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Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
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Liberty Jamboree

On accounts for the year
ended

31 October 2021

Charity no
(if any)

1185819

Set out on pages

2 and 3

(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 31/10/2021.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

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:

21/11/2021

Name:

Leigh John Goodwin

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Chartered Accountant

(if any):

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Address:

6 Parkside Court

Greenhough Road

Lichfield WS13 7AU

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.

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Financial Statements – year ended 31 October 2021

General information

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Charity Registered Address

Burntwood Youth Centre
Cherry Close
Burntwood
WS7 4RJ

Trustees

Ashley Hall – Chair
Denise Middleton – Deputy Chair
Keegan Smith – Treasurer
Helen Vallance – Secretary

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Income	£	Expenditure	£	Balance Sheet Position at 31 October 2021	£
CF- ESF-Tamworth Employment	1,000	Wages	45,709		
Community Foundation	1,990	Liberteens	14,068	Bank balance at 1 November 2020	61,931
SCC Covid funding	2,340	Tam Youth	830		
Burntwood Town Council Grant Aid	499	Jump into Jamboree	4,196	Surplus of income over expenditure	48,288
Albert Hunt	2,000	Girls Group	1,839		
SCC NEET CANNOCK	57,191	Boyz Club	1,410		
Sebbly Hall Acts of Kindness	5,000	Jamboree	5,428		
ESC funding	4,800	Lib on Board	18,272	Bank balance at 31 October 2021	110,219
CF - Space	6,650	Football	2,156		
Together Active	3,983	Arts Hub	400		
Main Grants - Lottery	30,363	Holiday Provision	3,056		
NYA	2,500	CF- ESF-Tamworth Employment	13,811		
Mercer Family Choir	15,000	VASP	1,966		
Sir John Middlemore	2,000	SCC Covid funding	1,167		
PWC LLP YCSF (DCMS)	5,150	Open theatre	2,145		
Archers Trust	1,750	SCC NEET CANNOCK	1,004		
Edward Cadbury	4,000	Sebbly Hall Acts of Kindness	150		
The Norton Foundation	2,500	Rates	1,567		
Groundwork UK	990	Community Foundation (Space)	3,241		
Arnold Clark Autom	1,000	Together Active	1,230		
Foyle Foundation	6,000	Building expenses Burntwood	2,941		
LDC payments	9,988	Van insurance	1,647		
Subscription payments	54,195	Refuse collection Burntwood	730		
Course training payments	342	Community Foundation (Space)	100		
Payments for residential	600	Together Active	655		
Parent payment trips	1,855	Resources/projects	11,086		
Burntwood building income	3,657	Telephone	2,598		
Refunds for resources	343	PHS bins	524		
Refunds for ICT	10	Travel	3,807		
Pyments for merch	135	Trips	12,920		
Overpayments	760	ICT	3,763		
Donations and fundraising	7,287	Professional	189		
		Insurance	574		
		Training Costs	9,571		
Total income	235,878	Employment contribution HMRC	7,576		
		Advertising/Sponsorship	463		
		Electric/gas Burntwood	1,418		
		External Provider	2,694		
		Refunds	689		
		Total expenditure	187,590		