



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Lower Green Community CIO

Charity No: 1185574

Trustees' Annual Report for the period:

1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	To further or benefit the residents of Lower Green and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, 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 for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power. to establish or secure the establishment of 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.
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.	Activities aim to further or benefit the residents of Lower Green (and its surrounding areas) in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents. Sports clubs, social clubs and activity groups are available.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.
Contribution made by volunteers	The Trustees recognise the valuable contribution made by all of its volunteers.

Achievements and Performance

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.

The year saw a consolidation of the start made in the previous year to establish a thriving community hub at the heart of the local community where local people can seek help and support with accessible facilities and activities to improve wellbeing and prosperity.

The Beehive Café with its toddler play area has become a popular venue in the community especially with the impact the high cost of living has had on local families. The café serves low-cost food and drinks and surplus items collected from the local supermarkets are available free of charge as part of our Community Fridge project. There is also a small food store with long life items available to help those struggling to make ends meet. If needed our staff are on hand to make referrals to other local organisations providing advice and support such as Citizens Advice, Elmbridge Family Centre, Homestart, CAP Debt Help, etc.

During the year we partnered with Surrey Lifelong Learning to provide a weekly drop-in advice session in the café and we became a local distribution point for Stripey Stork a Reigate based charity distributing new and used children's clothes and equipment for families in need. We also started hosting the Elmbridge team of the Kingston based Brite Box project which packs and delivers meals in a box for families to prepare together via the local schools.

The Community Centre is home to the 3rd Esher Scouts who run weekly term time sessions for Cubs, Beavers and Scouts and on other evenings there are yoga and pilates classes. During the year a chair-based exercise for the less mobile was introduced and the Silver and Gold Over 60s Club returned to the Community Centre for their fortnightly meetings. Home Instead, a local care agency, also started to hold their monthly Friendship Lunches in our café.

The Lower Green Preschool, which opened after the Centre was refurbished in 2018, closed its doors in December 2022 due to falling numbers but local preschool children continued to benefit from the weekly Little Green Parent and Toddler group. School holidays play sessions were organised by Elmbridge BC and Christchurch, Esher as well as in-house Stay and Play sessions run by the Centre staff.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The CIO is in a healthy position financially with unrestricted reserves of £22,872.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The Trustees consider the level of reserves that is prudent for Lower Green Community CIO to have when agreeing the annual budget. This will normally be a sufficient to cover six months' running costs. Consideration is given to future strategy, potential redundancy liabilities, and any other significant factors that should be taken into account were Lower Green Community CIO to close or move to new premises. The specific reserves policy including any designation of reserves for specific purposes is agreed by Trustees on an annual basis.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The Trustees have confidence in the charity continuing as a going concern.
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	The principal sources of the charity's funds are grants from the various grant making bodies including the National Lottery, Community Foundation for Surrey, Walton Charity, Surrey County Council, Elmbridge Borough Council, Surrey Community Action, Central Surrey Voluntary Action, Walsingham Care, Morrisons Foundation, Waitrose Community Matters and Co-op Community Fund. Other sources include donations from Christchurch PCC and other supporters together with hall hire income and fundraising events.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	The principal financial risk is the loss of any further grants and the loss of revenue if the Centre was not able to be hired for any reason. As a small organisation there is a risk of over-reliance on a small number of individuals. There is also some uncertainty over the future status of our building but we are confident that our landlords, Elmbridge Borough Council, will ensure the future of our service in their plans to regenerate the area."

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 13 September 2019
How is the charity constituted?	The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	Trustees are formally elected (or re-elected) at the AGM. Trustees may be co-opted during the year by the current Trustees.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Lower Green Community CIO
Registered charity number	1185574
Charity's principal address	Lower Green Community Centre Farm Road Esher KT10 8AU

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Richard Williams	Chair (to 05.07.22)	
2	David Young	Treasurer	Resigned 05.07.22
3	Amanda Manship		
4	Catherine Heavens		
5	Eleanor Lewis		
6	Caroline Tigedi		Appointed 05.07.22
7	Rebecca Frith		Appointed 05.07.22. Resigned 23.09.22
8	Thomas Mawson	Chair (05.07.22 – 08.01.23)	Appointed 05.07.22. Resigned 08.01.23
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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)	
Date	



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Lower Green Community CIO

Charity No
1185574

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start date
01.04.2022

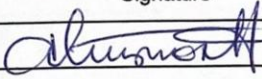
To

Period end date
31.03.2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Hall hire	13,405	-	-	13,405	11,335
Donations, legacies and grants	5,659	71,101	-	76,760	53,335
Café sales	2,748	-	-	2,748	3,495
Other income	3,580	-	-	3,580	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,392	71,101	-	96,493	68,165
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,392	71,101	-	96,493	68,165
A3 Payments					
Cost of Café Sales and activities	316	2,524	-	2,841	2,988
Salaries, pensions, tax and NI	14,524	28,176	-	42,700	27,882
Utilities	3,288	5,188	-	8,477	3,655
Insurance	-	581	-	581	527
Cleaning	803	895	-	1,698	1,200
Office	1,396	608	-	2,004	1,695
Supplies	77	217	-	294	1,899
Equipment (not capitalised)	16	2,287	-	2,303	972
Repairs	662	12,008	-	12,670	1,464
General	327	-	-	327	96
Sub total	21,409	52,486	-	73,895	42,378
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,409	52,486	-	73,895	42,378
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,983	18,615	-	22,598	25,787
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,889	19,749	-	38,638	12,609
Cash funds this year end	22,872	38,364	-	61,236	38,396

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	Cash at bank	22,872	38,364	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,872	38,364	-
	(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	
		JILL AINSWORTH	31.1.24	



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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

LOWER GREEN COMMUNITY CIO

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1185574

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

P. Fulton

Date: 24th January 2024

Name:

Paul Robert Anthony FULTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Esher, Surrey

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

There is a discrepancy of £242 between the closing cash balance of £38,396 recorded in the 2021-2022 accounts and the opening cash balance of £38,638 recorded in the 2022-2023 accounts. Having compared the 2022-23 accounting records with the bank statements I am satisfied that the figures for that year are correct and that the error must therefore lie in the 2021-22 accounts. I have not been able to determine the cause of this error, but do not regard it as significant enough to warrant re-examination or restatement of the 2021-22 accounts.