Chairperson Derek Rawle Gloria Daley Herma Hamilton Lesley-May Olonode Sanneh Charmaine Blake Michelle Lowe Sandra Stanley Fred Clarke-Bapiste - resigned
<b>Bankers:</b>	Unity Trust Bank plc Four Brindleplace Birmingham B1 2JB
<b>Independent Examiners:</b>	Brandon Accountancy Limited 24 Littlethorpe Willenhall Wood Coventry CV3 3GG

## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

The trustees present their annual report along with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements. The financial statements have also been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 7 and comply with the charities constitution and applicable accounting standards.

Leicester Jamacia Community Service Group was registered as a CIO Registration Charity on 28th March 2019 under number 1182669. The constitution dated 19th March 2019. All assets have now been transferred

On 2nd May 2022 the charity changed its name to The Caribbean Collective and will continued to be reregistered with the Charity Commission under the number 1182669. .

#### **Objects of the Charity**

1. To benefit the residents of the City of Leicester and surrounding districts by providing facilities and service for recreation, education and leisure-time occupation of life of these residents. These facilities and services will be provided without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions.
2. The relief of poverty and poor health amongst people resident in the City of Leicester and surrounding district by providing facilities and services calculated to relieve the needs of such persons.
3. The promotion of equality and diversity for the public benefit by promoting activities to foster understanding between people from diverse backgrounds within the City of Leicester and sounding district..

#### **Activities**

The charity (also know as Caribbean Court) provides services that enhance the health and wellbeing of those aged over 50, with particular emphasis on the African/Caribbean heritage community. The charity also promotes understanding of people from diverse backgrounds and different ages by organizing cultural events. Our beneficiaries reside within the City of Leicester and surrounding district.

#### **Organisation**

The trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 1 and meet on a regular basis. The trustees have ultimate control over all the affairs of the charity.

#### **Achievement and Performance**

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. In summary, the incoming resources for the year amounted to £206,841 (2023 - £173,040), with the major portions of income come from grants and sales. The expenditure was £224,954 (2023 - £135,601), with the main expense being salaries, and general running costs.

#### **Reserve Policy**

The trustees have reviewed the reserves of the charity. This review encompassed the nature of the income and expenditure streams, the needs to match variable income with fixed commitments and the nature of the reserves

## THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

### Trustees' Report for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

(Continued)

#### Risk management

The trustees conducts its own review of major risks to which the centre is exposed. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity and are as follows:

- an annual review of the risks which the charity may face;
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified;
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should any of the risks materialise

#### Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for financial year which shows a true and fair view of the charities financial activities during the year and to its financial position at the year end. In preparing financial statement the trustees should follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply consistently;
- make judgment and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement;
- prepare the financial statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the applicable charity rulings. The trustees 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.

#### Independent Examiner

Brandon Accountancy have expressed their willingness to continue as examiners and a resolution for their re-appointment will be proposed at the forthcoming annual general meeting.

Approved and signed on behalf of the Trustees by:

Signed 

Date 19/9/2024

Print Name DEREK RAWLE

Position TREASURER

## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Independent Examiners' report to the Trustees of The Caribbean Collective in respect of the year ended 31st March 2023**

I report on the account for the year ended 31st March 2024 set on pages 5 to 8.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts, and consider that an audit is not required for the year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required.

Having checked that the charity is eligible for an independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Direction given by the Charity Commission under Section 145 (5)(b) of the Charities Act 2011;
- to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis on the independent examiners' report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. The 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 does 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 statements below.

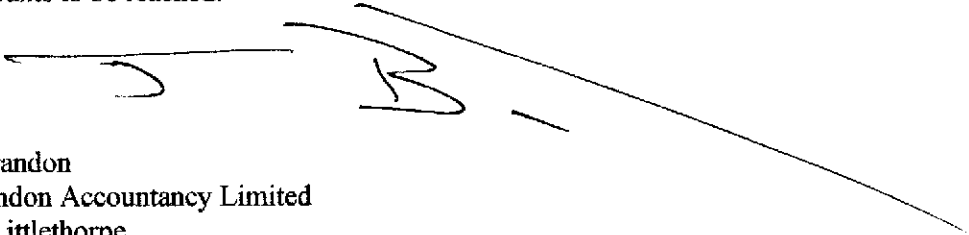
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below):

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have 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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7th September 2024

# THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

## Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure</b>					
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>					
Sales		149,642	0	149,642	127,732
National Lottery Grant		0	35,810	35,810	17,962
Dementia Program Board Grant		0	0	0	25,000
Rental Income		15,660	0	15,660	0
Donations		0	0	0	2,178
Bank Interest		789	0	789	168
Other Income		4,940	0	4,940	0
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>171,031</b>	<b>35,810</b>	<b>206,841</b>	<b>173,040</b>
<b>Resources Expended:</b>					
Direct Charitable Expenditure	3	141,372	29,125	170,497	123,131
Management & Administration	4	19,990	31,638	51,628	12,115
Publicity		2,173	656	2,829	355
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>163,535</b>	<b>61,419</b>	<b>224,954</b>	<b>135,601</b>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<b>7,496</b>	<b>(-25,609)</b>	<b>(-18,114)</b>	<b>37,439</b>
<b>Fund balance brought forward</b>		<b>184</b>	<b>41,346</b>	<b>41,530</b>	<b>4,091</b>
<b>Fund balance carried forward</b>		<b>7,680</b>	<b>15,736</b>	<b>23,416</b>	<b>41,530</b>

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of this financial statement

# THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

## Balance Sheet for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Notes	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Tangible Fixed Assets			0		0
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	6	0		0	
Cash at Bank	7	24,116		42,230	
		24,116		42,230	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors	5	700		700	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			23,416		41,530
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Represented by:

### Unrestricted Income Funds

General Purposes Fund	7,680	184
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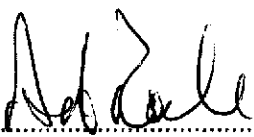
### Restricted Income Funds

Natinal Lottery Grant	4,877	16,346
Dementia Program Board	10,859	25,000

<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>23,416</b>	<b>41,530</b>
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The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on March 2005.

Approved and signed on behalf of the trustees by:

Signature   
Print Name DEREN RAWLE  
Position TREASURER

Date 19/9/2024

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of this financial statement

## **THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE**

### **Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024**

#### **Note 1    Accounting policies**

- (a) The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) " Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2005 and other applicable accounting standards.
- (b) Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and include in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.
- (c) Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they are receivable.
- (d) Incoming resources from investments is included when receivable.
- (e) Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.
- (f) Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity.
- (g) Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its expected useful life.
- (h) Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.
- (i) Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the management committee for particular purposes.
- (j) Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

#### **Note 2    Taxation**

As a charity, The Caribbean Collective is exempt from Corporation Tax on income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxation and Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

# THE CARIBBEAN COLLECTIVE

## Notes to the Financial Statement for the Year Ended 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Note 3 Direct Charitable Expenditure</b>				
Salaries and NIC	56,168	22,950	79,118	74,077
Pension	632	0	632	664
Recruitment	532	0	532	192
Sessional and Subcontractors	5,573	628	6,201	4,763
Volunteers Expenses	0	3,675	3,675	0
Rent	29,230	0	29,230	13,140
Rates	244	0	244	944
Heat and Light	0	0	0	499
Telephone and Internet	1,189	0	1,189	1,290
Equipment	0	0	0	323
Equipment Hire	1,012	0	1,012	1,193
Food Catering & Refreshments	33,469	0	33,469	20,615
Vehicle Expenses	10,846	0	10,846	5,203
Activities & Entertainment	704	1,872	2,576	0
Consultants & Professional Fees	1,774	0	1,774	0
Volunteers Travel & Expenses	0	0	0	230
	<b>141,372</b>	<b>29,125</b>	<b>170,497</b>	<b>123,131</b>
<b>Note 4 Management &amp; Administration</b>				
H M R C NIC Outstanding Debt	0	0	0	2,400
I T Equipment and Support	1,491	0	1,491	2,054
Premises Maintenance	288	0	288	305
Cleaning	8,978	0	8,978	4,809
Licence and Subscriptions	0	0	0	357
Administration	1,851	4,444	6,295	518
Training Costs	25	979	1,004	0
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	<b>19,990</b>	<b>31,638</b>	<b>51,628</b>	<b>12,115</b>
<b>Note 5 Creditors</b>				
Year End Accounts	700	0	700	700
	<b>700</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>700</b>
<b>Note 6 Debtors</b>				
	<b>2,024</b>	<b>2,023</b>		
<b>Note 7 Bank Accounts</b>				
Business Reserve Accounts	10,450	36,648		
Current Accounts	13,665	5,582		
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