

Trustees' Annual Report

1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Charity name 786 Wolverhampton

Registered charity number 1183484

Charity's principal address

Dunstall Heights
1 Dunstall Rd
Wolverhampton
WV6 0LZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trevor Parkes	Chair
Matlub Begum	Secretary
Salma Ibrahim	Treasurer
Khalid Khan	Trustee Member
Shakeela Asif	Trustee Member

Governance

The Charity continues to adhere to the Constitution agreed with the Charities Commission when setting up the CIO.

The Charity is managed by the Board of Trustees, also they undertaking the Scout Group Executive Committee role of the Scout Group which is an educational charity. As Charity Trustees they are responsible for complying with legislation applicable to charities.

This includes the registration, keeping proper accounts and making returns to the Charity Commission as appropriate.

The Committee consists of 5 representatives, Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and two Trustees. The Committee meets at least 4 times a year and more if necessary.

The Board of Trustees exists to support the smooth running of the Charity's day to day operations in meeting the responsibilities of the appointments and is responsible for:

- The maintenance of Charities property;
- The raising of funds and the administration of Charities finance;
- The insurance of persons, property and equipment;
- Charities public occasions;
- Assisting in the recruitment of Volunteers/leaders and other adult support;
- Appointing any sub committees that may be required;
- Appointing Charities Administrators and Advisors other than those who are elected.

Risk Assessment and Internal Control Officers

Lead	Khalid Khan
Deputy	Shakeela Asif

General

The Charity has in place systems of internal controls that are designed to provide reasonable assurance against material mismanagement or loss; these include 2 signatories for payments and comprehensive insurance policies to ensure that insurable risks are covered.

The Board of Trustees has identified the major risks to which they believe the Charity is exposed. These have been reviewed and systems have been established to mitigate against them. The main areas of concern that have been identified are:

Injury to Volunteers/leaders, helpers, supporters and members.

The Charity through Unity Insurance has 10,000,000 Employers Liability and 5,000,000 Public and Products Liability cover. For the Scouts Group all registered Scouting activities are covered under the Scout Association's insurance policy. Risk Assessments are undertaken before and during activities.

Reduced income from fund raising.

The Charity is primarily reliant upon income from subscriptions and fundraising. The Charity does hold reserves to ensure the continuity of activities should there be a major reduction in income. The Committee could raise the value of subscriptions to increase the income to the charity on an ongoing basis, either temporarily or permanently.

Reduction or loss of Volunteers/leaders.

The Charity is totally reliant upon volunteers to run and administer the activities of the group. If there was a reduction in the number of volunteers/leaders to an unacceptable level in a particular area of operation or across the whole Charity then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of certain activities or Scouts sections. In the worst case scenario this would result in the complete closure of the Charity.

Reduction or loss of members.

The Charity provides activities for all young people aged 6 to 25 and their families. If there were a reduction in membership in a particular activities or sections or the whole Charities operations then there would have to be a contraction, consolidation or closure of activities or section. In the worst case scenario this would result in the complete closure of the Charity.

Objectives

To promote, maintain, improve and enhance the education and development of children and young people and their families living in Wolverhampton and the surrounding area by the provision of items and holiday schemes.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objectives

Holiday Club activities

February Half Term

Provided 5 X 3.5 hour open access drop in sessions allowing for over 150 interventions with young people over the duration of February Half-term with some of these activities:

Arts & Crafts Workshops

Sports

Team building

Food

Iftar For Our Stars & Iftar Under The Stars 2023 Community event

This year with the removal of Covid restriction and the fall in local transmission, we decided on hosting a manageable Iftar Under the Stars event, inviting small numbers of people from within our community to join us in our Iftar. This was a successful undertaking with the positive involvement with local community, City of Wolverhampton Councillors and many invited guest from community organisations and members of public. In total including our volunteers we are pleased to have welcomed over 200 people.

Alongside this, we did not miss this valuable opportunity to continue to support the people who were offering an amazing service to the whole community in such unprecedented time.

WE were able deliver 384 donated Iftar food packs for our Key personnel.

Recipients:

90 Iftar food packs went to our New Cross Wolverhampton Hospital

Urgent Care department (30pks), Heart and Lung Unit (40pks) and Children's Ward (20pks)

70 Iftar food packs went to our neighbouring Hospital Walsall Manor Hospital
29 Iftar food packs went out to 5 Local Fire Stations
120 Iftar food packs went out to West Midland Ambulance Service
25 Iftar food packs went out to Wolverhampton Neighbourhood Policing Teams
30 Iftar food packs went out to Local Councillors, Wolverhampton City Council community representatives
20 Local Shops & Business

Scout Sections January 23- December 23

Beavers / Cubs / Scouts/ Young Leaders

Scouts group activities:

Number of sessions: 40

Number of Participants: 52

Number of interventions: 1134

Scouting Activities:

The Scout sections participated in following events throughout the year:

The scout sections all follow the scouting curriculum as is laid down by the Scouts Association.

Explore/Young leader Camp February 2023

10 Young Leaders (Male/Female)

MSF 2nd International Jamboree July 2023

18 Scouts (Male/Female)

10 Young Leaders (Male/Female)

The overwhelming benefits were:

Connected young people to nature and the benefits of time in the outdoors.

Gave young people new skills for life though team working, challenge and adventure.

Improved young people's mental health and wellbeing.

Young people making new friends from other scouts groups across England & Internationally.

Trusted Partner Wolves Online

The City of Wolverhampton with local partner's community continues to build networks to get residents digitally included, as a grassroots Charity we feel that our user group are benefiting from Wolves Online Trusted Partnership. The COVID-19 crisis highlighted the importance of digital connectivity with many of our families unable to access online learning, employment support due to data poverty, lack of or unsuitability of devices. Wolves Online is a device and connectivity lending and gifting scheme aimed at supporting Wolverhampton residents to get online to access services, participate in online learning and search for employment. Devices are distributed through a network of 'trusted partners' who commit to support their clients to get online and improve their digital skills.

Vodafone Partnership

786 Wolverhampton in partnership with Vodafone's everyone connected programme., have been offering a free SIM card with 20GB data a month, plus free unlimited calls and texts, for 6 months. The free sim card is available for those not working, low income households, households without access to the Internet or those socially isolated and helps support people without digital connectivity.

This enables us to, to provide connectivity to our young people and their families to connect with family and friends free for 6 months with access to social media, surfing the web and online shopping, Improving their IT skills , training to people in need.

As the need for free connectivity grows as a result of the cost-of-living crisis, Vodafone wants to raise awareness of the issue and its programme provides people with a free SIM.

FareShare Partnership

We partnered with FareShare, it is a food charity network aimed at relieving food poverty and reducing food waste in the UK, FareShare Go has allowed 786 Wolverhampton with direct access to surplus food from local supermarkets, including Tesco, ASDA and Waitrose & Partners, and wholesaler Booker. The food is good quality food that can no longer be sold for a variety of reasons, such as damaged packaging or a short-shelf life. How it works is when the supermarket has surplus food, they send out a message notification to us, we then collect the food from the supermarket either that night or the next day, which we are able to use in daily operations or distribute within our network to families living in food poverty.

Other community activities during 2023:

Saturday 18th February 2023 Community Fundraiser for **Turkiye and Syria earth quake appeal.**

Saturday 30th September 2023 Community Fundraiser **Morocco and Libya natural disaster appeal.**

Saturday 25th November 2023 Community Fundraiser **Gaza Crisis appeal.**

Awards 2023

Islamic Relief:

AWARDED: Islamic Relief award in recognition of longstanding relationship and continued service to Humanity.

Acquisition International: Non-profit Organisation Awards:

AWARDED: Most Inclusive Youth Organisation 2023 – West Midlands

Public Benefit Statement

The Charity meets the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria under both the advancement of education and the advancement of citizenship or community development headings.

Fundraising

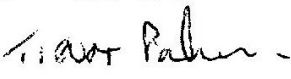

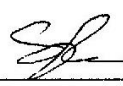


Wolverhampton CC (Ward Funding)	£900.00
Wolverhampton Safer Partnership February Activities	£3998.00
The Scouts Association	£4200.00
Lloyds Bank Foundation	£1000.00
TLC College Faith Community	£1180.00
Forrester Family Trust	£5000.00
Whitmore Reans Community Centre	£100.00

Reserves Policy

The Charities policy on reserves is to hold sufficient resources to continue the charitable activities of the group should income and fundraising activities fall short.

Declaration

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

Position	Name	Signature	Date
Chair	Trevor Parkes		05/10/24
Secretary	Matlub Begum		5-10-24
Treasurer	Salma Ibrahim		5/10/24
Trustee Member	Shakeela Asif		05/10/24
Trustee Member	Khalid Khan		05/10/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
786 Wolverhampton

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date

1st January 2023

To


Period end date

31st December 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Members' subscriptions/ activity fees	1,643	-	-	1,643	1,933
Fundraising Events	3,005	-	-	3,005	2,212
Grants	-	10,278	-	10,278	15,120
Grants	6,100	-	-	6,100	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,748	10,278	-	21,026	19,765
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,748	10,278	-	21,026	19,765
A3 Payments					
Training cost	-	-	-	-	-
Scouts Capitation Fee	-	-	-	-	855
Insurance costs	-	-	-	-	751
Fundraising costs	2,739	-	-	2,739	2,215
Activity resources	-	10,284	-	10,284	947
Activity resources	3,493	-	-	3,493	15,345
Camp costs	-	-	-	-	973
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,232	10,284	-	16,516	21,086
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,232	10,284	-	16,516	21,086
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,516	- 6	-	4,510	- 1,321
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,516	- 6	-	4,510	- 1,321

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		6,219	2,250	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,219	2,250	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Salma Ibrahim	04/10/2024	
			4/10/24	