

Trustees' Annual Report for the period - 01 August 2022 to 31 July 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name:	Fleetville Community Centre
Other names charity is known by	Community Centre
Registered Charity Number	1185826
Charity's principal address	Royal Road St Albans AL1 4LQ
Name of the charity trustees who manage the charity	Jacqueline Brennan, Chair David Martin, Vice-Chair Catherine Stemple, Treasurer Valerie Goodyear-Burrow Peter Jones Giuseppina 'Josie' Madoc Brendan Murphy Syeda Momotaz Rahim

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Fleetville Community Centre's governing document is the Constitution of the Fleetville Community Centre, adopted 15 May 2019.
How the Charity is constituted	Fleetville Community Centre is organised as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation Structure) whose only voting members are its Trustees.
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits for their Committee service.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- To promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Fleetville without distinction of sex or political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants 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.

- To establish or to secure the establishment of a community Centre.

Summary of the main Activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance Commission on public benefit)

Manage the Centre on behalf of residents living in Fleetville and the surrounding area.

Promote the use of the Centre as a community facility and resource for the social, leisure and educational interests of local residents.

Provide accommodation for hire to two pre-school settings.

Offer space for hire for classes, clubs, events and religious gatherings within the community.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The Centre employs one regular member of staff, a Centre Manager, as well as occasional supply staff. Fundraising and social events are run by the Centre, its users and other volunteers who generously donate many hours of their time to make these events a success.

Section D Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Centre Highlights

Although a new community centre building remains on its current projects list, St Albans Council have deferred the start of this project indefinitely. In the meantime, we continue the upkeep and maintenance of the existing building for our users.

Financial Highlights

The accounts show an increase in centre expenditures of around 8% over the previous year, largely due to increasing staff costs and commercial cleaning. This was more than offset by income from lettings, which increased by over 8% from the previous year. Many long-term hirers who had left the Centre due to the uncertainty regarding the new build timeline have now returned, and there are also many new regular hirers. We continue to offer ad-hoc sessions as before, on average 1-2 times per week.

The Centre received a number of small grants totaling £600 this year, supporting our offerings to the community including a providing space for a Warm Hub in the winter months and Cool Hub in the summer.

Fundraising Highlights

Weekly Knit and Natter sessions on a Monday, a 'pay as you like' community café on Tuesdays and Recreation for the Retired (table tennis) on a Friday, all bring in regular small donations into the centre. A Quiz Night was held May. The Centre raised additional funds at Larks in the Parks in July.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Centre held cash at bank of £80,697 at the end of the 2022/2023 financial year, of which £50,000 has been set aside toward the anticipated finishing costs for the new Centre.

We aim to hold at least £25,000 in reserves at the end of the year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

Section F Other Optional Information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J.E. Brennan

C. Ball et Stemple

Full names(s)

Jackie Brennan

Catherine Stemple

Position

Chair

Treasurer

Date

20/12/23

20/12/23

FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Royal Rd, St Albans, AL1 4LQ

Summary of Accounts 1/8/22 to 31/7/23

	2022/23		2021/22	
	£	£	£	£
Bank Balance (Year end 31st July)				
Current Account		7,207.39		26,369.82
Year Variation		(19,162.43)		10,528.72
Deposit Account		73,980.00		50,740.35
Year Variation		23,239.65		12,006.12
New Build Fund		0.00		56.00
Year Variation		(56.00)		(8,175.83)
Non income banking (deposits)		(434.03)		0.00
Total variation		3,587.19		14,359.01
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Income				
Lettings:				
Contract		47,308.00		42,180.00
Ad hoc		8,986.00		9,574.50
Total		56,294.00		51,754.50
Events & Miscellaneous		2,736.71		979.99
Donations & Gift Aid		2,339.81		192.04
Grants		600.00		15,767.00
New Build		0.00		0.00
Bank interest		239.65		6.32
Total		5,916.17		16,945.35
Grand total		62,210.17		68,699.85
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Expenditure				
Staff		23,958.51		25,185.90
Contractor Maintenance/Security		1,003.07		3,439.50
Total		24,961.58		28,625.40
Building Maintenance		2,928.52		3,465.02
Equipment Repairs		3,078.98		0.00
Total		6,007.50		3,465.02
Utilities:				
Gas		3,028.53		4,858.01
Electricity		4,442.96		4,423.63
Water		2,410.99		862.30
Telephone/Internet/WEB		1,177.25		1,199.18
Total		11,059.73		11,343.12
Total cost carried forward		42,028.81		43,433.54

Total cost brought forward	42,028.81	43,433.54
Rent	1,730.00	1,767.00
Rates	400.88	386.76
Insurance	2,031.81	3,024.77
Licences/Subscriptions	509.20	0.00
Total	4,671.89	5,178.53
Cleaning	7,427.66	909.23
Waste & Hygiene	1,791.49	1,246.54
Total	9,219.15	2,155.77
New Equipment, Inc office	608.84	1,049.99
Resale	0.00	100.00
Misc, Inc Trustee Misc	574.49	1,820.98
Stationary/Printing	0.00	205.36
Manager Expenses	1,124.60	376.67
Training	0.00	0.00
New Build	0.00	20.00
Meetings/Events/Fund Raising Exp	395.20	0.00
Total	2,703.13	3,573.00
Grand total	58,622.98	54,340.84
Year Surplus	3,587.19	14,359.01

Auditor name Geraint Howells

Signature

Geraint Howells

Date

14-12-23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
FLEETVILLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

On accounts for the year
ended

31 JULY 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1185826

Set out on pages

1 (attached)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/07/2022.

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

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.

Signed:

Geraint Howells

Date:

14/12/2023

Name:

Geraint Howells

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

ACA (ICAEW)

Address:

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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.