



Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust
Registered Charity number 1186733

Accounts for the Year ended
30th June 2023

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Trustees Annual Report for the year ended 30th June 2023

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023

The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in July 2014. The Trustees have confirmed that they have referred to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefits when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The charitable status for Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust was granted on 20 June 2012 and in 2019 its registration was transferred to a CIO. The organisation is devoted to creating a strong, active and inclusive community in the historic market town of Ramsey and the satellite villages that form Ramsey Parish. As a community development organisation, programmes and activities are led by the expressed needs and interests of residents.

- Working with the community and numerous partner organisations we firmly believe that Ramsey can continue to overcome its challenges, allowing its residents to flourish.
- From early childhood through to retirement years, RNT offers high quality community-based activities that meet the diverse needs of a rural community.
- Using local staff and volunteers RNT continues to engage residents in the decisions that affect their lives.
- By presenting learning opportunities for every generation, RNT reduces local inequalities and creates an inclusive environment.

RNT works with families in Ramsey who strive tirelessly to keep up with the demands of everyday life and we assist families in accessing the services they need to provide a safe, healthy and stable home for their children, while they positively contribute to the community.

Organisation

RNT is led by volunteer Trustees, who live locally, and represent different sectors of our community. They each bring knowledge of their local area plus past professional and personal experiences to the board. RNT is based in an office above Ramsey Community Library. It is centrally situated and well used. RNT has an excellent relationship with the library services and often the two organisations combine to present activities and opportunities to residents. RNT also works alongside Ramsey Children's Centre, which also has staff based at the library. RNT staff and Trustees are involved in regular meetings with the officers and elected representatives of the four local authorities that cover Ramsey – Ramsey Town Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority.

Activities and Projects

RNT has continued to offer a range of activities and programmes in Ramsey. While some of the projects are directed at specific age groups, we recognize that by helping a parent, a child may benefit. Equally, a programme that engages a child in positive activity can provide much-needed respite for a struggling parent. The long-term impact of the COVID lockdown can still be seen in some school-aged children and older adults. RNT strives to support residents in a manner best suited to their individual needs. To address the health inequalities that became increasingly apparent after the pandemic, the number of physical activity programmes has increased significantly. As have social activities with recognized mental health benefits.

Volunteering and Up-Skilling

RNT continues to champion volunteering within the community, giving local people the skills and confidence, they need, both in their volunteer activities and in the workplace. Examples include young people who, after participating in the youth clubs run by RNT, went on to become youth workers and then attend university. Each volunteer brings something to the table and is encouraged to develop their own skill set. All contributions are valued.

RAMSEY NEIGHBOURHOODS TRUST'S ACTIVITIES

For families, children and young people	<i>Walk & Talk, Sit & Natter</i> for new parents; <i>Warm Spaces</i> for parents and children; <i>Toddler Time</i> monthly group
	<i>BOSH</i> , weekly youth club and holiday camp activities for 5–10-year-olds
	<i>CRUNCH</i> , weekly youth club and holiday camp for 11–16-year-olds
	<i>Youth Café</i> A weekly, drop-in space for young people (from Sept 2023)
	HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programmes for school-aged children eligible for free school meals. (Meals, cooking classes and food to take home)
	Youth leadership training
	Boxing Fitness, including session with Youth Counselling Service
For adults	Job Search, CV preparation, interview training, job fairs, liaison with local employers and Dept of Work and Pensions
	Support with benefits, housing, and debt counselling in partnership with DISH, HAMA and local authorities
	Upskilling workshops and classes, both face to face and online, during the day and evening including digital skills – basic and advanced.
	Wellbeing and fitness classes – Yoga, Tai Chi, Pilates, Ballet, mindfulness, instruction on using gym equipment in local parks, etc.
	Community Eco Group, eco fairs, green tips, repair café, sewing classes
	Weekly Dog Café, craft groups, games afternoons, winter-warmers
	Sparks – weekly social club for adults with additional needs
Business, Heritage & Tourism	Activities and events to increase footfall into the town and boost the local economy
	Regular weekly markets and occasional Eco & Craft Fairs
	Monthly Great Whyte Dine-Out – food truck and community dining
	National Heritage Day activities
	Information wallets delivered to tourism centres in the region
	Information brochure for new residents
	Commissioned “Levelling-up” activities in collaboration with Huntingdonshire District Council
	Working with Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority to improve local bus services to get Ramsey residents into high-paid employment and further education.
Community events	Discover Ramsey heritage walks and children’s trails
	Annual events such as Spring Fair, Halloween Spooktacular & Christmas Fayre
	Bi-annual music festival
	Movie on the Green – outside cinema
	Antiques on the Green – memorabilia and objects d’art

- RNT has staff who are expert in running community projects but more importantly are known and respected in both the community and within the local authority areas which cover the Ramsey Parishes.
- RNT currently has seventeen members of staff all of whom are part-time or sessional. This includes project managers, activity coordinators, youth workers, finance and support staff. Relevant and appropriate training is offered to all staff. Please note that RNT's contracted staff hours only equate to 2.4 full-time employees.
- As the locally trusted organisation for Ramsey Million Partnership (RMP), RNT continues to work with Partnership members as they prepare to close out their ten-year funding plan which ends in summer 2023. Two RMP have joined the Board of Directors of RNT.

Working Strategically

In the past, Ramsey missed out on the public investment that sister market towns were enjoying. However, RNT has developed strong working relationships with many strategic partners, notably the Town and District Councils to ensure that the voice of local people is heard, and we are optimistic about planned new developments.

As mentioned earlier, like many other rural communities the Ramsey bus service has been severely curtailed. Transportation was one of the key issues raised during the Ramsey Million public consultation. RNT has worked relentlessly to address this issue, liaising with all levels of local and national government and our plight has been recognized by the All-Party Levelling-up Committee. It now appears that the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is working seriously to address the negative impact of poor transportation on the work force and those seeking further education. We are confident that at least a partial solution will be reached by the end of 2023.

RNT staff and representatives participate in regular meetings with:

- Town, District and County Councillors, Combined Authority staff and our M.P.
- HDC – Community Coordination Group, Active Lifestyles, Economic Development
- CCC Youth Work Forum, Community Connectors, Early years Networking Group.
- All Parliamentary Group for Left Behind Communities.

Reference and Administrative Details

Registered Charity Number :1186733

Principal Address:

Neighbourhood Office
Ramsey Library
25 Great Whyte Road
Ramsey
Cambs PE26 1HG

Objectives and Aims:

To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially disadvantaged community of Ramsey Parish, Cambridgeshire, in such a way that they can identify and help meet their needs and participate more fully in society.

Trustees 2022-2023

Christine Mally Chair
Roger Brereton
Graham Brewer
Linda Collumbell
Carol Cornfield
Josh Jenkins
Robert Johnson
Conrad Maskell
Gill Rayment
Sophie Terrill
Annie Wells

Independent examiner

Jan Stobart

Banks

Barclays
Co-operative

Structure, Governance and Management

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

An interested person is given an information pack about the Trust. This includes a copy of the Mission Statement and the Constitution as well as a copy of a booklet which details the work that Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust undertakes and information from the Charity Commission on the requirements for a Trustee. If there is interest to continue, they are interviewed by the Chair and one other Trustee and invited to attend the next Trustee meeting. Meetings are held monthly and, if that person wishes to join the Trust, a vote is taken at that stage. New Trustees can also be voted in at any time or at the AGM when existing Trustees are re-voted back to the Trust. As long-term members are now retiring and leaving the area, RNT is seeking a new generation of community leaders

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. Controls are in place and all relevant documents are updated regularly and scrutinised. Regular staff training is held regarding fraud and data protection risk awareness. Our Safeguarding and Health and Safety measures are checked regularly and meet the standards now required by the Charity Commission. The Trust has full public liability cover, not only for Trustees but also for all the volunteers who work for the Trust and all the events and meetings held during each year including the market.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have implemented a formal reserves policy to ensure the stability of the Trust.

As the Trust plans expenditure on restricted activities around scheduled grant payments and all restricted funds had healthy balances at the end of the financial year, Trustees have focussed on unrestricted fund income and expenditure in setting a reserves policy to ensure the stability of the charity. Income streams, including contracted services, pitch fees from the community market and regular fundraising, help to ensure a reliable on-going income to offset the running costs of the Trust. Reserves are also funded by fixed contributions to administration costs linked to some grants.

The Trustees have set a planned reserve level of £10,000 to help cover troughs in the cash budget and fluctuations in key income streams. Trustees will regularly review the unrestricted funds cash balance and will amend the planned reserve level if emerging risks suggest this could provide insufficient contingency for unexpected events. At the year end, Trustees will compare the reserves held against the target and take appropriate action regarding any significant shortfall or excess. The reserve amount will allow the charity to continue to function and meet its legal obligations, on a very basic level, should all other sources of income cease.

The Restricted Fund is primarily for a proposed skatepark due to break ground in 2024 and for the Phoenix programmes aimed at adults, which are funded by a separate grant from The National Lottery.

Principal Funding Sources - This year's main source of income was from Big Local, National Lottery Community Fund, Cambridgeshire County Council and the Evelyn Fund. Additional grants were received from third party sources to support both restricted and unrestricted activities.

Review of Results: Restricted Activities – Funding for Big Local Ramsey Million projects closed in June 2023, aside from £50,000 for the Skatepark due to break ground in 2024, and £10,000 held to support the opening operations of The Ramsey Pavilion Community Hub. and funding for the Phoenix project until March 2024. In addition, any additional grants, from other sources, for specific projects, form part of the Trusts' restricted funds, in line with the conditions specified within each grant.


Designated Activities – Any funds secured via fundraising activities or donations for specific projects were classified as "designated" by the Trustees. These designated funds go back into the project for which they were raised, e.g., BOSH weekly youth clubs, club takings etc. However, the Trustees reserve the right to reclassify these designated funds if deemed necessary to the smooth running of the charity.

Unrestricted Activities – To ensure the Trust has the mechanisms in place to support its restricted and designated activities, all grant applications placed included a request for organisational 'on-costs' in proportion to the size of the bid. These contributed towards the Trust's unrestricted funds to enable the organisation to run effectively and meet its legal governance obligations. Unrestricted funds also comprise general donations/fundraising, club takings and profits made from market pitch fees.

Accounts Approved by the Trustees on 11/3/24

Trustee 

Christine Mally

Trustee 

Annie Wells

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022/23 £	Total 2021/22 £
RECEIPTS				
Grants	2,838	168,796	171,634	286,642
Donations and Sponsorship	6,090	-	6,090	7,855
Fees	16,798	-	16,798	6,635
Pavilion Trading Income	3,886	-	3,886	
Market Income	6,495	-	6,495	12,386
Fundraising events	809		809	2,613
Total Receipts	36,915	168,796	205,711	316,131
PAYMENTS				
Staff Costs	20,882	94,016	114,898	119,127
Insurance	992	-	992	992
Office and IT costs	798	3,355	4,153	614
Utilities	960	96	1,056	1,230
Meeting room hire	1,403	6,633	8,036	5,231
Bus Hire	107	2,488	2,595	1,572
Project costs	10,638	30,499	41,137	24,730
Professional Fees	3,152	-	3,152	882
Accounting and Examination	1,279	576	1,856	1,243
Subscriptions	501	2,117	2,618	2,340
Advertising	465	2,141	2,606	3,998
Donations & Sundries	221	1,342	1,563	4,845
Fundraising event costs	261	-	261	1,602
Total Payments	41,659	143,264	184,923	168,406
SURPLUS / DEFICIT FOR YEAR	-	4,744	25,532	147,725
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS	-	610	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	70,563	78,888	149,451	1,726
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	65,209	105,030	170,239	149,451

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 30TH JUNE 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
BANK BALANCES				
Barclays Account	58,185	55,030	113,216	92,428
Co-op Account	7,023	50,000	57,023	57,023
	65,209	105,030	170,239	149,451
DEBTORS				2629
CREDITORS				
Accounting and examination Invoices			500 155	1103
NON MONETARY ASSETS				
Market Equipment				
Office Equipment				

FUNDS HELD AT 30TH JUNE 2023

	Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total £	2022 £
RNT Governance	8,623		8,623	10,219
Flood	1,298		1,298	1,298
Crafters		395	395	395
Sparks	8,910		8,910	9,099
Community Market	628		628	4,375
Phoenix	2,975	29,563	32,538	19,776
Families & Young People	29,354	6,036	35,390	38,582
Skate Park / MUGA		50,000	50,000	50,000
Discover Ramsey	4,567		4,567	4,041
Programme Management	319	17,384	17,703	788
Community Grants		1,653	1,653	1,653
The Pavilion	8,535		8,535	9,224
Total	65,209	105,030	170,239	149,451

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ramsey Neighbourhoods Trust for the year ended 30th June 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 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 have identified a matter of concern that there are discrepancies between the individual project records and the year end cash book records, in relation to the brought forward and carried forward balances for individual projects. The year end cash book records agree to the total held in the two bank accounts and are therefore the figures that have been used.

I confirm that no other matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.



J Stobart FCCA
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7th February 2024