



# DLCA

## ANNUAL REPORT 2021



## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Charitable Objectives

As Trustees we want to help to create a space that is *for* the community *by* the community.

We want the house and garden to be a place where people of all ages feel welcome and gain a sense of belonging and purpose. A place to 'breathe' and make time for one another in a world which can feel stressful and a bit lonely at times.

People from the local community have already come up with lots of exciting ways the space could be used.

The key objectives of the charity, as set out in our governing document, are shown below.

### Promoting wellbeing

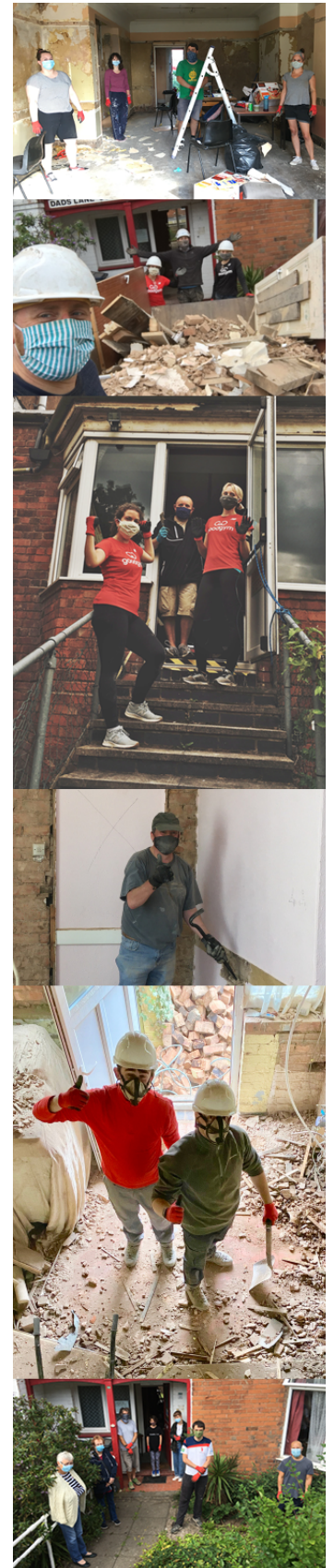
To promote the wellbeing of residents, without distinction, in the Stirchley/Hazelwell/Kings Heath area of Birmingham.

### Building community

To work with others to improve all aspects of life (social, mental, physical, spiritual, and educational) and to foster community spirit for the achievement of these and other charitable objects.

### Creating space

To operate a community facility in furtherance of the charitable objects.



## Building plan

The main thrust of our work during 2021 is to raise finances and gain planning permission to fully refurbish the premises that DLCA own. The building will serve as the main base for the charity objectives. As such most activities are focused around the building renovation at this stage with full activities beginning at the house at the end of 2022.

## Ensuring our work delivers our aims

We will review our aims, objectives, and activities each year. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work in the previous 12 months. The review outlines at the success of each key activity and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to benefit.

The review also helps us ensure our aims, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

## The focus of our work

The community centre is a key part in the delivery of our charitable objectives and, as such, we have continued to redevelop the building and garden space. Despite setbacks with availability of trades and the discovery of further problems with the building, we have continued to make progress with the refurbishment project.

Although the building has not been in use, we were still been able to welcome local people into the garden for our Regrowth Project and volunteers have also been helping with the safer aspects of the refurbishment (such as filling skips, sanding walls, and various social engagement activities).

During the year we:

- have planned the refurbishment of the ground floor (including a new security system)
- successfully submitted plans for the refurbishment
- delivered a series of garden sessions (The Regrowth Project) in partnership with another local charity
- built and planted three raised beds with edible perennials and planted ten fruit trees to be looked after, and subsequently enjoyed, by future generations
- planned first-fix plumbing on the ground floor
- planned first-fix electrics on the ground floor
- worked safely with volunteers in- and outside the building
- expanded our social media presence by launching on Twitter and Instagram and continuing to build an online following of over 500 local people
- planned the expansion of our Board of Trustees
- applied for over 15 grants to finance the project and made plans to grow a monthly supported base
- successfully secured £45,000 funding for projects and renovation

## How our activities deliver public benefit

In line with our Charitable Objectives, we have *promoted the wellbeing of residents*, without distinction, in the Stirchley/Hazelwell/Kings Heath area of Birmingham. This has been achieved through volunteer engagement in the renovation of the building and the Regrowth Project in the garden space.

We have sought to *build a community network* of neighbours and local people through our Facebook page and through connecting in the activities in and around the building. Positive messages and connections online at this stage helps to improve life and will build a foundation for community engagement when the building is fully operational.

We have prioritised the *creation of a space* that will be of great benefit to the local community. We have seen first-hand how important this space is to people and how much they are looking forward to utilising the space in the future.

## REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

### Registered Charity number

1187905

### Registered office

171 Pineapple Road  
Birmingham  
B30 2SY

### Trustees

Mr C Clayton           (Chair)  
Mr J Rattley  
Mr G Parker  
Mr M Williams

### Bank

Lloyds Bank plc  
798 Bristol Rd S  
Northfield  
Birmingham  
B31 2NP

# STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

## Organisational structure

The organisation current has four trustees with no staff.

## Governance

Governance is by plies created by the trustees for the management of the charity and house.

## Volunteers

There are currently no fulltime volunteers but teams of people helping with various projects on an ad-hoc basis.

## Key Management Remuneration

None.

## Risk Management

The trustees have a policy in place for risk management.

## Data Protection and GDPR

Data Protection and GDPR policies are followed for the collection of data both online and in the premises.

# FINANCIAL REVIEW

## Budget and Costs

As the house is currently being renovated there are no ongoing cost for the running of the premises. The budget we are focused on in the money needed to renovate the building. This will be done in three stages:

Phase 1	Ground Floor	Budget £80,000
Phase 2	Second Floor	Budget £50,000
Phase 3	Third Floor	Budget £30,000

As such each phase will begin once we have raised enough money or pledges from grant making organisations

## Reserves Policy

The current reserves policy is based around the poverty as a significant asset. Any costs invested in the house will be monitored against equity value.

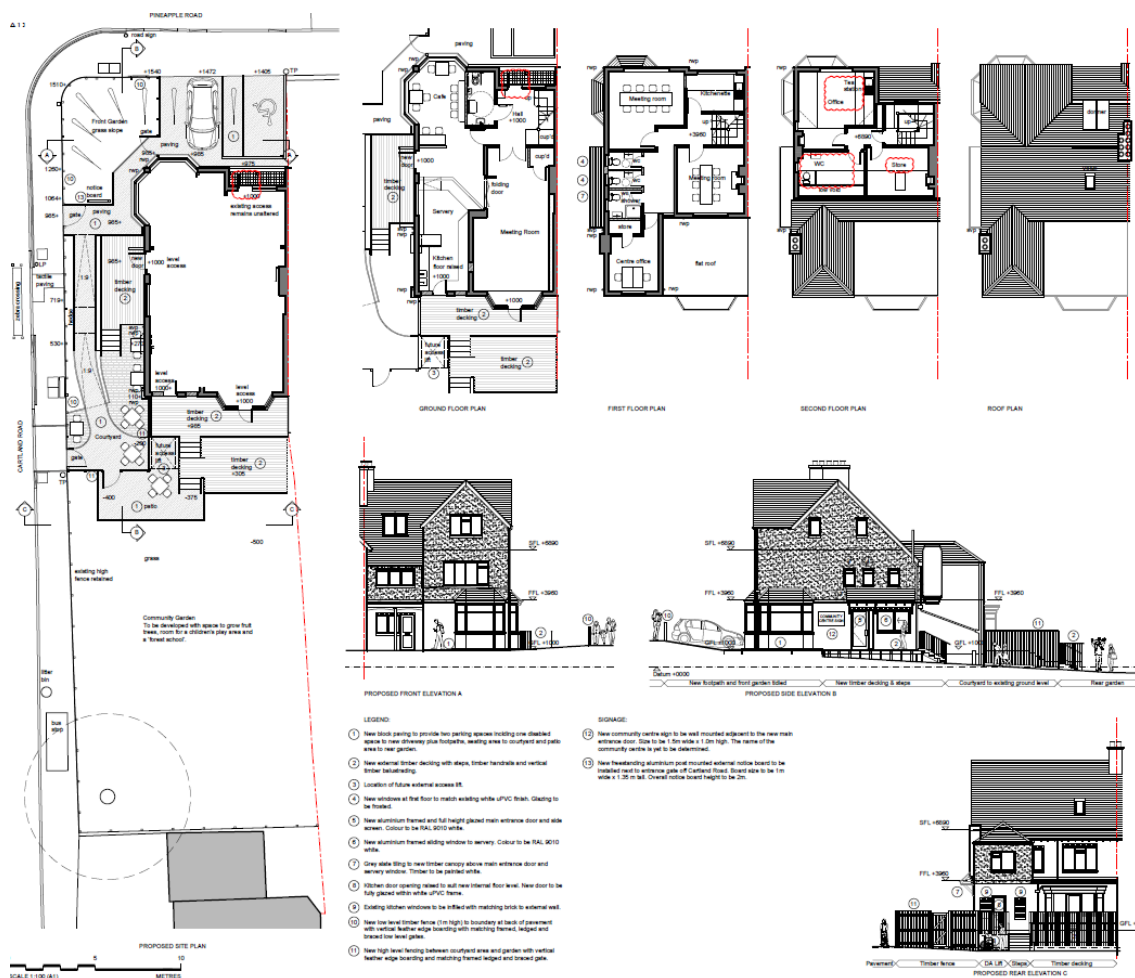
## Going Concern

The trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, they continue to adopt the going concern basis for accounting in preparing the annual financial statements.

## FUTURE PLANS

### House Renovation

The plans for the remainder of 2021 and 2022 are for the renovation of the property to serve the community and charitable objectives.



# Dads Lane Community Association

## Financial Activities

2 April - 31 December, 2021

	TOTAL
Income	
Donations and legacies	3,760.66
Grants - Restricted	43,200.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£46,960.66</b>
Cost of Sales	
Fundraising Costs	3,540.00
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>£3,540.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£43,420.66</b>
Expenditures	
Advertising/Promotional	73.19
Building Renovation Project	8,004.23
Business Rates	53.16
Entertainment	134.70
Insurances	2,352.41
Office/General Administrative Expenses	236.16
Other Professional Services	700.00
Projects	1,495.77
Utilities	0.00
Electricity	139.56
Gas	299.81
Water Rates	71.20
<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>510.57</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>£13,560.19</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>£29,860.47</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£29,860.47</b>

# Dads Lane Community Association

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2021

	TOTAL
Fixed Asset	
Tangible assets	
Buildings	400,000.00
<b>Total Tangible assets</b>	<b>£400,000.00</b>
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	<b>£400,000.00</b>
Cash at bank and in hand	
Dads Lane Community Association (0722)	0.02
Dads Lane Community Association (4520)	49,885.77
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£49,885.79</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>£49,885.79</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£49,885.79</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>£449,885.79</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£449,885.79</b>
Charity funds	
Opening Balance Equity	404,759.83
Retained Earnings	15,084.32
Surplus/(Deficit)	30,041.64
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£449,885.79</b>

Dear Sirs,

My name is Kristina Hodges and I have 20 years experience working in Finance Departments for various companies from large international companies to SME's and now in the Charity sector.

I have been asked to look over the Financial Activities for the Charity **Dads Lane Community Association** (Reg No 1187905) up to 31st December 2021

I can confirm that the charity has a positive Balance Sheet with total Net Assets of over £449K which includes £49,885.79 cash in bank.

The total Income for the 9 months was £46,960.66 and the Total Expenditure was £13,560.19, which is a healthy ratio of 3.46 times more income than expenses.

The average monthly expenses is approx £1506 so if the Charity did not receive any more donations/grants for the foreseeable then the cash in Bank would cover the running costs for over 2 years.

To conclude the charity is in a good financial position now and for the future.

Yours Faithfully  
Kristina Hodges