

FREEMANTLE AND SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1184031

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-06-21

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (A) TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF FREEMANTLE AND SHIRLEY AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD TOGETHER DEFINED BY THE ATTACHED MAP (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE AREA OF BENEFIT") WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPTIONS, BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID INHABITANTS 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 FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE-TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS. (B) ESTABLISH, OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT, A COMMUNITY CENTRE (HEREINAFTER CALLED "THE CENTRE") AND TO MAINTAIN AND MANAGE THE SAME (WHETHER ALONE OR IN COOPERATION WITH ANY LOCAL AUTHORITY OR OTHER PERSON OR BODY) IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS.(C) PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED.THE ASSOCIATION SHALL BE NON-PARTY IN POLITICS AND NON-SECTARIAN IN RELIGION.

Activities: Management of Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre and associated games area

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£88,316	£75,450	-	-
2024-03-31	£48,630	£27,219	-	-
2023-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2022-03-31	£0	£0	-	-
2021-03-31	£0	£0	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AMANDA WEBB		2019-07-22
Barrie Lesile Tilley		2020-09-16
Helen Davies		2024-09-09
John Barrie Worth		2019-07-22
Krishan Gupta		2019-07-22
Magdalena van der Merwe		2024-09-09
TERENCE MICHAEL WINDIBANK		2019-07-22

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Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre Trustees Report and Financial Report

Year Ending March 2025

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Report of the trustees

1. Introduction

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- Barrie Worth – Chair, Treasurer
- Amanda Webb – Secretary
- Barrie Tilley – Vice Chair
- Kris Gupta
- Terry Winidbank
- Gwyneth Baker: 1 April 2024 to 9 September 2024(AGM)
- Helen Davies 9 September 2024(AGM) to 31 March 2025
- Magda D Van Mewre 9 September 2024(AGM) to 31 March 2025

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3. Structure

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4. Objectives

FSCC objective is to support the local community and activities conducive to local benefit. FSCC maintains and manages the community centre and the outdoor multi use games area. The centre has rooms of various sizes to rent out, including a sensory room. These rooms are rented to local groups on a regular basis and one-off hires for parties and meetings.

The multi-use games area attached to the centre is opened daily and is locked at night in order to reduce anti-social behaviour disturbing local residents

5. Activities

FSCC continued with the contract with Nine Hazelnut Technology to manage and maintain the centre.

Southampton Careers Association continues to rent one of our rooms weekdays as part of Southampton Living Well for elderly locals.

Choices College, an NHS provider of post 16 education to young adults with autism, uses the centre as one of their regional hubs.

As well as hiring out the centre to various local groups including theatre, exercise, children, education and religious groups, the centre runs a successful lunch club for the over 55s and a toddler playgroup with the help of volunteers. The MUGA is well used by local youths and dog walkers (especially older residents)

6. Achievements

2024-2025 was the first full operating year for FSCC and saw an excess of income over expenditure of £12,867.

Our new room Albion, created from the office space previously used by Southampton AGEUK now has many groups using it, one being Choices College who have confirmed (post year end) a further year's contract.

Having been delayed by questions raised by Southampton City Councils estates department which retains a buy-back option on the centre, the installation of Solar Panels by the Big Solar Coop had taken place since the year end. £2,700 of legal and survey costs were incurred and are shown in 2024-5 accounts

Nine Hazelnuts Technology have continued with maintaining and cleaning the building, which has progressed well.

7. Financial Review

The first full year of operation under FSCC saw an increase of nearly £13,000 in retained funds carried forward but comparisons with previous years are difficult because 2023/24 operations were split between FSCA and FSCC. Reserve policy to be amended from "6 months of expenses" to include provision of a sinking fund of £25,000 to enable the purchase of the newly installed solar panels in 2030.

Therefore the target reserves for that date are £65k.

8. Future Plans

There will be continued work to update the fabric of the building as it approaches 20 years since its rebuild.

Opening the cafe to make full use of the kitchen facility remains a goal when finances allow.

The solar panels installed since the year end by the Big Solar Coop can be purchased by FSCC after 5 years at a depreciated value. A sinking fund is to be established to ensure that there are sufficient funds in June 2030 when this option becomes operational.

9. Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Barrie Worth – Chair



Amanda Webb – Secretary

10.Accounts

FSCC Accounts for the years ended 31st March			
	FSCC 2024-2025	FSCC 2024-2025	Deviation
	Budget	Actual	
Hiring Fees - long term	£45,140	£39,684	£ (5,456)
Hiring Fees - short term	£20,000	£19,878	£ (122)
Long Term hire of Florence	£20,220	£20,544	£ 324
Symphony	£3,800	£4,900	£ 1,100
Other income including grants	£0	£3,003	£ 3,003
Transfer from FSCA	£228		£ (228)
Interest		£307	£ 307
Total Income	£89,388	£88,316	£ (1,072)
Centre manager/caretaker	£25,272	0	£ (25,272)
Kitchen staff		0	£ -
Grants/Donations	£0		£ -
Capital Expenditure	£9,000	£2,340	£ (6,660)
Subcontracting/Consultancy	£1,200	£18,000	£ 16,800
Event costs	£0	0	£ -
Other Cost Subtotal	£35,472	£20,340	£ (15,132)
Running Costs			£ -
Gas	£14,000	£18,450	£ 4,450
Electricity	£12,000	£13,278	£ 1,278
Water	£1,200	£1,262	£ 62
Cleaning	£2,000	£2,170	£ 170
Rates	£485	£411	£ (74)
Phone/Internet	£864	£720	£ (144)
Printing and other office costs	£400	£1,583	£ 1,183

Insurance	£3,200	£2,234	£ (966)
Maintenance	£15,000	£6,295	£ (8,705)
Domestic Costs (e.g. chairs, tables..)	£6,000	£5,637	£ (363)
Legal costs	£2,000	£3,070	£ 1,070
Cafe gross costs		0	£ -
	£57,149	£55,110	£ (2,039)
Total Expenses	£92,621	£75,450	£ (17,171)
Excess of Income over expenditure	-£3,233	£12,866	£ 16,099
Reserves carried forward	£18,159	£34,258	

11. Independent Examiners Report



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement [The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

I have no concerns and 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

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5. Activities

The end of residence in the building by AgeUK in June 2023 caused the Trustees to diversify income sources.

FSCC continued with the contract, originally started by FSCA in February 2023, with Nine Hazelnut Technology to manage and maintain the centre.

Southampton Careers Association continues to rent one of our rooms weekdays as provision for elderly locals.

As well as hiring out the centre to various local groups including theatre, exercise, children, education and religious groups, the centre runs a successful lunch club for the over 55s and a toddler playgroup with the help of volunteers.

The MUGA is well used by local youths and dog walkers (especially older residents) Choices College has selected the centre to act as one of its educational hubs.

6. Achievements

Despite the loss of Southampton AGEUK, and not being able to find anyone to take over the office space, the trustees decided to turn this area into another room to hire out; the cost of which was recouped within the first 4 months.

Hiring has increased this past year, with the centre being very busy.

The contract with Nine Hazelnut Technology has benefit the centre with them being on top of issues and keeping the centre running

7. Financial Review

During the financial year, following the establishment of banking facilities for Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre, the new charity, operations and invoicing was transferred across from Freemantle and Shirley Community Association and that organisation was formally closed at the end of the financial year with all remaining assets being transferred at that time.

Turnover for FSCC does not therefore reflect a full 12 months income or costs but the following major expenses were incurred during that period

Item	Cost
New CCTV	£3,974
Boiler room	£7,032
New cooker and associated electricals	£3,874
Enclosure of Albion	£1,085
Total	£15,965

Subcontracting costs represent the fees paid to Nine Hazelnuts Technology, a company controlled by Martin Ryan, who took on responsibility for cleaning the building and providing a presence during the working week that was not dependent on Trustees, these costs compare favourably to the £16k that was spent on cleaning alone 2019-20.

There was a £50 increase in funds carried forward. The target for reserves remains at 6 months running costs but are not likely to be reached in the next couple of years.

8. Future Plans

The trustees are working with the Big Solar Company to look at putting Solar panels on our roof to help offset energy costs. At the end of March 2024, we **were** waiting for permission from Southampton City Council.

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10. Accounts

	2023-24
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Hiring Fees - short term	£13,668
Long Term hire of Florence	£4,485
Symphony	£1,360
Other income including grants	£507
Transfer from FSCA	£14,802
Interest	£96
Cafe	
Total Income	£48,630
Centre manager/caretaker	
Kitchen staff	
Grants/Donations	
Capital Expenditure	£4,381

Subcontracting/Consultancy	£7,800
Event costs	0
Other Cost Subtotal	£12,181
Running Costs	
Gas	£3,272
Electricity	£1,799
Water	£230
Cleaning	£640
Rates	£0
Phone/Internet	£300
Printing and other office costs	£826
Insurance	£2,043
Maintainance	£5,456
Domestic Costs (e.g. chairs, tables..)	£36
Legal costs	£436
Cafe gross costs	
	£15,038
Total Expenses	£27,219
Excess of Income over expenditure	£21,411
Reserves carried forward	£21,411

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Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

FREEMANTLE AND SHIRLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1184031

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Freemantle and Shirley Community Centre Trustees Report

Charity Number: 5130426

1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023

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In addition to the rooms which are hired out, the centre has a sensory room which is also hired out for a reasonable rate to people with learning difficulties from within and around the Southampton area.

The transfer of activities from FSCA to FSCC was not able to progress this year due as opening a new bank account is still causing issues.

Current trustees for FSCC are all also trustees of FSCA, these are:

Terry Windibank - Chair
Martin Ryan – Treasurer- Resigned 13/2/23
Amanda Webb - Secretary
Lawrence Ryan
Kris Gupta
Barrie Worth – Treasurer from 13/2/23
Barrie Tilley

Currently the only activity of FSCC is to hold the freehold for the community centre which is subject to a pre-emption clause allowing Southampton City Council (“SCC”) to repurchase at the transfer price of £4,000 should FSCC fail to fulfil its charitable objectives or seek to dispose of the asset in a way to which SCC disapproves. The transfer price for the community centre and associated costs were paid by FSCA.

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The transfer of activities from FSCA to FSCC was not able to progress this year due to the pandemic not least as a new charity might not have been eligible to apply for government grants notwithstanding the change in status did not represent a change in charitable objectives. Further due to the pandemic opening up a bank account has been problematic and not yet completed. FSCA therefore continues to operate as previously with only a change of holder of the freehold.

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