

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 1187211

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [09104046](#)

Registered 2020-01-06

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF THAT AREA OF THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY WHICH IS COVERED BY CLAPTON COMMONS, 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.

Activities: The objects of the Charity are to further or benefit the residents of Clapton, London Borough of Hackney, in a common effort to facilitate capacity. We collaborate with local people, on local issues and projects that: advance education; celebrate heritage; provide facilities; and champion social welfare and recreation. We provide the space and place for residents to improve their conditions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hackney

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£110,464	£117,468	-	-
2024-03-31	£179,178	£271,316	-	-
2023-06-30	£153,303	£81,456	-	-
2022-06-30	£85,236	£62,827	-	-
2021-06-30	£221,965	£201,305	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev William Goodacre Campbell-Taylor	Chair	2017-01-10
Benjamin Hayhow Gilchrist		2023-03-13
Dr Holly-Gale Veronica Millette		2020-09-16
Rev Toby Lewis Thomas		2023-03-13

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The board of Directors/Trustees presents their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company name	CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
Company registration number	9104046
Charity Registration number	1187211
Directors/Trustees	Pauline Campbell (resigned 15 May 2024) Rev William Campbell-Taylor (Chair) Holly-Gale Millette Jacqueline Benjamin (resigned 2 July 2024) Ben Hayhow Gilchrist Rev Toby Lewis Thomas
Chief Executive Officer	Joe Walker (left September 2024) Aaron Barbour (interim CEO, September 2024 to date)
Registered office	1 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW
Accountants	Lewis Curtis Ltd Chartered Accountants 10 Durham Avenue Romford RM2 6JS
Independent examiner	Knight Goodhead Ltd Chartered Accountants 7 Bournemouth Road Chandler's Ford Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3DA
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK plc 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are to further or benefit the residents of that area of the London Borough of Hackney which is covered by Clapton Commons, 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.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Clapton Commons is a local community charity, based in the heart of the London Borough of Hackney. We were established by and for local residents in 2013, with a focus on Community Building and Community Organising. We bringing local communities into relationship with one another to bring about action and sustainable change in our neighbourhood. We are guided by the values of reciprocity, solidarity, localism and social justice for the common good of all local residents.

Clapton Commons' flagship programme over the last year has been its Warm Welcome Hub run from 'The Common Rooms'. The Hub hosts a range of projects, events and activities developed in partnership with residents and community organisations. It grew out of the cost of living crisis, but today it still fulfils an important role in encouraging social connections, alleviating loneliness and isolation, addressing poverty (particularly food poverty) and enhancing our guests overall mental health and wellbeing.

Here are some highlights from the last year:

Addressing food security through community building

- 120 local people directly benefit from 42 Warm Welcome's sessions (2024, with 11 sessions delivered to 31 March 2025)
- 21 people attend on average each week
- £65 is the average cost of feeding people each week

We continued over the summer holidays because guests wanted somewhere to be. Our amazing volunteers agreed that for our vulnerable guests, especially those with dementia and memory issues, that consistency was important. So, during this time we paused the craft gathering but provided other activities like film club, bingo etc, which were enjoyed by all.

We worked with our volunteers to improve food management and expand the meal offerings. Towards the end of last year (2024) we introduced the concept of a Food Co-operative to our volunteers and residents, leading to the formation of a group committed to establishing one. This initiative has the potential to address food supply, meal planning, community cooking and skills exchange, while also celebrating the diverse culinary traditions within the local community here in Clapton. We are looking to launch a new Food Co-operative project over the summer 2025.

Creative expression and community building

The Re-Live Zero Waste project joined the Warm Welcome. They provide crafting activities to our residents and volunteers. Initially we encouraged a few to work on creating a community banner with the slogan 'good things are coming' to express hope in the face of the cost of living crisis. This "craftivism" approach proved to be a powerful tool for engagement and with the support of Freda (upcycle fashion expert) and Ange (upcycled art and craft expert), we established weekly sessions that provided opportunities for skill-sharing in areas like sewing, upcycling, crochet, knitting, embroidery, and jewellery making. Four sewing machines were later purchased and the use of recycled and donated materials ensured the sustainability of these projects.

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Participants created a diverse range of items, demonstrating their creativity and resourcefulness, among them: lavender bags; glasses, phones and bottles holders; cards and money wallets; shopping bags; scarfs; even lamp shades or wrapping paper. There are plans to work with Makers Market in summer 2025 so we can showcase the work to the wider public.

Gardening for Good

We collaborated with Lucy, a local gardener, who facilitated gardening sessions at Liberty Court and Limetree Court (local retirement and supported housing complexes respectively), empowering residents to cultivate their own green spaces. Currently Lucy is working with Clapton Commons and Springfield Park User Group (SPUG) to engage more volunteers in maintaining green spaces around Liberty Hall, and on the Commons previously done in collaboration with children from the local school, and/or join the monthly litter picking with Lisa, a local resident who organises this.

Supporting existing groups

Aga, our Warm Welcome lead, provided support to a group of single mothers previously involved with Roundchapel's 'Mothers of Hackney'. Their initial interest in flower arranging evolved into the creation of herb products, candles and wreaths. This group further contributed to the community by tending to St. Matthew's garden, fostering intergenerational engagement and connections

Partnerships

Our partnership with our anchor institution, St Thomas' Church, continues, and collaboration with other local organisations enabled us to pool resources and expand our reach. These include:

- Made in Hackney (food), who use the refurbished Liberty Hall on the Commons
- Old Hill Community School (education)
- Anchor Hanover Housing Association (housing)
- Playbus (education/play)
- Hackney Housing (Residents participation team)
- Clapton Terrace residence association (residents)
- The Jewish-Christian forum in Stamford Hill (socio-religious)
- Rethink (mental health advocacy)
- The Shoreditch Trust (community, health and wellbeing).

We look forward to building on these into 2025.

Advocacy support

Since autumn 2024 we have been working with Rethink Mental Illness, a mental health charity, to support the most vulnerable guests at the Warm Welcome. James, the Rethink worker, provides regular advocacy service and casework support for people with mental health issues.

After school clubs

We encouraged local small businesses to collaborate on providing activities for intergenerational groups such as Mothers who Make and Plysu on creative design and building workshops; and Monika-Holy, who shared their expertise in sewing skills, fashion design and textile printing.

Cultivating creative expression

Students from the Royal College of Art (RCA) led a number of art workshops at the Warm Welcome, which in turn spurred the establishment of a weekly 'Art Jam' in the Commons Room, led by George and Bill. The aim is to sustain these sessions by leveraging a network of local creatives, offering expertise in various artistic fields. We are planning an Art Exhibition to showcase the work later in the year.

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FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2025/26

In 2025/26, the trustees, staff, volunteers and members want to connect deeper with the wider local community through a programme of community listening and community organising. We are working with St Thomas's Church and London Citizens to conduct a series of door knocking (listening and relationship building) sessions this spring. The information and ideas gathered will help us identify our priorities for the next 1-2 years, as well as the residents and community organisations to work with.

We are working with local partners from the Jewish and Muslim communities and organisations in the education sector around the closure of Oldhill Community School, to see how the building can continue to benefit the immediate local community. Our initial organising and largely successful work with The Tenants Club showed us the greater need for organised representation. The Oldhill school work gives us a chance to identify leaders from across the area to support this.

Following a review of the Warm Welcome (in part prompted by funding coming to end in August), the team and members have agreed to refine the offer further and relaunch it as the Clapton Commons Social Club in the autumn. We are also exploring how best to set up a Food Co-operative.

We hope that you will join us in the coming year as we work hard to bringing about the common good in Clapton.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

In its work to advance the social welfare of the local communities the charity has sought to unite 'resource' with 'need'. It has worked in a rhizomatic way, recognising that groups and individuals are, more often than not, looking for a container for co-design and a mutual flourishing, rather than a series of top-down service-delivery

In its regeneration of the toilet block on the Common, the charity has been able to reach out to all communities and ensure that the Common Land requirement for the space (necessary for the planning permission) continues to be met.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charitable company as of 17 July 2025 together with the budget, income and expenditure, cash flow and investments, for the period April 2025 to March 2026 inclusively. The Trustees consider that the budgets are reasonable, and that the charity has sufficient reserves and cash resources in order to continue as a going concern.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £110,464 including restricted funds of £61,038 (2024 restated £174,168 including restricted funds of £87,896). Expenditure for the year was £117,468 including restricted activity costs of £54,150 (2024 £271,315 including restricted costs £231,288).

The unrestricted surplus for the year of £12,448 is carried forward for future activities.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity was registered in 2019 and is in a phase of building resources and reserves. The charity operates mainly through voluntary services and closely manages operating costs so that income can be directed towards the charities' aims as effectively as possible. As the charity grows and takes on additional employees, its aim is to build and retain a minimum of 6 months operating costs within unrestricted reserves.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 26 June 2014 and registered as a charity on 6 January 2020. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not

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RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Any member of the Charity may stand for election as a trustee provided that they are nominated and seconded by another member. All members of the charity are entitled to participate in the election of trustees. One third of the trustees are required to retire at each AGM; the trustees to retire are those longest in office since they were last elected. A retiring trustee is eligible for re-election provided that no Trustee may serve for a continuous period of more than six years. The trustees may appoint a member as a trustee to fill a casual position.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company laws require the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Directors should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Board of Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors, who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

ACCOUNTANTS

Lewis Curtis Ltd has signified their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Directors on 23 September 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF CLAPTON COMMONS
COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED**

I report to the charity trustees/directors on our examination of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

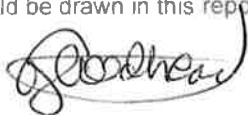
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe

1. accounting records are not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

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.



C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited

29 September 2025

7 Bournemouth Road
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Year ended 31 March 2025			Period ended 31 March 2024 Restated		
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£			£
Incoming resources							
Grants	2	20,160	61,038	81,198	69,615	87,896	157,511
Donations		120	-	120	708	-	708
Rent		27,207	-	27,207	15,949	-	15,949
Other income		1,939	-	1,939	5,010	-	5,010
Total incoming resources		49,426	61,038	110,464	91,282	87,896	179,178
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Grants and donations		4,423	-	4,423	68	176,962	177,030
Windrush project		-	1,690	1,690	-	-	-
Housing project		-	2,222	2,222	-	-	-
Landscaping		-	-	-	(969)	969	-
Employee wages	3	-	12,903	12,903	-	30,531	30,531
Employee training		183	90	273	1,500	-	1,500
The Common Room		12,771	-	12,771	-	120	120
Community Choir		795	195	990	-	540	540
Community Meal		7,960	15,043	23,003	5,020	8,682	13,702
Consultancy fees		2,400	6,025	8,425	-	3,600	3,600
Event running costs		-	117	117	96	-	96
Advocacy service		1,545	-	1,545	-	-	-
Repairs and maintenance		4,249	17	4,266	4,978	-	4,978
Rates		54	-	54	2,035	-	2,035
Rent		12,000	-	12,000	16,710	-	16,710
Light and heat		3,994	-	3,994	2,990	-	2,990
Insurance		535	-	535	412	-	412
Telephone		1,417	40	1,457	849	-	849
Sundry expenses		12	16	28	540	-	540
Bank charges and interest paid		89	-	89	16	-	16
Admin expenses		-	1,016	1,016	536	1,528	2,064
Administrator costs		-	13,515	13,515	-	8,356	8,356
Legal expenses		-	-	-	477	-	477
Subscriptions		-	750	750	-	-	-
Depreciation		79	-	79	237	-	237
IT and web costs		1,126	136	1,262	467	-	467
Bad debts		4,409	-	4,409	-	-	-
Governance costs				-			
Accountancy services		3,885	-	3,885	1,860	-	1,860
Independent examination fee		1,200	-	1,200	850	-	850
Grant application costs		100	375	475	1,295	-	1,295
Trustee expenses		92	-	92	60	-	60
Total Resources expended		63,318	54,150	117,468	40,027	231,288	271,315
Net incoming(outgoing) resources		(13,892)	6,888	(7,005)	51,255	(143,392)	(92,137)
Transfer from unrestricted fund		-	-	-	(43,298)	43,298	-
Net movements in funds		(13,892)	6,888	(7,005)	7,957	(100,094)	(92,137)
Balance brought forward at 01/04/2024		26,341	26,271	52,612	18,384	126,365	144,749
Balance carried forward at 31/03/2025		12,448	33,159	45,607	26,341	26,271	52,612

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Year ended 31 March 2025			Period ended 31 March 2024 Restated		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed assets	5	-	-	-	80	-	80
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	6	9,098		9,098	18,077	-	18,077
Cash at bank and in hand	7	7,272	33,159	40,431	21,778	26,271	48,049
		<u>16,370</u>	<u>33,159</u>	<u>49,529</u>	<u>39,855</u>	<u>26,271</u>	<u>66,126</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	8	3,922	-	3,922	13,594	-	13,594
Net current assets		<u>12,448</u>	<u>33,159</u>	<u>45,607</u>	<u>26,261</u>	<u>26,271</u>	<u>52,532</u>
Net assets		<u>12,448</u>	<u>33,159</u>	<u>45,607</u>	<u>26,341</u>	<u>26,271</u>	<u>52,612</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted fund		12,448	-	12,448	26,341	-	26,341
Commons Chorus Choir		-	-	-	-	195	195
Community Organisation		-	5,308	5,308	-	6,076	6,076
Mercers		-	19,731	19,731	-	20,000	20,000
Warm Welcome		-	8,120	8,120	-	-	-
		<u>12,448</u>	<u>33,159</u>	<u>45,607</u>	<u>26,341</u>	<u>26,271</u>	<u>52,612</u>

For the period ended 31 March 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The board of directors approved these accounts on 23 September 2025



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change of year end date

In the previous year the charity has changed its financial year end from 30 June to 31 March. Current year figures are reported for the 12 months ended 31 March 2025 and comparative figures are reported for the 9 months ended 31 March 2024

Restated comparative figures

The allocation of income and expenditure between unrestricted and restricted funds in the comparative period ended 31 March 2024 has been reviewed and reanalysed. The overall income and expenditure is unchanged but the fund balances at 31 March 2024 are revised. See Note 9 for restricted fund balance

	Original	Revised
Unrestricted funds at 31/03/2024	£ 5,814.00	£ 26,341.00
Restricted funds at 31/03/2024	£ 46,797.00	£ 26,271.00
Total funds at 31/03/2024	<u>£ 52,611.00</u>	<u>£ 52,612.00</u>

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The charity's general funds consists of funds which the charity may use for its purposes at its discretion. Grants received for specific costs which have already been incurred by the charity are included as unrestricted income.

The charity's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding.

Rental Income

Rental income is recognised in the accounts according to the period for which the rent is receivable.

Voluntary income

All voluntary income is included on receipt. Grants receivable is credited to income immediately on receipt.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprises costs incurred in running the charity which are neither direct charitable expenses nor restricted fund expenses.

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2 Grants receivable - restricted		2025	2024
		£	£
Mercers	Mercers	20,000	20,000
The National Lottery	Warm Welcome	20,000	-
London Borough of Hackney	Windrush	1,690	-
Hackney Parochial	Warm Welcome	-	5,000
London Community Fund	Common rooms (spacehive)	-	19,700
St Thomas' Church	Commons Chorus Choir	-	1,295
Trust for London	Community Organisation	19,348	38,691
LB Hackney	Youth Development	-	3,210
		<u>61,038</u>	<u>87,896</u>

3 Wages and salaries		2025	2024
		£	£
Wages and salaries		12,648	29,914
Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme		255	617
		<u>12,903</u>	<u>30,531</u>

Average monthly number of employees 1 2

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

4 Remuneration of directors

No directors have received remuneration as directors of the charitable company during the year. No trustees have received payment of expenses during the year.

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5 Fixed assets

	Unrestricted	Community Spacehive	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 April 2024	949	746	1,695
Additions	-	-	-
As at 31 March 2025	949	746	1,695
Depreciation			
As at 1 April 2024	869	746	1,615
Provided during year	80	-	80
As at 31 March 2025	949	746	1,695
Net book value at 31 March 2025	-	-	-
Net book value at 31 March 2024	80	-	80

6 Debtors - unrestricted funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade Debtors	3,599	15,536
Prepayments	-	-
Accrued income	5,499	2,541
	9,098	18,077

7 Cash at bank - restricted funds

	2025 £	2024 £
Community Spacehive	-	-
Mercers	19,731	20,000
Community choir	-	195
Community Organisation	5,308	6,076
Warm Welcome	8,120	-
	33,159	26,271

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8 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - unrestricted funds

	2025	2024
	£	£
Social Security and Other taxes	241	1,754
Trade creditors	121	3,370
Accruals	3,500	8,250
Other creditors	60	220
	<u>3,922</u>	<u>13,594</u>

9 Restricted funds

As originally reported in the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 March 2024

	01/07/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31/03/2024
Common Rooms (spacehive)	110,314	19,700	(169,967)	39,953	-
Commons Chorus Choir	-	1,295	(540)	(560)	195
Mercers	-	20,000	(18,469)	-	1,531
Groundwork	969	-	(969)	-	-
Community Organisation	11,400	40,296	(6,624)	-	45,072
Warm Welcome	3,682	5,000	(13,702)	5,020	-
Youth development	-	3,210	(7,115)	3,905	-
	<u>126,365</u>	<u>89,501</u>	<u>(217,386)</u>	<u>48,318</u>	<u>46,798</u>

As restated in the current year financial accounts

	01/07/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31/03/2024
Common Rooms (spacehive)	110,314	19,700	(169,967)	39,953	-
Commons Chorus Choir	-	1,295	(540)	(560)	195
Mercers	-	20,000	-	-	20,000
Groundwork	969	-	(969)	-	-
Community Organisation	11,400	38,691	(44,015)	-	6,076
Warm Welcome	3,682	5,000	(8,682)	-	-
Youth development	-	3,210	(7,115)	3,905	-
	<u>126,365</u>	<u>87,896</u>	<u>(231,288)</u>	<u>43,298</u>	<u>26,271</u>

	01/04/2024	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31/03/2025
Commons Chorus Choir	195	-	(195)	-	-
Mercers	20,000	20,000	(20,269)	-	19,731
Community Organisation	6,076	19,348	(20,116)	-	5,308
Warm Welcome	-	20,000	(11,880)	-	8,120
LBH Windrush	-	1,690	(1,690)	-	0
	<u>26,271</u>	<u>61,038</u>	<u>(54,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,159</u>

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Purpose of restricted funds

Commons Chorus Choir	Weekly subscriptions from singers to take part in the choir
Mercers	Revenue funding for Clapton commons and our Warm Welcome programme
Community Organisation	Revenue funding for Clapton Commons from Trust for London
Warm Welcome	Revenue funding for Warm Welcome from National Lottery Community Fund's Award for All
LBH Windrush	Revenue funding to support Windrush celebration events rom hackney Council

10 Share capital

Clapton Commons Community Organisation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

11 Other financial commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non -cancellable operating leases

	Land & Buildings 2025	Land & Buildings 2024
Falling due:		
within one year	12,000	12,000
within two to five years	16,500	28,500

13 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in the reporting period other than transactions with Saint Thomas Clapton where Father William Campbell-Taylor is the Vicar.

During the year ended 31 March 2025 the charity made grants of £4,423 (2024: £169,846) to Saint Thomas Clapton for the Undercroft refurbishment to cover the agreed improvements.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1187211

Accounts

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Company number: 09104046
Charity Registration Number: 1187211

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The board of Directors/Trustees presents their report and financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company name	CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
Company registration number	9104046
Charity Registration number	1187211
Directors/Trustees	Pauline Campbell (resigned 15 May 2024) Rev William Campbell-Taylor (Chair) Holly-Gale Millette Jacqueline Benjamin (resigned 2 July 2024) Ben Hayhow Gilchrist Rev Toby Lewis Thomas
Chief Executive Officer	Joe Walker (left September 2024)
Registered office	1 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW
Accountants	Lewis Curtis Ltd Chartered Accountants 10 Durham Avenue Romford RM2 6JS
Independent examiner	Knight Goodhead Ltd Chartered Accountants 7 Bournemouth Road Chandler's Ford Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3DA
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK plc 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are to further or benefit the residents of that area of the London Borough of Hackney which is covered by Clapton Commons, 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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

"I get to see all different types of people and talk to them here. Where we are you hardly see anybody except your carer, and they're always rushing away. When you come here you see all sorts. I go home feeling different and that is important."

Feedback from one of our Clapton Commons members

The second half of 2023 was a time of development for Clapton Commons. Having previously secured a capital grant from the Hackney Councils 'Hackney Community Fund' and the GLA earlier in the year, we were pleased to receive funding from the Clothworkers' Foundation, which enabled us secure the amount needed to begin the building work on re-developing the under-croft of St Thomas' church. Through our leadership working with St Thomas' and ArteFact, our architects as well as with local partners, including the council, and funders enabled us to make our vision a reality and create a constellation of spaces in the undercroft and renew a vibrant home for the local community.

In November 2023 we launched the newly refurbished space with a civic and community event led by the Mayor of Hackney and included a broad representation of guests, including leaders from the Jewish Orthodox community, community partners, funders and representatives of the Diocese of Stepney and local neighbours. As we opened the building, our Community Builder played a lead role in engaging groups and individuals in the new space, developing a programme of activities that reflected need in the neighbourhood.

To ensure that The Common Rooms reflected local need and was embedded in the lived experiences of those who are involved, we established a steering group called the 'Commons Collective'. People were invited to attend from a range of backgrounds and experiences to ensure the project remained relevant and continued to reflect local realities and that any ongoing developments were co-produced. We also ran an open evening to bring a wider variety of guests, volunteers, partners and wider stakeholders together into our Common Rooms space to ensure that there is local ownership of the project.

Community building

"I enjoy the creativity and meeting people who enjoy the same activities as me. I think this is especially important for the elderly. It's good that people notice when you are missing, you feel important and needed."

Feedback from one of our Clapton Commons members

We are grateful to the Mercers' Company for continuing to fund our community programme. Over the past year we have further developed our model of community building proactively maximising reach and participation of residents; encouraging access through well-developed referral pathways, engaging with and using partnerships to facilitate focused community engagement, particularly for those who do not routinely engage with our projects and community spaces. Our approach has been to maximise our reach through 1:1 group work and a community building outreach plan that takes advantage of existing relationships and develops new where needed. Working closely with our partners, we have called on our combined experience of building visibility to engage groups or communities who may not find traditional methods of promotion accessible.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

Creating a "Warm Welcome"

"The lunch is important. I enjoy the homemade soup. Like anything, it's the company that makes it."

Feedback from one of our Clapton Commons members

The "Warm Welcome" hub was set up at the beginning of 2023 as a response to the cost-of-living crisis. The project was originally conceived out of a meeting convened to discuss how we should be supporting our most vulnerable neighbours through the cost-of-living crisis. We brought together a wide range of stakeholders including local residents, community leaders, partners and staff. As a result, local people got involved to volunteer, raise support and awareness of our programme and to build relationships with the guests who accessed the service.

In the second half of 2023 we decided to continue to sustain and develop the project longer-term, building local community cohesion and addressing the support needs of those who were disproportionately impacted by the cost-of-living crisis, who were socially isolated and needed a space to belong.

The project, funded by the Broadgate Community Fund and Hackney Parochial Charities, build and created a safe and inclusive, accessible and trusted space for relationships and engagement to prosper, as well as supporting local people to set up a programme of mutual support, extending and enhancing services to reflect community need. This included a weekly intergenerational community meals, craft classes, clothes alterations and wellbeing programmes and support and intervention around housing, benefits and access to other key services working with council services such as housing and resident participation. The aim was to encourage social connection, alleviate loneliness and isolation and enhance the guests overall mental health and wellbeing.

Some facts and stats about our Warm Welcome

- 120 local people directly benefit from 42 Warm Welcome's sessions this year
- 21 people attend on average each week
- £60 is the average cost to feed people each week

We considered pausing over the summer holidays but guests wanted somewhere to be. Our amazing volunteers agreed that for our vulnerable guests, especially those with dementia and memory issues, that consistency was important. So, during this time we paused the craft gathering but provided other activities like film club, bingo etc. which were enjoyed by all.

Member's Story: Pete becomes a volunteer with our 'Warm Welcome'

Pete (not his real name) came to the Warm Welcome as a guest about a year ago. He has learning disabilities and lives in 'sheltered housing' which is provided by a housing association but wasn't effectively responding to his needs. He was socially isolated, clearly not able to look after himself very well and unable to advocate for himself on the issues that he was facing with his housing.

Pete worked with both our team of volunteers and our community builder to identify how we could properly support him. At the same time he became a regular attendee at the Warm Welcome, enjoying the weekly community meal as well as the various activities and programmes that were provided. Over the weeks we began to see an improvement in his confidence and his mental health. While he continued to struggle during the week and remained very isolated, the Warm Welcome became a safe space for him where he could meet other people, build relationships and begin to engage in find ways to address some of the issues that he was facing.

After about six months, Pete was a regular attendee to the Warm Welcome and he expressed an interest in helping out with some of the food preparation and washing up. He began getting involved in supporting a few tasks alongside a couple of volunteers that he trusted. Following a few weeks, he decided that he would like to join the volunteer team, get some training so that he could learn new skills and further build up his confidence.

While Pete is still a guest, he also spends an hour volunteering at the Warm Welcome and has become a trusted member of the team.

Building partnerships

"I enjoy being able to mingle with people. The diversity of people is great."

Feedback from one of our Clapton Commons members

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The partnerships that we have developed are built on mutual support, delivering joint-projects, cross-referring and sharing best practice and resources. The partnership model that we adopt is about shifting away from top-down structures of intervention and service delivery and instead encouraging better and more meaningful collaboration that can build energy, innovation, confidence and shaping a new connection with our neighbours.

In second half of the year through our community programme we supported the delivery of a new co-operative care initiative called 'Care Commons', creating neighbourhood teams that assess and meet elders' and family carers' needs in locally sensitive ways.

We worked in partnership with Equal Care to launch a home care co-operative, piloting a new service model and digital platform for a community-owned and governed care service which will integrate home care, community networks, digital tools and health and social care services at a hyper-local level into a 'Care Commons' so that people giving and receiving formal and informal care can have more power and control over the resources they rely upon and a better quality of life, thus preventing "down the line" care issues.

In 2023/24 there were steps made to engage community partners from the Orthodox Jewish community, including Yad Voezer, a day-centre for men and women with a range of learning difficulties who ran a weekly gardening group at our community hub Liberty Hall. We also collaborated with the Interlink Foundation to deliver a full day's immersive intercultural training in Jewish customs and cultural practices. This was attended by 25 participants from Stamford Hill's voluntary and community sector with more to follow.

Community Organising and the Tenants Club

"It's a good reason to get out the house and meet people. I don't go to anything else in the week because jobseekers takes so much of my time and energy. This is a nice break."

Feedback from one of our Clapton Commons members

As we moved into the next phase of our project at the beginning of 2024, one of the key areas of focus that guided our work was using the new Common Rooms in the setting up a of a "Tenants Club", supported by Trust for London. This club has been co-produced and designed with the local community, including residents of housing associations, council residents, private renters, and advocates. The Tenants Club is envisioned as a form of community organisation that can educate and organise tenants and renters to become a power in their own right. The club will provide a platform for tenants to share their experiences, voice their concerns, and work together to advocate for their rights and interests.

Member's Stories for the Tenants Club

The Tenants' Club is built on the real-life experiences of its members, each bringing unique insights and challenges. Below are a few stories that highlight the variety of housing issues and the potential for leadership within the group (names have been changed to ensure anonymity):

- **Emma's Story:** Living in temporary accommodation, Emma is raising her daughter amidst the noise and dust of a building site as her estate is being demolished. Her daughter's health is affected, and she is uncertain about their future housing. Despite these struggles, Emma has eagerly joined the Tenant's Club. She took a lead on the self-advocacy workshops and is enrolled in further leadership training.
- **Batya's Story:** After transitioning from temporary accommodation to private rental, Batya faces severe damp and mould in her flat but fears reporting it due to the risk of eviction. Although hesitant to campaign publicly, she has been instrumental in organising workshops.
- **Muna's Story:** Muna, a social housing tenant, deals with antisocial behaviour and overcrowding in her home. Though unable to attend workshops due to timing, she remains in close contact with the Tenants' Club and is eager to participate in future initiatives.

These stories, among others, reflect the varied and often complex housing situations tenants face. The Tenants' Club provides them with a space to learn, organise and advocate for better housing conditions.

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FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENTS FOR 2025/26

“Having the young people makes a difference, it really adds something.” (For context - a local SEND school comes in at lunch to serve guests and help wash up as work experience.)

Feedback from one of our Clapton Commons members

With the departure of our CEO, Joe Walker, in September 2024, the trustee brought in an interim Consultant Director to provide support. The Trustees would like to thank Joe for all his hard work in leading and building Clapton Commons over the last 2.5 years. The trustees will start recruitment for our next CEO in spring 2025.

The Trustees, staff and volunteers met in November 2024 to take stock and explore next steps for the charity. It was discussed that Clapton Commons return to its 'roots' - getting out into the community, listening and working alongside local residents and its partners to address local issues together. The team agreed that this community organising approach will enable Clapton Commons to develop a responsive programme of work for the year ahead. We are planning for a new listening campaign with local residents in early 2025.

We will continue to run the Warm Welcome project, and are looking forward to working with mental health charity Rethink to co-deliver a new advocacy and support programme with local residents.

Clapton Commons agreed to return responsibility for managing the day to day operations of the Undercroft to St Thomas's Church in the autumn 2024. This coming year will be spent on redefining and strengthening our working relationship with the Church and our local community.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

In its work to advance the social welfare of the local communities the charity has sought to unite 'resource' with 'need'. It has worked in a rhizomatic way, recognising that groups and individuals are, more often than not, looking for a container for co-design and a mutual flourishing, rather than a series of top-down service-delivery

In its regeneration of the toilet block on the Common, the charity has been able to reach out to all communities and ensure that the Common Land requirement for the space (necessary for the planning permission) continues to be met.

GOING CONCERN

The Trustees have reviewed the financial position of the charitable company as of January 2025 together with the budget, income and expenditure, cash flow and investments, for the period April 2025 to March 2026 inclusively. The Trustees consider that the budgets are reasonable, and that the charity has sufficient reserves and cash resources in order to continue as a going concern.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £179,178 including restricted funds of £89,501 (2023 £153,303 including restricted funds of £135,518). Expenditure for the year was £271,316 including restricted activity costs of £217,386 (2023 £81,456 including restricted costs £63,251).

The unrestricted surplus for the year of £5,814 is carried forward for future activities.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity was registered in 2019 and is in a phase of building resources and reserves. The charity operates mainly through voluntary services and closely manages operating costs so that income can be directed towards the charities' aims as effectively as possible. As the charity grows and takes on additional employees, it's aim is to build and retain a minimum of 6 months operating costs within unrestricted reserves.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 26 June 2014 and registered as a charity on 6 January 2020. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Any member of the Charity may stand for election as a trustee provided that they are nominated and seconded by another member. All members of the charity are entitled to participate in the election of trustees. One third of the trustees are required to retire at each AGM; the trustees to retire are those longest in office since they were last elected. A retiring trustee is eligible for re-election provided that no Trustee may serve for a continuous period of more than six years. The trustees may appoint a member as a trustee to fill a casual position.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company laws require the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Directors should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Board of Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors, who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

ACCOUNTANTS

Lewis Curtis Ltd has signified their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Directors on 30 January 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF CLAPTON COMMONS
COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED**

We report to the charity trustees/directors on our examination of the Company for the period ended 31 March 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

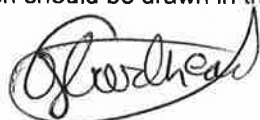
Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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: or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

We 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.



C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited

13 March 2025

7 Bournemouth Road
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
Hampshire SO53 3DA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

		Period ended 31 March 2024			Year ended 30 June 2023		
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
		£	£	£			£
Incoming resources							
Grants	2	68,010	89,501	157,511	-	135,518	135,518
Donations		708	-	708	10	-	10
Rent		15,949	-	15,949	17,775	-	17,775
Other income		5,010	-	5,010	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		89,677	89,501	179,178	17,785	135,518	153,303
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Grants		-	176,962	176,962	-	12,884	12,884
Landscaping		(969)	969	-	-	698	698
Donations		68	-	68	-	-	-
Employee wages	3	16,200	13,714	29,914	-	39,887	39,887
Employee pension costs	3	346	271	617	-	822	822
Employee training		1,500	-	1,500	-	-	-
Bike Clinic		-	-	-	1,880	-	1,880
The Common Room		-	120	120	-	-	-
Community Choir		-	540	540	-	994	994
Community Meal		-	13,702	13,702	-	2,318	2,318
Consultancy fees		-	3,600	3,600	35	5,400	5,435
Event running costs		96	-	96	50	-	50
Volunteer refreshments		18	-	18	129	-	129
Repairs and maintenance		4,978	-	4,978	896	-	896
Rates		2,035	-	2,035	1,644	-	1,644
Rent		16,710	-	16,710	-	-	-
Light and heat		2,990	-	2,990	7,942	-	7,942
Insurance		412	-	412	305	-	305
Telephone		849	-	849	909	-	909
Sundry expenses		522	-	522	918	-	918
Bank charges		16	-	16	12	-	12
Admin expenses		536	1,528	2,064	-	-	-
Administrator costs		2,377	5,980	8,357	-	-	-
Legal expenses		477	-	477	-	-	-
Depreciation		237	-	237	317	248	565
IT and web costs		467	-	467	257	-	257
Governance costs							
Accountancy services		1,860	-	1,860	1,912	-	1,912
Independent examination fee		850	-	850	900	-	900
Grant application costs		1,295	-	1,295	-	-	-
Trustee expenses		60	-	60	99	-	99
Total Resources expended		53,930	217,386	271,316	18,205	63,251	81,456
Net incoming(outgoing) resources		35,747	(127,885)	(92,138)	(420)	72,267	71,847
Transfer from unrestricted fund		(48,317)	48,317	-	(560)	560	-
Net movements in funds		(12,570)	(79,568)	(92,138)	(980)	72,827	71,847
Balance brought forward at 01/07/2023		18,384	126,365	144,749	19,364	53,538	72,902
Balance carried forward at 31/03/2024		5,814	46,797	52,611	18,384	126,365	144,749

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Company number: 09104046
Charity Registration Number: 1187211
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Period ended 31 March 2024			Year ended 30 June 2023		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed assets	5	80	-	80	317	-	317
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	6	18,077	-	18,077	15,692	2,387	18,079
Cash at bank and in hand	8	1,252	46,797	48,049	10,816	123,978	134,794
		<u>19,329</u>	<u>46,797</u>	<u>66,126</u>	<u>26,508</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>152,873</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	10/11	13,594	-	13,594	8,441	-	8,441
Net current assets		<u>5,735</u>	<u>46,797</u>	<u>52,532</u>	<u>18,067</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>144,432</u>
Net assets		<u>5,815</u>	<u>46,797</u>	<u>52,612</u>	<u>18,384</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>144,749</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted fund		5,814	-	5,814	18,384	-	18,384
Community Spacehive		-	-	-	-	110,314	110,314
Commons Chorus Choir		-	195	195	-	-	-
Mercers		-	1,531	1,531	-	-	-
Groundwork		-	-	-	-	969	969
Community Organisation		-	45,072	45,072	-	11,400	11,400
Warm Welcome		-	-	-	-	3,682	3,682
		<u>5,814</u>	<u>46,798</u>	<u>52,612</u>	<u>18,384</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>144,749</u>

For the period ended 31 March 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The board of directors approved these accounts on 30 January 2025



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Change of year end date

The charity has changed its financial year end from 30 June to 31 March. Current year figures are reported for the 9 months ended 31 March 2024 and comparative figures are reported for the 12 months ended 30 June 2023.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charities' ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund structure

The company's general funds consists of funds which the company may use for its purposes at its discretion. Grants received for specific costs which have already been incurred by the charity are included as unrestricted income.

The company's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding.

Rental Income

Rental income is recognised in the accounts according to the period for which the rent is receivable.

Voluntary income

All voluntary income is included on receipt. Grants receivable is credited to income immediately on receipt.

Liberty Hall Redevelopment

Income for the Liberty Hall Redevelopment is included in the accounts when a sales invoice has been issued and expenses are recognised when a purchase invoice is received. Prior to the company achieving charitable status on 6 January 2020 income received for the redevelopment in advance of expenditure was recognised on the balance sheet as deferred income.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprises costs incurred in running the charity which are neither direct charitable expenses nor restricted fund expenses.

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2 Grants receivable - restricted		2024	2023
		£	£
Mercers	Mercers	20,000	20,000
LB Hackney	Community infrastructure	-	15,000
Hackney Parochial	Warm Welcome	5,000	5,000
London Community Fund	Common rooms (spacehive)	19,700	-
St Thomas' Church	Commons Chorus Choir	1,295	435
St Thomas' Church	Warm Welcome	-	1,000
Trust for London	Community Organisation	19,343	19,343
Central Fund	Community Organisation	19,348	-
LB Hackney	Community Organisation	1,605	-
LB Hackney	Common rooms (spacehive)	-	3,000
Hackney Community Fund	Common rooms (spacehive)	-	71,740
LB Hackney	Youth Development	3,210	-
		<u>89,501</u>	<u>135,518</u>

3 Wages and salaries	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	29,914	39,887
Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme	617	822
	<u>30,531</u>	<u>40,709</u>

Average monthly number of employees	2	2
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

4 Remuneration of directors

No directors have received remuneration as directors of the charitable company during the year. No trustees have received payment of expenses during the year.

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5 Fixed assets

	Unrestricted	Community Spacehive	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 July 2023	949	746	1,695
Additions	-	-	-
As at 30 March 2024	949	746	1,695
Depreciation			
As at 1 July 2023	632	746	1,378
Provided during year	237	-	237
As at 31 March 2024	869	746	1,615
Net book value at 31 March 2024	80	-	80
Net book value at 30 June 2023	317	-	317

	2024 £	2023 £
6 Debtors - unrestricted funds		
Trade Debtors	15,536	7,989
Prepayments	-	-
Accrued income	2,541	7,703
	18,077	15,692

	2024 £	2023 £
7 Debtors - restricted funds		
Other debtors -Community Spacehive	-	2,387
	-	2,387

	2024 £	2023 £
8 Cash at bank - restricted funds		
Community Spacehive	-	107,927
Mercers	1,531	-
Groundwork	-	969
Community choir	195	-
Community Organisation	45,071	11,400
Warn Welcome	-	3,682
	46,797	123,978

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9 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - unrestricted funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
Social Security and Other taxes	1,754	2,496
Trade creditors	3,370	1,903
Accruals	8,250	3,822
Other creditors	220	220
	<u>13,594</u>	<u>8,441</u>

10 Restricted funds

	01/07/2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2023
Common Rooms (spacehive)	48,706	74,740	(13,132)	-	110,314
Commons Chorus Choir	-	435	(995)	560	-
Broadgate foundation	3,165	-	(3,165)	-	-
Mercers	-	20,000	(20,000)	-	-
Groundwork	1,667	-	(698)	-	969
Community infrastructure	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Community Organisation	-	19,343	(7,943)	-	11,400
Warm Welcome	-	6,000	(2,318)	-	3,682
	<u>53,538</u>	<u>135,518</u>	<u>(63,251)</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>126,365</u>

	01/07/2023	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	31/03/2024
Common Rooms (spacehive)	110,314	19,700	(169,967)	39,953	-
Commons Chorus Choir	-	1,295	(540)	(560)	195
Mercers	-	20,000	(18,469)	-	1,531
Groundwork	969	-	(969)	-	-
Community Organisation	11,400	40,296	(6,624)	-	45,072
Warm Welcome	3,682	5,000	(13,702)	5,020	-
Youth development	-	3,210	(7,115)	3,905	-
	<u>126,365</u>	<u>89,501</u>	<u>(217,386)</u>	<u>48,318</u>	<u>46,798</u>

11 Share capital

Clapton Commons Community Organisation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

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12 Other financial commitments

Total future minimum lease payments under non -cancellable operating leases

	Land & Buildings 2024	Land & Buildings 2023
Falling due:		
within one year	12,000	12,000
within two to five years	28,500	40,500

13 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in the reporting period other than transactions with Saint Thomas Clapton where Father William Campbell-Taylor is the Vicar.

During the period ended 31 March 2024 the charity made grants of £169,846 (2023: £12,883) to Saint Thomas Clapton for the Undercroft refurbishment to cover the agreed improvements.

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Accounts

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Charity Registration Number: 1187211

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The board of Directors/Trustees presents their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company name	CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
Company registration number	9104046
Charity Registration number	1187211
Directors/Trustees	Pauline Campbell Rev William Campbell-Taylor Holly-Gale Millette Jacqueline Benjamin Ben Hayhow Gilchrist (appointed 13 March 2023) Rev Toby Lewis Thomas (appointed 13 March 2023)
Registered office	1 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW
Accountants	Lewis Curtis Ltd Chartered Accountants 10 Durham Avenue Romford RM2 6JS
Independent examiner	Knight Goodhead Ltd Chartered Accountants 7 Bournemouth Road Chandler's Ford Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3DA
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK plc 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are to further or benefit the residents of that area of the London Borough of Hackney which is covered by Clapton Commons, 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

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Since the beginning of the pandemic and lockdown the language of neighbourhood, community and local have taken on a new resonance. The practice of active citizenship and the common good has become an important part of the conversation at Clapton Commons in how we bring about lasting changes in the neighbourhood that we work. Our values and mission continue to be shaped by the lived experiences of the people we live and work with. We are a neighbourhood with significant levels of deprivation driven by poor housing, food insecurity and rising levels of health inequality.

Over the second half of 2022, following the intensity of the work during lockdown and the opening of Liberty Hall, much of the work of Clapton Commons over the past year has focussed on post-pandemic recovering and our response to the cost-of-living crisis in our neighbourhood. A key focus of our work over the past year, following the appointment of our director Joe Walker, was to also both consolidate and grow our existing community building programme and to strengthen the leadership, management and strategic oversight of the organisation, develop and maintain effective and efficient operations and to review our ethos, culture, mission and governance as we look to build sustainability and growth. We also saw further changes and development to our board of trustees, appointing two new trustees Ben Gilchrist and Toby Thomas to further enhance the effectiveness of our governance and leadership of Clapton Commons.

Our relationships and partnerships have been an important part of our work of bringing different communities into a relationship with one another, and about deepening those relationships and fostering a sense of trust and connection. We have also worked in consultation and collaboration with residents to co-create our community projects, to ensure they relate to what local communities want and to the wider priorities of the borough. This was to also ensure that we delivered social value, creating community facilities that are universal hubs, promote active citizenship and provide training, employment, and safe spaces to support our most vulnerable communities in the Stamford Hill area of Hackney.

The difference we sought to make through our role as convenor, engager and enabler were through three key objectives:

Strengthen the role, visibility and participation of our local community anchor and partners:

Building a cross-sector relational and collaborative model, to bring about practical, relevant and systemic change for families and individuals in our neighbourhood. Community partners recognise that they can't do this on their own and that this is an opportunity to put our practices into action (solidarity, reciprocity & localism) and heighten our level of local engagement in a hyper-local context.

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Combating social isolation: .

The impact of the pandemic has left more people - particularly elders - more susceptible to isolation. Clapton Commons is providing a blend of rooted community resource (i.e accessible & connected spaces) and continuity (coordination of people and spaces) to provide a stable focus for community activity - between the church, Liberty Hall and the school.

Local practices of mutual care & support:

Responding to the fragility of the care system for elders and families, we are using our agility, compassion and ability to scale-up and build a partnership with Equal Care to develop a collaborative pilot called Care Commons which will happen in 2024.

"Warm Welcome Hub"

We have continued to strengthen and nurture fruitful collaborations with St Thomas' Church and Oldhill Community School. In the autumn of 2022 we convened a residents meeting at Liberty Hall to discuss how Clapton Commons, in collaboration with residents, could respond to the cost of living crisis. As a result, in the winter months (November to March) we launched our "Warm Welcome" hub with St Thomas' church to address the support needs to those who were disproportionately impacted by the current cost of living crisis - whether this be food, fuel, the rising cost of housing or social isolation. We also worked with the food bank which was set-up by parents at Oldhill community school to respond to the growing issue of food poverty in the neighbourhood.

This project was initially set up as a crisis response, but as the programme became more established it became very clear that local residents and different communities, especially elders in the neighbourhood, were feeling increasingly isolated from one another and disengaged with what is going on in the neighbourhood and more widely in the borough. We therefore took the decision to keep the "Warm Welcome" open longer term, offering a sustainable safe space for relationships and engagement to prosper as well as supporting local people to set up a programme of mutual support that can help to sustain stable relationships across communities and between

Community Feasts

With the support from the Broadgate Community Foundation, our series of Clapton Common Community Meals and Feasts took place in the heart of Clapton Common park, using the Liberty Hall as our primary community, cooking and catering hub. Through our own Clapton Commons network we had the support of a number of indoor spaces, including St Thomas's Church, Limetree Court sheltered accommodation and the Webb Estate Community Hall. These spaces hold a higher proportion of older people. Although our intention was to use the open space of the Common as the primary setting for hosting our larger Community Feasts, we were keen to incorporate these other spaces in our pre-engagement work in the run-up to the summer period, including a proposed Christmas meal. The project became a monthly focal-point for community engagement on Clapton Common. As a direct result of the coordination by Clapton Commons' Community Builder - and with match funding from the Broadgate Foundation - this project has helped connect the shared resources of Liberty Hall, St Thomas' Church, Clapton Common and a range of other grass-roots community partners and broader Hackney Health initiatives.

Community organising

In January 2023, we launched our community organising programme to undertake a 'Listening Campaign' and community mapping programme to understand local residents' lived experiences of poverty, social isolation and powerlessness of poor housing conditions in local housing estates in the neighbourhood

We recruited a senior community organiser for the first year to help support the development of the project. Alongside this position, we also recruited a project coordinator/community organiser to help drive forward the first stage of the project. We are grateful to Bryn Philips for the work he undertook with us to get the project off the ground.

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The first phase of work focussed on community mapping, conducting walkabouts and informal community conversations in the housing estates located in our operating area to get to know people and also to get a first-hand understanding of the housing conditions and issues faced by residents. These activities allowed us to see the reality of the situation on the ground, providing us with a deeper understanding of the challenges our community faces and the urgency of our mission. This engagement and mapping work was the foundation of the project, providing the team with the support, insights, and resources needed to achieve our goals we take the work forward to the next phase in 2023/24.

Developing new spaces:

We have sought to further vitalise and animate our local connected community assets; ie. Liberty Hall, and the development of The Common Rooms to build on the existing activities and programmes. By the summer of 2023 the first phase of regeneration to the church under-croft was under construction to transform the space into a thriving community hub alongside Liberty Hall. The re-development of The Common Rooms will look to address both the current lack of safe and affordable community space, the provision of more flexible and adaptable facilities, as well as creating a multi-functional shared hub for community programmes, and to incubate new initiatives such as social enterprises

Overall, the charity has experienced both growth and the development of its projects. With the continuing impact of the cost of living crisis, we will be working hard to remain financially sustainable over the next few years, while ensuring we provide a high quality service to the neighbourhood. As we continue to grow, with more staff, volunteers and partnerships to oversee, we need to ensure that we are in a strong and resilient position to withstand significant change or crisis (environmental, economic, social). In order to not be dependent on periodic grants, we are exploring and developing potential new partnerships and collaborations, seeking additional funding opportunities and shaping a funding strategy and business plan that diversifies our funding base that reflects our long-term goals including regular stakeholder donors from our neighbourhood network.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

In its regeneration of the toilet block on the Common, the charity has been able to reach out to all communities and ensure that the Common Land requirement for the space (necessary for the planning permission) continues to be met.

In its work to advance the social welfare of the local communities the charity has sought to unite 'resource' with 'need'. It has worked in a rhizomatic way, recognising that groups and individuals are, more often than not, looking for a container for co-design and a mutual flourishing, rather than a series of top-down service-delivery

As a new charity Clapton Commons trustees have turned to the local CVS (Community Volunteer Service) enterprise as well as a range of volunteer consultants to guide them through the complexities and demands of setting up of a new grassroots charity that behaves slightly differently in ethos to traditional Social Enterprises. We are at a turning-point in this discussion and are facilitating a maturation of Clapton Commons in this regard.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £153,303 including restricted funds of £135,518 (2022 £85,236 including restricted funds of £71,580). Expenditure for the year was £81,456 including restricted activity costs of £63,251 (2022 £62,827 including restricted costs £39,832).

The unrestricted surplus for the year of £18,384 is carried forward for future activities.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity was registered in 2019 and is in a phase of building resources and reserves. The charity operates mainly through voluntary services and closely manages operating costs so that income can be directed towards the charities' aims as effectively as possible. As the charity grows and takes on additional employees, it's aim is to build and retain a minimum of 6 months operating costs within unrestricted reserves.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 26 June 2014 and registered as a charity on 6 January 2020. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Any member of the Charity may stand for election as a trustee provided that they are nominated and seconded by another member. All members of the charity are entitled to participate in the election of trustees. One third of the trustees are required to retire at each AGM; the trustees to retire are those longest in office since they were last elected. A retiring trustee is eligible for re-election provided that no Trustee may serve for a continuous period of more than six years. The trustees may appoint a member as a trustee to fill a casual position.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company laws require the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Directors should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Board of Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors, who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

ACCOUNTANTS

Lewis Curtis Ltd has signified their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Directors on 20 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF CLAPTON COMMONS
COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED**

We report to the charity trustees/directors on our examination of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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: or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

We 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.



C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited

27 March 2024

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2022 Total Funds £
Incoming resources							
Grants	2/3	-	135,518	135,518	-	71,480	71,480
Liberty Hall Redevelopment	4	-	-	-	8,973	-	8,973
Donations		10	-	10	140	100	240
Rent		17,775	-	17,775	4,543	-	4,543
Total incoming resources		17,785	135,518	153,303	13,656	71,580	85,236
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Grants		-	12,884	12,884	-	11,990	11,990
Landscaping		-	698	698	-	-	-
Outreach work				-	300	2,550	2,850
Employee wages	5		39,887	39,887	10,800	17,347	28,147
Employee pension costs	5		822	822	-	509	509
Bike Clinic		1,880		1,880	1,864	-	1,864
The Common Room				-	-	5,958	5,958
Coffee mornings				-	1,050	-	1,050
Commoners art project				-	129	-	129
Community Choir			994	994	-	780	780
Community Meal			2,318	2,318	150	-	150
Consultancy fees		35	5,400	5,435	-	-	-
Event running costs		50		50	665	214	879
Volunteer refreshments		129		129	250	-	250
Repairs and maintenance		896		896	2,782	-	2,782
Rates		1,644		1,644			
Light and heat		7,942		7,942	760	-	760
Insurance		305		305	373	-	373
Telephone		909		909	584	-	584
Sundry expenses		918		918	93	-	93
Bank charges		12		12			
Depreciation		317	248	565	316	249	565
IT and web costs		257		257	225	-	225
Governance costs				-			-
Accountancy services		1,912		1,912	1,904	-	1,904
Independent examination fee		900		900	750	-	750
Grant application costs				-		235	235
Trustee expenses		99	-	99		-	-
Total Resources expended		18,205	63,251	81,456	22,995	39,832	62,827
Net incoming(outgoing) resources		(420)	72,267	71,847	(9,339)	31,748	22,409
Transfer from unrestricted fund		(560)	560	-	(170)	170	-
Net movements in funds		(980)	72,827	71,847	(9,509)	31,918	22,409
Balance brought forward at 01/07/2022		19,364	53,538	72,902	28,873	21,620	50,493
Balance carried forward at 30/06/2023		18,384	126,365	144,749	19,364	53,538	72,902

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2023

	Notes	2023			2022		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed assets	6	317	-	317	633	248	881
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	7/8	15,692	2,387	18,079	10,435	-	10,435
Cash at bank and in hand	9	10,816	123,978	134,794	14,049	62,928	76,977
		<u>26,508</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>152,873</u>	<u>24,484</u>	<u>62,928</u>	<u>87,412</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	10/11	8,441	-	8,441	5,751	9,640	15,391
Net current assets		<u>18,067</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>144,432</u>	<u>18,733</u>	<u>53,288</u>	<u>72,021</u>
Net assets		<u>18,384</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>144,749</u>	<u>19,366</u>	<u>53,536</u>	<u>72,902</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted fund		18,384	-	18,384	19,364	-	19,364
Community Spacehive		-	110,314	110,314	-	48,706	48,706
Commons Chorus Choir		-	-	-	-	-	-
Broadgate foundation		-	-	-	-	3,165	3,165
Mercers		-	-	-	-	-	-
Groundwork		-	969	969	-	1,667	1,667
Community infrastructure		-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Organisation		-	11,400	11,400	-	-	-
Warm Welcome		-	3,682	3,682	-	-	-
		<u>18,384</u>	<u>126,365</u>	<u>144,749</u>	<u>19,364</u>	<u>53,538</u>	<u>72,902</u>

For the year ended 30 June 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The board of directors approved these accounts on 20 March 2024



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charities' ability to continue as a going concern. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the charity's activities but the trustees believe that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Fund structure

The company's general funds consists of funds which the company may use for its purposes at its discretion. Grants received for specific costs which have already been incurred by the charity are included as unrestricted income.

The company's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding.

Rental Income

Rental income is recognised in the accounts according to the period for which the rent is receivable.

Voluntary income

All voluntary income is included on receipt. Grants receivable is credited to income immediately on receipt.

Liberty Hall Redevelopment

Income for the Liberty Hall Redevelopment is included in the accounts when a sales invoice has been issued and expenses are recognised when a purchase invoice is received. Prior to the company achieving charitable status on 6 January 2020 income received for the redevelopment in advance of expenditure was recognised on the balance sheet as deferred income.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprises costs incurred in running the charity which are neither direct charitable expenses nor restricted fund expenses.

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2 Grants receivable - restricted		2023	2022
		£	£
Mercers	Mercers	20,000	14,887
Groundwork London	Groundwork	-	1,880
LB Hackney	Community infrastructure	15,000	-
Hackney Parochial	Warm Welcome	5,000	-
London Community Fund	Broadgate foundation	-	15,155
St Thomas' Church	Commons Chorus Choir	435	110
St Thomas' Church	Warm Welcome	1,000	-
Trust for London	Community Organisation	19,343	
LB Hackney	Community Spacehive	3,000	
Hackney Community Fund	Community Spacehive	71,740	
Greater London Authority	Community Spacehive	-	39,448
		<u>135,518</u>	<u>71,480</u>

3 Liberty Hall Redevelopment income	2023	2022
	£	£
Other donations	-	8,973
	<u>-</u>	<u>8,973</u>

4 Wages and salaries	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	39,887	28,147
Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme	822	509
	<u>40,709</u>	<u>28,656</u>

Average monthly number of employees 2 2

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

5 Remuneration of directors

No directors have received remuneration as directors of the charitable company during the year. No trustees have received payment of expenses during the year.

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6 Fixed assets

	Unrestricted	Community Spacehive	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 July 2022	949	746	1,695
Additions	-	-	-
As at 30 June 2023	<u>949</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>1,695</u>
Depreciation			
As at 1 July 2022	316	498	814
Provided during year	316	248	564
As at 30 June 2023	<u>632</u>	<u>746</u>	<u>1,378</u>
Net book value at 30 June 2023	<u>317</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317</u>
Net book value at 30 June 2022	<u>633</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>881</u>

2023	2022
£	£

7 Debtors - unrestricted funds

Trade Debtors	7,989	1,990
Prepayments	-	305
Accrued income	7,703	-
Other debtors	-	8,140
	<u>15,692</u>	<u>10,435</u>

2023	2022
£	£

8 Debtors - restricted funds

Other debtors -Community Spacehive	2,387	-
	<u>2,387</u>	<u>-</u>

2023	2022
£	£

9 Cash at bank - restricted funds

Community Spacehive	107,927	49,957
Broadgate foundation	-	11,305
Mercers	-	-
Groundwork	969	1,666
Community infrastructure	-	-
Community Organisation	11,400	-
Warn Welcome	3,682	-
	<u>123,978</u>	<u>62,928</u>

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10 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - unrestricted funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Social Security and Other taxes	2,496	1,428
Trade creditors	1,903	1,176
Accruals	3,822	2,888
Other creditors	220	259
	<u>8,441</u>	<u>5,751</u>

11 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - restricted funds

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors Broadgate foundation	-	8,140
Trade creditors Community Spacehive	-	1,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>9,640</u>

12 Restricted funds

	01/07/2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2022
Community Spacehive	21,120	54,435	(26,849)		48,706
Commons Chorus Choir	500	110	(780)	170	-
Broadgate foundation		15,155	(11,990)	-	3,165
Groundwork		1,880	(213)		1,667
	<u>21,620</u>	<u>71,580</u>	<u>(39,832)</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>53,538</u>

	01/07/2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2023
Community Spacehive	48,706	74,740	(13,132)	-	110,314
Commons Chorus Choir	-	435	(995)	560	-
Broadgate foundation	3,165	-	(3,165)	-	-
Mercers		20,000	(20,000)		-
Groundwork	1,667	-	(698)	-	969
Community infrastructure	-	15,000	(15,000)	-	-
Community Organisation		19,343	(7,943)		11,400
Warm Welcome	-	6,000	(2,318)	-	3,682
	<u>53,538</u>	<u>135,518</u>	<u>(63,251)</u>	<u>560</u>	<u>126,365</u>

13 Share capital

Clapton Commons Community Organisation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

14 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in the reporting period.

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1187211

Accounts

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

Company number: 09104046
Charity Registration Number: 1187211

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

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**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The board of Directors/Trustees presents their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company name	CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
Company registration number	9104046
Charity Registration number	1187211
Directors	Michael Abrahams (resigned 8 March 2022) William Bradley (resigned 13 March 2022) Pauline Campbell Rev William Campbell-Taylor Kate Joseph (resigned 8 March 2022)) Holly-Gale Millette Jacqueline Benjamin (appointed 8 March 2022) Katherine Palmer (appointed 8 March 2022, resigned 13 March 2022) Ben Hayhow Gilchrist (appointed 13 March 2023) Rev Toby Lewis Thomas (appointed 13 March 2023)
Trustees	Michael Abrahams (resigned 8 March 2022) William Bradley (resigned 13 March 2022) Pauline Campbell Rev William Campbell-Taylor Kate Joseph (appointed 12 November 2020, resigned 8 March 2022)) Holly-Gale Millette Jacqueline Benjamin (appointed 8 March 2022) Katherine Palmer (resigned September 2022) Ben Hayhow Gilchrist (appointed 13 March 2023) Rev Toby Lewis Thomas (appointed 13 March 2023)
Registered office	1 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW
Accountants	Lewis Curtis Ltd Chartered Accountants 10 Durham Avenue Romford RM2 6JS
Independent examiner	Knight Goodhead Ltd Chartered Accountants 7 Bournemouth Road Chandler's Ford Eastleigh, Hampshire SO53 3DA
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK plc 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are to further or benefit the residents of that area of the London Borough of Hackney which is covered by Clapton Commons, 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

Following the intensity of the work during lockdown and the opening of Liberty Hall, much of the work of Clapton Commons over the past year has focussed on post-pandemic recovering and our response to the cost-of-living crisis in our neighbourhood. In January 2022 we welcomed our first director Joe Walker to Clapton Commons to work alongside Marcus Duran our community builder. Joe has played a key role to strengthen the leadership, management and strategic oversight of the organisation, develop and maintain effective and efficient operations and to review our ethos, culture, mission and governance as we look to build sustainability and growth. We also further developed our board of trustees, appointing three new trustees to contribute to the governance and development of Clapton Commons.

Clapton Commons has sought to strengthen the capacity of our relationships with our anchor institution St Thomas' church and key community institutions such as Oldhill Community School, further building our presence on neighbouring estate communities working and initiating a range of projects to support and engage local people. Our activities across the year have been shaped by three key areas of action:

1. To be a convener and connector of local people, bringing individuals, groups and communities together around issues that matter to them.
2. To engage particularly with local residents who feel marginalised or unrepresented, to ensure local voice and knowledge is at the heart of neighbourhood action.
3. To seek to be an enabler of local projects and initiatives, encouraging local people to come up with ideas and

Managing our existing spaces

Our community hub Liberty Hall has now been up and running since it opened at the end of 2020. Liberty Hall has hosted a range of activities, including a bike clinic, a Covid memorial wall, community meals, community gardening, flower stall, coffee shop creating a focal point for local residents in the neighbourhood. These activities have attracted a cross section of the local Hackney community, from a range of ages and backgrounds including engaging with the orthodox Jewish community. Our primary Liberty Hall partner, the community cookery school Made in Hackney, has consolidated its range of services in the space and has worked with Clapton Commons on a range of projects.

In partnership with our Liberty Hall partners we hosted five post lock-down meals and events in-and-around Clapton Common between June and December 2021. Across our community meals we had over 100 guests in attendance, including the participation of three separate networks of local residents from Old Hill Community School (parents & staff); the Friends of Woodberry Downs elders network; residents from Limetree Court sheltered accommodation on Clapton Common and some parishioners of St Thomas's Church. This was the first time we were able to plan and then deliver for such an occasion, utilising the cooking and delivery facilities of Liberty Hall as well as hosting in different spaces around Clapton Common, including in the undercroft space at St Thomas'.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

Developing new spaces:

Recognising the need for shared spaces and the importance of community assets, Clapton Commons launched a second crowdfunder in 2021, in collaboration with St Thomas' Church, to bring about the vision to regenerate the undercroft of St Thomas' church. The money that we raised through the crowdfunding was match funded by the Greater London Councils (GLA) 'Make London' fund which enabled us to launch the project for the 'Common Rooms'. By the second half of 2023 the first phase of regeneration to the church undercroft will be complete and the space will be a thriving community hub alongside Liberty Hall. The re-development of The Common Rooms will look to address both the current lack of safe and affordable community space, the provision of more flexible and adaptable facilities, as well as creating a multi-functional shared hub for community programmes, and to incubate new initiatives such as social enterprises.

Launching 'Commoners' project & Commoner Gatherings

At our AGM in September 2021 we officially launched the 'Commoner' and 'Membership' categories of participation for Clapton Commons. This process has commenced with 30 people signing up as members. This was followed by an exhibition of photographic portraits depicting 15 local people who are passionate about their local Upper Clapton community and are actively involved in community service or local businesses. The 'Commoners' exhibitions provided the basis for two gatherings, including our largest of 2021 with 50 guests attending a community meal in the under-croft of St Thomas's, as well as an autumn gathering on Clapton Common with two outdoor workshops and warm drinks.

In April 2022 we convened a 'commoner's' gathering on Clapton Common next door to Liberty Hall to show solidarity with the people of Ukraine. This was also an act of remembrance and reflection for those suffering from conflict and displacement, but also a public civic response to supporting and welcoming refugees, wherever they may be journeying from, to the neighbourhood. We called this event "We Welcome."

The event was led by Father William Taylor, vicar of St Thomas' Church and chair of Clapton Commons. We were also privileged to be joined by, Jackie Benjamin, head teacher of Oldhill community school, the Ven Peter Farley-Moore, newly installed Archdeacon of Hackney,

The Mayor of Hackney, Philip Glanville, Father Dorote of the Georgian Orthodox Cathedral and Lord Maurice Glasman of Stamford Hill. Their words, some out of lived experience of being a refugee, were important and hopeful but a reminder that while words are needed to make sense of a crisis, so are actions. We were reminded by Rabbi Gluck that "we are a community of communities".

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

Delivering public benefit through collaboration and partnerships

In 2021 Clapton Commons sought to increase its collaboration with Made In Hackney, beginning with its Big Feast free community meal project. The four meals we worked on together taught us much about how this could continue to be a successful partnership for Liberty Hall. At the end of 2021 Clapton Commons and Made in Hackney delivered two joint funding bids to deliver a total of seven community meals during 2022. This work is critical in terms of building momentum, promotion and animation of our joint use of Liberty Hall as a vegan cooking school and also as a space for hosting future community meals and events.

Clapton Commons Community Feasts: As of May 2022 the project has become a monthly focal-point for community engagement on Clapton Common. As a direct result of the coordination by Clapton Commons' Community Builder - and with match funding from the Broadgate Foundation - this project has helped connect the shared resources of Liberty Hall, St Thomas' Church, Clapton Common and a range of other grass-roots community partners and broader Hackney Health initiatives. New friendships and connections have been established between residents at the meals and numbers have steadily increased from 35 in May through to 65 in August. Our last meal of 2022 will take place at St Thomas' Common Rooms in December.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

Community building

Our Community Builder has continued to explore new relationships and areas of collaborations internally as well as between our two Clapton Common anchor institutions and their offer to the wider community.

Working with and within the local Hackney Housing estates around Clapton Common is a strategic element of our work in 2021 and 2022. Our Community Builder has continued to find ways to engage with individuals and groups of residents on five of the identified Clapton Common estates, including a new joint-partnership with the Residents Participation team from Hackney Housing, who have a team of new officers deployed in North East Hackney estates. Amongst a number of proposed initiatives this partnership will lead to in-kind delivery of Clapton Commons promotional literature to all estates as well as plans for social gatherings in Summer 2022, which will target isolated older people. In 2021 Clapton Commons supported weekly activities delivered by Hackney Playbus on the five Clapton Common estates, as part of a plan for future projects and outreach.

Old Hill Community Primary School: The school has continued to build stronger links with Clapton Commons. We have managed to fund and deliver three engagement projects in the school during 2021, which included after-school natural craft workshops for children; tea and coffee morning for parents as part of our Common Rooms preliminary outreach work and Qi Gong workshops for all Year 5 pupils, delivered by a Clapton Commons member and local resident. The headteacher, Jackie Benjamin, was one of the three new trustees over the course of this financial year

Our Community Builder has helped kick-start and coordinate a new initiative to help revitalise and re-imagine a large community garden on the school grounds that is in a state of significant disrepair. The project is being devised as a collaboration between children, parents, school staff and most importantly the wider community. This will follow the principles and format of both the Liberty Hall and Common Rooms projects. It is envisaged that the project will culminate with the launch of a Crowdfunding campaign in the autumn of 2023, following 9 months of consultation, workshops and community engagement in the Clapton Common area.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £85,236 including restricted funds of £71,580 (2021 £119,451 including restricted funds of £48,880). Expenditure for the year was £62,827 including restricted activity costs of £39,832 (2021 £89,618 including restricted costs £38,946). The decrease in income was largely due to a reduction in grant applications during the period of this financial year. Our director has led on a new fundraising strategy in early 2022 with a lot of income from a number of successful funding bids not reflected in the 2021/22 financial year.

The unrestricted surplus for the year of £19,364 is carried forward for future activities.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity was registered in 2019 and is in a phase of building resources and reserves. The charity operates mainly through voluntary services and closely manages operating costs so that income can be directed towards the charities' aims as effectively as possible. As the charity grows and takes on additional employees, it's aim is to build and retain a minimum of 6 months operating costs within unrestricted reserves.

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**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)
STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 26 June 2014 and registered as a charity on 6 January 2020. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Any member of the Charity may stand for election as a trustee provided that they are nominated and seconded by another member. All members of the charity are entitled to participate in the election of trustees. One third of the trustees are required to retire at each AGM; the trustees to retire are those longest in office since they were last elected. A retiring trustee is eligible for re-election provided that no Trustee may serve for a continuous period of more than six years. The trustees may appoint a member as a trustee to fill a casual position.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company laws require the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Directors should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Board of Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors, who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

ACCOUNTANTS

Lewis Curtis Ltd has signified their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Directors on 31 March 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF CLAPTON COMMONS
COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED**

I report to the charity trustees/directors on my examination of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

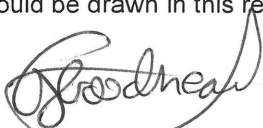
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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: or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

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.



C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited

31 March 2023

7 Bournemouth Road
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
Hampshire SO53 3DA

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total Funds £	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Incoming resources							
Grants	2	-	71,480	71,480	-	48,880	48,880
Liberty Hall Redevelopment	3	8,973	-	8,973	66,471	-	66,471
Donations		140	100	240	1,727	-	1,727
Rent		4,543	-	4,543	2,373	-	2,373
Total incoming resources		13,656	71,580	85,236	70,571	48,880	119,451
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Grants		-	11,990	11,990	-	-	-
Liberty Hall Redevelopment		-	-	-	41,473	-	41,473
Landscaping		-	-	-	(1,920)	19,436	17,516
Community Builder Costs		-	-	-	-	577	577
Outreach work		300	2,550	2,850	-	-	-
Employee wages	4	10,800	17,347	28,147	-	16,457	16,457
Employee pension costs	4	-	509	509	-	307	307
Bike Clinic		1,864	-	1,864	-	-	-
The Common Room		-	5,958	5,958	-	-	-
Coffee mornings		1,050	-	1,050	-	-	-
Commoners art project		129	-	129	-	-	-
Community Choir		-	780	780	-	-	-
Community Meal		150	-	150	-	-	-
Consultancy fees		-	-	-	329	-	329
Film costs		-	-	-	200	-	200
Event running costs		665	214	879	3,001	1,920	4,921
Volunteer refreshments		250	-	250	-	-	-
Electricity and gas vouchers		-	-	-	1,230	-	1,230
Equipment expensed		-	-	-	82	-	82
Repairs and maintenance		2,782	-	2,782	1,670	-	1,670
Light and heat		760	-	760	1,208	-	1,208
Insurance		373	-	373	353	-	353
Telephone		584	-	584	-	-	-
Sundry expenses		93	-	93	346	-	346
Depreciation		316	249	565	-	249	249
IT and web costs		225	-	225	203	-	203
Governance costs				-			-
Accountancy services		1,904	-	1,904	1,496	-	1,496
Independent examination fee		750	-	750	750	-	750
Grant application costs		-	235	235	-	-	-
Legal and professional		-	-	-	249	-	249
Total Resources expended		22,995	39,832	62,827	50,672	38,946	89,618
Net incoming(outgoing) resources		(9,339)	31,748	22,409	19,900	9,934	29,833
Transfer from unrestricted fund		(170)	170	-	(563)	563	-
Net movements in funds		(9,509)	31,918	22,409	19,336	10,497	29,833
Balance brought forward at 01/07/2021		28,873	21,620	50,493	9,537	11,123	20,660
Balance carried forward at 30/06/2022		19,364	53,538	72,902	28,873	21,620	50,493

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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Company number: 09104046
Charity Registration Number: 1187211
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2022

	Notes	2022			2021		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed assets	6	633	248	881		497	497
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	7	10,435	-	10,435	1,307	-	1,307
Cash at bank and in hand	8	14,049	62,928	76,977	33,395	22,593	55,988
		<u>24,484</u>	<u>62,928</u>	<u>87,412</u>	<u>34,702</u>	<u>22,593</u>	<u>57,295</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	9/10	5,751	9,640	15,391	5,829	1,470	7,299
Net current assets		<u>18,733</u>	<u>53,288</u>	<u>72,021</u>	<u>28,873</u>	<u>21,123</u>	<u>49,996</u>
Net assets		<u>19,366</u>	<u>53,536</u>	<u>72,902</u>	<u>28,873</u>	<u>21,620</u>	<u>50,493</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted fund		19,364	-	19,364	28,873	-	28,873
Community Spacehive		-	48,706	48,706	-	16,120	16,120
Commons Chorus Choir		-	-	-	-	500	500
Broadgate foundation		-	3,165	3,165	-	-	-
Groundwork		-	1,667	1,667	-	-	-
		<u>19,364</u>	<u>53,538</u>	<u>72,902</u>	<u>28,873</u>	<u>16,620</u>	<u>45,493</u>

For the year ended 30 June 2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Directors responsibilities:

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The board of directors approved these accounts on 31 March 2023



Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation and accounting convention

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared on the accruals basis, under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustee considers that there are no material uncertainties about the Charities' ability to continue as a going concern. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted on the charity's activities but the trustees believe that the charity can continue for the foreseeable future.

Fund structure

The company's general funds consists of funds which the company may use for its purposes at its discretion. Grants received for specific costs which have already been incurred by the charity are included as unrestricted income.

The company's restricted funds are those where the donor has imposed restrictions on the use of the funds, which are legally binding.

Rental Income

Rental income is recognised in the accounts according to the period for which the rent is receivable.

Voluntary income

All voluntary income is included on receipt. Grants receivable is credited to income immediately on receipt.

Liberty Hall Redevelopment

Income for the Liberty Hall Redevelopment is included in the accounts when a sales invoice has been issued and expenses are recognised when a purchase invoice is received. Prior to the company achieving charitable status on 6 January 2020 income received for the redevelopment in advance of expenditure was recognised on the balance sheet as deferred income.

Governance costs

Governance costs comprises costs incurred in running the charity which are neither direct charitable expenses nor restricted fund expenses.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

2 Grants receivable - restricted	2022	2021
	£	£
Mercers	14,887	17,637
Hackney Council LCRF Crisis Response	-	4,950
	<u>14,887</u>	<u>22,587</u>
Groundwork London	1,880	20,793
Hackney CVS	-	500
Hackney Parochial	-	5,000
London Community Fund	15,155	-
St Thomas' Church	110	-
Greater London Authority	39,448	-
	<u>71,480</u>	<u>48,880</u>

3 Liberty Hall Redevelopment income	2022	2021
	£	£
London Borough of Hackney	-	30,816
Made in Hackney	-	35,655
Other donations	8,973	-
	<u>8,973</u>	<u>66,471</u>

4 Wages and salaries	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	28,147	16,457
Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme	509	307
	<u>28,656</u>	<u>16,764</u>

Average monthly number of employees	2	1
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No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

5 Remuneration of directors

No directors have received remuneration as directors of the charitable company during the year. No trustees have received payment of expenses during the year.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

6 Fixed assets

	Unrestricted	Community Spacehive	Total £
Cost			
As at 1 July 2021	-	746	746
Additions	949	-	949
As at 30 June 2022	949	746	1,695
Depreciation			
As at 1 July 2021		249	249
Provided during year	316	249	565
As at 30 June 2022	316	498	814
Net book value at 30 June 2022	633	248	881
Net book value at 30 June 2021	-	497	497

	2022 £	2021 £
7 Debtors - unrestricted fund		
Trade Debtors	1990	965
Prepayments	305	293
VAT refund due	-	49
Other debtors	8,140	
	10,435	1,307

	2022 £	2021 £
8 Cash at bank - restricted funds		
Community Spacehive	49,957	20,623
Broadgate foundation	11,305	
Groundwork	1,666	500
Countryside properties	-	1,470
	62,928	22,593

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

9 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - unrestricted fund

	2022	2021
	£	£
Social Security and Other taxes	1,428	547
Trade creditors	1,176	855
Accruals	2,888	3,170
Other creditors	259	1,257
	<u>5,751</u>	<u>5,829</u>

10 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - restricted funds

	2022	2021
	£	£
Trade creditors Broadgate foundation	8,140	-
Trade creditors Community Spacehive	1,500	-
Accruals Community Spacehive	-	1,470
	<u>9,640</u>	<u>1,470</u>

11 Restricted funds

	01/07/2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2021
Community Spacehive	11,123	27,587	(17,590)		21,120
Commons Chorus Choir		500			500
Greener Cities Fund		20,793	(21,356)	563	-
	-				-
	<u>11,123</u>	<u>48,880</u>	<u>(38,946)</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>21,620</u>

	01/07/2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2022
Community Spacehive	21,120	54,435	(26,849)		48,706
Commons Chorus Choir	500	110	(780)	170	-
Broadgate foundation		15,155	(11,990)	-	3,165
Groundwork		1,880	(213)		1,667
	<u>21,620</u>	<u>71,580</u>	<u>(39,832)</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>53,538</u>

12 Share capital

Clapton Commons Community Organisation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

13 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in the reporting period. I

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 1187211

Accounts

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Company number: 09104046
Charity Registration Number: 1187211

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

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**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES

The board of Directors/Trustees presents their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Company name	CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
Company registration number	9104046
Charity Registration number	1187211
Directors	Michael Abrahams (resigned 8th March 2022) William Bradley (appointed 3 August 2020) Pauline Campbell (appointed 3 August 2020) Rev William Campbell-Taylor Kate Joseph (appointed 12 November 2020, resigned 8 March 2022) Holly-Gale Millette (appointed 3 August 2020) Brenda Boyd (resigned 3 August 2020) Jacqueline Benjamin (appointed 8 March 2022) Katherine Palmer (appointed 8 March 2022)
Trustees	Michael Abrahams (resigned 8 March 2022) William Bradley (appointed 3 August 2020) Pauline Campbell (appointed 8 October 2020) Rev William Campbell-Taylor Kate Joseph (appointed 12 November 2020, resigned 8 March 2022)) Holly-Gale Millette (appointed 16 September 2020) Brenda Boyd (resigned 3 August 2020) Jacqueline Benjamin (appointed 8 March 2022) Katherine Palmer (appointed 8 March 2022)
Registered office	1 Clapton Terrace London E5 9BW
Accountants	Lewis Curtis Ltd Chartered Accountants 10 Durham Avenue Romford RM2 6JS
Independent examiner	Knight Goodhead Ltd Chartered Accountants 7 Bournemouth Road Chandler's Ford Eastleigh Hampshire SO53 3DA
Bankers	Barclays Bank UK plc 1 Churchill Place London E14 5HP

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The objects of the charity are to further or benefit the residents of that area of the London Borough of Hackney which is covered by Clapton Commons, 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.

Much of the work of Clapton Commons intensified during lockdown; some of it was necessarily delayed. Altogether it was a year of consolidation and growth, involving the launch and successful completion of a second crowdfunding campaign and preparing the ground (beyond the framework of this accounting year) for the appointment of an interim director to join our existing community builder.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Spaces

Structural work on Liberty Hall, Clapton Commons' regeneration of the abandoned toilet block on Clapton Common into a village hall and community garden, started a few weeks before the first lockdown in Feb 2020 and it continued through the Spring and Summer.

Along with the completion of the fit out in the Autumn of 2020, in partnership with Hackney Council and our primary licensee the community cookery school Made in Hackney, we were able to complete the laying out of the community garden with a grant from the Greener Cities Fund under the supervision of gardener Hannah Leigh Mackie in the Spring of 2021.

In addition to accommodating a Growing Communities fruit and veg collection point, the Liberty Hall kiosk began trading in December 2020 through the Muisca team, a local Colombian coffee specialist. In the Spring of 2021 the proposed flower stall was launched with florist with Meadows and Green. Trading on Thursdays and Fridays (and at other times to coincide with Jewish festivals) the Orthodox Jewish proprietor of this business also managed to build up support in the non-Jewish community. At weekends, from March 2021, Liberty Hall has also hosted a bi-monthly cycle surgery through a grant, which has been popular across all our parts of the local communities.

Networks

Around Liberty Hall our community builder has consolidated a range of networks: for example, the gardening volunteers who finished planting out the community garden in 2021 and then set up a rota for its maintenance. Community litter picks have also become a regular feature of the Common life.

During lockdown a group of about thirty volunteers emerged in the Spring of 2020 working at St Thomas Church to keep the weekly Hackney Foodbank Distribution Centre going. Clapton Commons itself became a referral agent and set up a drop in on Wednesdays to help with signposting and the administration of a hardship fund on behalf of St Thomas Church. This continued through the Autumn and into the Spring 2021.

We continued to build our organising work with local residents. On one of the local estates in our neighbourhood we organised social housing tenants to address the issue of anti-social behaviour and poor housing. This led to a negotiation between residents and the Mayor of Hackney, resulting in major estate improvement works, also better relationships were built and tenants educated about rights and how to enforce them collectively.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

Consolidation

As the local community became visible to itself in a new way during lockdown, Clapton Commons worked with local Mutual Aid groups and other civil society groups to coordinated provision, especially around emergency food relief. We continued to build our relationship with the North Hackney Neighbourhood Alliance (NHNA), working in collaboration with the Boiler House Community Space and the Round Chapel Old School Rooms. Jointly these organisations made a successful application to Trust for London for a grant to enable community organising work across the Clapton Commons catchment area, with a particular focus on housing.

Growth

There were other ways in which Clapton Commons enabled local people to become visible to each other. When Clapton Commons' friend Rabbi Avrohom Pinter died in April 2020 community members gathered on the Common to commemorate his passing. In the depth of lockdown as further local family members and friends started dying from COVID 19 Clapton Commons set up a weekly circle on the Common, pasting on the hoardings the names of those who had died. In the Autumn, once the hoardings were removed, this became a drumming circle which continued through the Winter, as reported on the BBC London news bulletin in May 2021.

As we came out of lockdown our community builder organised a series of al fresco feasts with Made in Hackney, making the most of the road closure beside Liberty Hall, which Clapton Commons had also successfully petitioned for.

Spacehive: Creating a new Common Rooms

Recognising the need for shared spaces and the importance of community assets, Clapton Commons launched a crowd funder in February 2021, in collaboration with St Thomas Church, to bring about some interim uses in the undercroft of the church. Through these it hoped to consolidate its role as a community hub serving the local community.

In all its activities, Clapton Commons has been able to deepen an understanding of its core practices of solidarity ("in it together"), reciprocity ("give and take") and subsidiarity ("down to you").

Structure

In the summer of 2021 the trustees recognised that they needed to appoint an interim director to manage this time of growth and so put some plans in place to scope out this role and as well as identify funding for this person to work alongside our existing and build a team. This was done ahead of the AGM in September 2021.

HOW OUR ACTIVITIES DELIVER PUBLIC BENEFIT

In its regeneration of the toilet block on the Common, the charity has been able to reach out to all communities and ensure that the Common Land requirement for the space (necessary for the planning permission) continues to be met.

In its work to advance the social welfare of the local communities the charity has sought to unite 'resource' with 'need'. It has worked in a rhizomatic way, recognising that groups and individuals are, more often than not, looking for a container for co-design and a mutual flourishing, rather than a series of top-down service-delivery

As a new charity Clapton Commons trustees have turned to the local CVS (Community Volunteer Service) enterprise as well as a range of volunteer consultants to guide them through the complexities and demands of setting up of a new grassroots charity that behaves slightly differently in ethos to traditional Social Enterprises. We are at a turning-point in this discussion and are facilitating a maturation of Clapton Commons in this regard.

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income for the year was £119,451 including restricted funds of £48,880 (2020 £221,965 including restricted funds of £17,637). Expenditure for the year was £89,618 including restricted activity costs of £38,946 (2020 £201,305 including restricted costs £6,514). The decrease in income was largely due to a reduction in income for the development of Liberty Hall, a community kitchen coffee kiosk which has now been completed.

The unrestricted surplus of £28,873 is carried forward for future activities.

RESERVES POLICY

The charity was registered in 2019 and is in a phase of building resources and reserves. The charity operates mainly through voluntary services and closely manages operating costs so that income can be directed towards the charities' aims as effectively as possible. As the charity grows and takes on additional employees, its aim is to build and retain a minimum of 6 months operating costs within unrestricted reserves.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The organisation was incorporated as a Company Limited by Guarantee on 26 June 2014 and registered as a charity on 6 January 2020. The charitable company was established under a Memorandum of Association, which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association. In the event of the company being wound up members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

RECRUITMENT AND APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Any member of the Charity may stand for election as a trustee provided that they are nominated and seconded by another member. All members of the charity are entitled to participate in the election of trustees. One third of the trustees are required to retire at each AGM; the trustees to retire are those longest in office since they were last elected. A retiring trustee is eligible for re-election provided that no Trustee may serve for a continuous period of more than six years. The trustees may appoint a member as a trustee to fill a casual position.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company laws require the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements the Board of Directors should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the company will continue in operation.

The Board of Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006.

The Board of Directors are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES (continued)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of the Board of Directors, who are directors for the purpose of company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 2.

ACCOUNTANTS

Lewis Curtis Ltd has signified their willingness to continue in office.

Approved by the Directors on 24 March 2022 and signed on its behalf by

Rev William Campbell-Taylor
(Director/Trustee)

**CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE DIRECTORS/TRUSTEES OF CLAPTON COMMONS
COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED**

We report to the charity trustees/directors on our examination of the Company for the year ended 30 June 2021

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out our examination we have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us cause to believe

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act: or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records: or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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: or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principals of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102)).

We 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.



C J Goodhead FCA
Knight Goodhead Limited

30 March 2022
7 Bournemouth Road
Chandler's Ford, Eastleigh
Hampshire SO53 3DA

CLAPTON COMMONS COMMUNITY ORGANISATION LIMITED
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021
(Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2021 Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	2020 Total Funds
		£	£	£			£
Incoming resources							
Grants	2/3	-	48,880	48,880	41,250	17,637	58,887
Liberty Hall Redevelopment	4	66,471	-	66,471	162,658	-	162,658
Donations		1,727	-	1,727	220	-	220
Rent		2,373	-	2,373	-	-	-
Other income		-	-	-	200	-	200
Total incoming resources		70,571	48,880	119,451	204,328	17,637	221,965
Resources expended							
Charitable activities							
Liberty Hall Redevelopment		41,473	-	41,473	179,704	-	179,704
Landscaping		(1,920)	19,436	17,516	2,100	-	2,100
Community Builder Costs		-	577	577	6,690	-	6,690
Employee wages	5	-	16,457	16,457	-	6,400	6,400
Employee pension costs	5	-	307	307	-	114	114
Consultancy fees		329	-	329	1,600	-	1,600
Film costs		200	-	200	150	-	150
Event running costs		3,001	1,920	4,921	-	-	-
Electricity and gas vouchers		1,230	-	1,230	380	-	380
Equipment expensed		82	-	82	918	-	918
Repairs and maintenance		1,670	-	1,670	526	-	526
Light and heat		1,208	-	1,208	-	-	-
Insurance		353	-	353	234	-	234
Sundry expenses		346	-	346	118	-	118
Depreciation		-	249	249	-	-	-
IT and web costs		203	-	203	482	-	482
Governance costs				-			
Accountancy services		1,496	-	1,496	1,035	-	1,035
Independent examination fee		750	-	750	750	-	750
Meeting costs		-	-	-	98	-	98
Postage		-	-	-	6	-	6
Legal and professional		249	-	249	-	-	-
Total Resources expended		50,672	38,946	89,618	194,791	6,514	201,305
Net incoming(outgoing) resources		19,900	9,934	29,833	9,537	11,123	20,660
Transfer from unrestricted fund		(563)	563	-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		19,336	10,497	29,833	9,537	11,123	20,660
Balance brought forward at 01/07/2020		9,537	11,123	20,660	-	-	-
Balance carried forward at 30/06/2021		28,873	21,620	50,493	9,537	11,123	20,660

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Company number: 09104046

Charity Registration Number: 1187211

BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2021

	Notes	2021			2020		
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fixed assets	7		497	497	-	-	-
Current assets							
Debtors and prepayments	8	1,307	-	1,307	325	-	325
Cash at bank and in hand	9	33,395	22,593	55,988	12,960	11,123	24,083
		<u>34,702</u>	<u>22,593</u>	<u>57,295</u>	<u>13,285</u>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>24,408</u>
Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year	10/11	5,829	1,470	7,299	3,748	-	3,748
Net current assets		<u>28,873</u>	<u>21,123</u>	<u>49,996</u>	<u>9,537</u>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>20,660</u>
Net assets		<u>28,873</u>	<u>21,620</u>	<u>50,493</u>	<u>9,537</u>	<u>11,123</u>	<u>20,660</u>
Funds							
Unrestricted fund		28,873	-	28,873	9,537	-	9,537
Community Builder Fund		-	16,120	16,120	-	11,123	11,123
Commons Chorus Choir		-	500	500	-	-	-
Spacehive		-	5,000	5,000	-	-	-
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(Director/Trustee)

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Fixed assets

Fixed assets are capitalised for ongoing use within the charity.

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows;

Equipment - 33.33% Straight line

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021

Governance costs

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2 Grants receivable - unrestricted	2021	2020
	£	£
Countryside Property UK	-	3,500
Trust For London	-	10,000
Greater London Authority	-	20,250
London Borough of Hackney - Landscaping	-	7,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>41,250</u>
3 Grants receivable - restricted	2021	2020
	£	£
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Social security costs	-	-
Contributions to defined contribution pension scheme	307	114
	<u>16,764</u>	<u>6,514</u>
Average monthly number of employees	1	1

No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000

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6 Remuneration of directors

No directors have received remuneration as directors of the charitable company during the year. No trustees have received payment of expenses during the year.

7 Fixed assets

	Total £
Cost	
As at 1 July 2020	-
Additions	746
As at 30 June 2021	<u>746</u>
Depreciation	
As at 1 July 2020	-
Provided during year	249
As at 30 June 2021	<u>249</u>
Net book value at 30 June 2021	<u>497</u>
Net book value at 30 June 2020	<u>-</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
8 Debtors - unrestricted funds		
Trade Debtors	965	-
Prepayments	293	236
VAT refund due	49	89
	<u>1,307</u>	<u>325</u>

	2021 £	2020 £
9 Cash at bank - restricted funds		
Community Builder	15,623	11,123
Commons Chorus Choir	500	-
Greener Cities Fund	1,470	-
Spacehive	5,000	-
	<u>22,593</u>	<u>11,123</u>

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10 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - unrestricted funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Social Security and Other taxes	547	650
Trade creditors	855	1,368
Accruals	4,640	1,600
Other creditors	1,257	130
	<u>7,299</u>	<u>3,748</u>

11 Liabilities: amounts falling due within one year - restricted funds

	2021	2020
	£	£
Community Spacebuilder		
Accruals	1,470	-
	<u>1,470</u>	<u>-</u>

12 Restricted funds

	01/07/2019	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2020
Community Spacebuilder	-	17,637	(6,514)	-	11,123
	<u>-</u>	<u>17,637</u>	<u>(6,514)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,123</u>

	01/07/2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	30/06/2021
Community Spacebuilder	11,123	22,587	(17,590)		16,120
Commons Chorus Choir		500			500
Greener Cities Fund		20,793	(21,356)	563	-
Spacehive		5,000			5,000
	<u>11,123</u>	<u>48,880</u>	<u>(38,946)</u>	<u>563</u>	<u>21,620</u>

13 Share capital

Clapton Commons Community Organisation is a company limited by guarantee and does not have share capital. The liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

14 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions that require disclosure in the reporting period. In December 2019 one of the trustees, Mr M Abrahams, lent £5,000 to the charity which was repaid to him in March 2020.