

The Huddersfield African Caribbean Cultural Trust

Charity number 1188155

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 October 2023



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 October 2023

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Angela Phillip		Resigned 9th May 2023
Matthew Cummings	Treasurer	Resigned 9th May 2023
Paige Phillip	Interim Chair	
Raheem Lindsey		Resigned 9th July 2021
Orvill Smith		Appointed 1st May 2023
Michelle Welch		Appointed 1st May 2023
Carlyn Ferreira	Chair	Appointed 18th April 2023
Sara Dearnley	Treasurer	Appointed 18th April 2023
Caroline Devonport		Appointed 18th April 2023
Shelley Jordan		Appointed 18th April 2023
Justin Buckle		Appointed 18th April 2023
Lillalee Wright		Appointed 18th April 2023

Charity number 1188155 Registered in England and Wales

Registered and principal address	Bankers
Unit 28 Gatehouse Enterprise Center	The Royal Bank of Scotland
Albert Street	27 Market Place
Lockwood	Huddersfield
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Independent examiner

E J Beverley FCCA

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) association formed on 20 February 2020 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

1) To advance, promote, encourage and develop appreciation of and participation in African-Caribbean culture including Carnival and street arts, their traditions, music and crafts in particular but not exclusively through the provision of arts workshops, activities and events throughout the year and by the promotion and organisation of an annual carnival in Huddersfield.

2) To further or benefit the residents of Huddersfield and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, disability, age 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 leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 October 2023

Objectives and activities continued

In furtherance of this object 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 the activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

3) To advance any purpose which is exclusively charitable according to the laws of England and Wales for the benefit of the public in Huddersfield and surrounding area by the provision of grants and funding to local charities as the trustees shall determine.

The charity's main activities

Our activities are based around the promotion, advancement and the development of appreciation of African-Caribbean culture and the promotion and organisation of the annual Caribbean Carnival.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of African Caribbean arts and culture and the advancement of social welfare with the object of improving the condition of life of the local inhabitants.

Achievements and performance

This year, we achieved remarkable milestones, notably orchestrating a full-scale carnival event featuring a vibrant parade and park festivities that drew thousands of attendees. This celebration was made possible through funding from Kirklees Year of Music, Arts Council England, and National Lottery Community Fund. The parade showcased local Mas Bands exhibiting Caribbean carnival costumes and dance. It also included diverse groups such as Samba band and Bhangra dancers. The stage show included an International Soca artist all the way from Trinidad as well as National and local singers and musicians. Additionally, the funding supported local Mas bands with costume-making workshops and costs towards resources. The day concluded with an after-party event with a renowned National DJ, successfully raising funds for future events.

We have also established a weekly steel pan group, Legacy Steel Pan. The aim to bring back and keep alive a traditional art form that used to thrive in Huddersfield. The group is aiming for self-sufficiency through community performances. This was made possible by funding from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC).

Financial review

The net receipts for the year were £4,250, including net receipts of £1,213 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £3,037 on restricted funds after transfers.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £15,923.

We have a reserves policy to hold a minimum of £9,000 to cover rent, utility and insurance costs. Any reserves above this will go towards future carnivals. This policy is to be reviewed regularly considering the available funds in the account.

Approved by the board of trustees on 14/08/2024

S Dearnley (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Huddersfield African Caribbean Cultural Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 October 2023, which are set out on pages 5 to 9.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

E J Beverley FCCA

28/08/2024

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	731	93,647	94,378	16,078
Carnival and bar takings		100	8,341	8,441	1,640
Sponsorship		-	2,500	2,500	-
Fundraising		6,949	-	6,949	811
Total receipts		7,780	104,488	112,268	18,529
Payments					
Rent, rates insurance and licences		923	1,134	2,057	732
Telephone, internet, postage and stationery		382	-	382	1,418
Accounts and independent examination		600	-	600	780
Room hire		50	500	550	-
Carnival event costs		-	82,901	82,901	11,216
Publicity and advertising		17	1,225	1,242	914
Utilities		268	-	268	602
Costumes, artistes and compares-carnival		-	4,816	4,816	8,202
Freelance workers and tutors		-	5,357	5,357	-
Repairs and maintenance		-	-	-	24
Committee expenses		60	-	60	-
Equipment		27	467	494	529
Grant repayment		-	3,827	3,827	-
Fundraising		4,266	-	4,266	403
Sundry expenses		80	932	1,012	140
Volunteer expenses		4	182	186	400
Total payments		6,677	101,341	108,018	25,360
Net receipts / (payments)		1,103	3,147	4,250	(6,831)
Transfers between funds		110	(110)	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,213	3,037	4,250	(6,831)
Fund balances brought forward		14,710	12,452	27,162	33,993
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	15,923	15,489	31,412	27,162

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 October 2023

	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	15,891	15,489	31,380	27,119
Cash in hand	32	-	32	43
Total cash funds	<u>15,923</u>	<u>15,489</u>	<u>31,412</u>	<u>27,162</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Fixtures and fittings
Equipment
Laptop

Liabilities

	2023
	£
Accruals	726
	<u>726</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 14/08/2024

S Dearnley (Trustee)

The Huddersfield African Caribbean Cultural Trust

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 October 2023

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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2 Grants and donations	2023 Unrestricted funds £	2023 Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
Kirklees Council	-	34,000	34,000	3,000
Windrush	-	-	-	13,000
Arts Council England	-	49,500	49,500	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	9,720	9,720	-
Other donations	731	427	1,158	78
	<u>731</u>	<u>93,647</u>	<u>94,378</u>	<u>16,078</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
Kirklees Council	(3,561)	9,000	1,357	-	4,082
Kirklees Council (2)	2,167	-	277	2,688	4,578
Arts Council England	1,633	-	1,535	(98)	-
Windrush	12,213	-	9,513	(2,700)	-
Huddersfield Carnival	-	85,768	79,750	-	6,018
TNL Community Fund	-	9,720	8,909	-	811
	<u>12,452</u>	<u>104,488</u>	<u>101,341</u>	<u>(110)</u>	<u>15,489</u>

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
Kirklees Council	Towards the Huddersfield High Street Heritage Action Zone.
Kirklees Council (2)	Towards the Kirklees Year of Music. The transfer relates to costs for the Windrush project recorded on this fund in the previous financial year.
Arts Council England	Towards the Keep the Vibe Alive project. The transfer relates to the small balance on the account being moved to unrestricted.
Windrush	Towards the Windrush Legacy Steelpan Project. The transfer relates to costs for this project recorded on the Kirklees Year of Music in the previous financial year.
Huddersfield Carnival	Arts Council England and Kirklees Council funding towards the Carnival Arts and Music.
TNL Community Fund	Towards the tradition of sound systems at the Carnival.

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Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

During the year 5 trustees were paid a total of £191 in respect of travel (previous year: £0).

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.

Other transactions with trustees or related parties

			2023	2022
			£	£
Name of trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of transaction		
Robert Pusey	Partner of Sara Dearnley	Payment for use of sound system	350	-
			<u>350</u>	<u>-</u>