DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

England & Wales · Charity number 1188158

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-02-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT:1.1 THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, HARDSHIP, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS AMONG NEEDY, VULNERABLE AND DESTITUTE PERSONS ANYWHERE AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE TOWN OF DEWSBURY.1.2 TO RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE IN HARDSHIP AND DISTRESS AS A RESULT OF POVERTY, CRIMINALITY, MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE MISUSE AND ADDICTIONS BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT INCLUDING SIGNPOSTING TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WHERE APPROPRIATE.1.3 TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION AND RELIEVE THE NEEDS OF THOSE AFFECTED BY SOCIAL ISOLATION, LONELINESS, HARDSHIP, SOCIAL EXCLUSION OR SICKNESS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PROVIDING SAFE MEETING SPACES; FACILITATING CREATIVE AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES; AND PROMOTING THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT.1.4 FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH AMONG THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED, UNEMPLOYED OR HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS, THROUGH I) NURTURING AND ENCOURAGING THEM TO LIVE PURPOSEFUL LIVES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEMSELVES AND THE COMMUNITY, II) FACILITATING AND ENCOURAGING SKILLS SHARING, AND THE LEARNING OF NEW SKILLS THROUGH HELPING WITH COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS SUCH AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL SEE FIT AND III) IF APPROPRIATE BY PROVIDING SUPPORTED LIVING ACCOMMODATION WHERE STRUCTURED LIFE SKILLS CAN BE DEVELOPED. 1.5 THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAUSE 1.3:'SOCIAL ISOLATION' IS AN OBJECTIVE MEASURE OF THE NUMBER OF CONTACTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE. ITS ABOUT THE QUANTITY AND NOT THE QUALITY OF RELATIONSHIPS.'LONELINESS' IS A SUBJECTIVE FEELING ABOUT THE GAP BETWEEN A PERSON'S DESIRED LEVEL OF SOCIAL CONTACT. IT REFERS TO THE PERCEIVED QUALITY OF THE PERSON'S RELATIONSHIPS.'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: RETIREMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; BEREAVEMENT OR OLD AGE; DISABILITY OR ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL) SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS); CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: Dewsbury Community Outreach is a group of Christians from various local churches who have come together to help the vulnerable and less fortunate in our community by providing practical, emotional and spiritual support in a loving and caring environment. We are especially focused on helping those who are lonely, homeless and marginalised.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kirklees

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Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£33,894	£49,524	-	-
2024-02-29	£69,983	£31,413	-	-
2023-02-28	£36,827	£29,107	-	-
2022-02-28	£44,866	£39,640	-	-
2021-02-28	£30,502	£18,342	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Suzanne Amanda Baker	Chair	2020-02-24
Brian Lapworth Mr		2020-02-24
RAYMOND BAKER		2020-02-24
Rowan Taylor		2020-02-24
Susan Lee		2022-06-28

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Dewsbury Community Outreach Annual Report 2024-2025

Registered Charity 1188158

Introduction

Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) operates out of 74 Daisy Hill, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF13 1LS. Our aims are to create a community where everyone is welcomed, valued as individuals, and supported with their needs. Where people can meet to share their skills or learn new ones, and where there's always the chance to talk about the important things in life. The focus had been to give support for those who were experiencing loneliness by creating an organised meeting point and to provide assistance to those who were homeless or in need. The activities described in this report are considered by the Trustees to reflect the way that the charity will operate for the foreseeable future within the constraints of the current volunteer team and premises.

Assistance

Food Assistance. In association with Fare Share and Neighbourly, DCO collected daily surplus food from two local Tesco stores then once a week further collections were available from Aldi, Asda, KFC, Sainsburys and the Tesco Extra at Batley. In addition DCO worked in partnership with Fusion Housing who passed on food surplus to their requirements and on occasions used food collected by the DCO team for their own operation. Some of this food was used to prepare the meals but much of it was placed on tables to be taken free of charge by those in need, on a typical day up to 80 people benefitted from this service. We also operate a Community Kitchen Food Swap where persons who have received a food parcel from another organisation that contained items that they do not eat can return the unopened item to us to be passed on to another beneficiary. At Christmas DCO was able to use the supermarket food, supplemented by items purchased by grants, to make up 100 food hampers that were given to beneficiaries.

Some food collected by DCO was used by Dewsbury Cares who provide a drop-in from a stall on Dewsbury market on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

DCO has two freezers and three fridges which are used to store donated food and prepared meals. The prepared meals are available free to those in need to microwave at home on days when they are not able to receive a meal at our premises.

Meals Programme. Throughout the year 74 Daisy Hill has been opened on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am serving tea coffee and snacks throughout the morning. Then at lunch time cooked meals have been provided, for the meal on Tuesdays the charity 'Gift of Giving' provided curries, which were well received. Most days around 50 meals were provided free of charge.

The charity Artist Attic at 44 Daisy Hill runs a children's club on Monday evenings, we have used surplus supermarket food to make sandwiches for them to give to the children.

Clothing and Goods. DCO has received regular donations of second hand clothing, kitchen utensils, crockery, furniture, bedding, towels, household items, children's toys, books, bags and other items like PAT tested electrical goods, which have been given away free to those in need. The Kirklees Council Housing Solutions Team regularly referred people to us who were being rehoused and had no goods to enable them to live in their new home. Sometimes DCO received items that were not of use to our beneficiaries and in the latter part of the year The Arcade Group supported DCO by providing a charity table in their unit in the Princess of Wales Precinct, Dewsbury, where items could be taken for a voluntary donation. Further items, including non-reusable textiles for sale as rags, were passed to other charity shops in the town.

There is a utility room in 74 Daisy Hill which, in addition to freshening up donated goods, can provide a free clothes washing facility for those in need.

In addition to the free goods some of the Household Support grant money received has been earmarked to purchase new items especially to help people over the winter, this included heated throws, electrical goods, blankets, other items of clothing (especially underwear) and health care products.

Heating Assistance. DCO has helped individuals with heating bills by making small gifts of up to £30 onto a utility account.

Shower. Our shower was used about ten times a week by people who were homeless or who could not afford to provide heat and hot water in their accommodation.

Acting Club. The Acting Club provided Victorian characters for Heritage Open Day on Saturday 14 September 2024, assisting the town walking tours. On 30 September 2024 some of the actors dressed in Victorian costume to pose for Dewsbury Photographic Society. At Christmas the actors delivered Santa's Grotto for the Dewsbury Christmas Festivities event on 7 December 2024. All of these activities created a sense of self worth for those participating and an involvement in a wider Dewsbury community spirit.

Health Care. A number of grants were received this year to allow DCO to pay for emergency dental treatment for beneficiaries who are not registered with an NHS dentist. DCO volunteers have regularly supported beneficiaries with hospital appointments by providing lifts in their cars.

Money Advice Our volunteers regularly give advice to volunteers to try to assist them to spread their money more wisely over a payment period. We also received a grant to raise awareness of Gambling and Alcohol Addiction and to help people who have these vices.

Some of our beneficiaries have difficulty in paying for items like phone contracts and council tax bills because the standard payment process is by on-line or card-based banking. We have offered a limited service where the beneficiaries pay us in cash and then we make the payment for them.

Personal Advice. DCO does not offer a full advice service but being on the front line with those in need has allowed some of the DCO team to gain experience in helping refer individuals to the correct agencies to solve their problems. DCO volunteers have also been able to help individuals to gain internet connections to access items like Universal Credit portfolios and to assist with tasks like obtaining a bus pass or bank account.

It is inevitable that some of the beneficiaries have personal difficulties that lead to debt and crime. DCO volunteers have been able to assist with the interpretation of financial demand letters or court documents.

DCO has developed working relationships with various external organisations to assist beneficiaries including the Kirklees Street Homeless Team, and Change Grow Live (CGL). Cardwell Angels provide grants to people living in Dewsbury for various large purchase items including white goods and furniture, with our referral they have supported many of our beneficiaries in times of more expensive need. We also work with Churches Together to share information on activities and events and other support services offered in the town. Our working relationship with Sensory World has continued.

Bible Study. DCO is a Christian charity and a Bible Study group for those who chose to attend was held at the start of the year, but this service stopped due to falling interest.

External recognition of the work. The success of our drop-in centre as a place that is making a valuable contribution to the welfare of less well-off people in Dewsbury was recognised in March 2024 when Kirklees Council awarded a certificate of appreciation.

The volunteer team were acknowledged in July when Kirklees Third Sector Leaders awarded a grant for them to be taken on an evening canal boat trip provided by the Safe Anchor Trust.

74 Daisy Hill

In addition to the public rooms on the ground floor, 74 Daisy Hill currently has a single tenanted flat. On the first floor there is an emergency accommodation space which is intended to be used for short term housing; a Hungarian couple have been using it since May 2024 and are still unable to secure suitable permanent accommodation. The remainder of the building is used as storage space by DCO for things like furniture, acting costumes and consumable items. DCO has secured further free storage above the Big Discount Store on Church Street and this is used to keep long term items such as Christmas decorations and wrapping paper.

During the year further improvements were made to the building, electrical work on the upper floors were substantially funded by grants from the Neighbourly B&Q Foundation; these areas now have lighting and limited power sockets. Further work included the installation of roof insulation and the replacement of all of the windows with double glazed units both improving the safety and thermal insulation of the building.

A grant was obtained to allow our beneficiaries to gain building skills by creating a play area in the yard of the Elim Church adjacent to our property. This work was completed during the year with an artificial grass surface. Additional support with the supply of free materials was provided by builders merchants A.W. Lumb and Wickes. Brewers Foundation provided special paint for use on tyres to create a snake play feature. The play area has been finished off with a climbing frame, slide and swings provided by a Local Giving Magic Little grant.

In October B&Q provided a team of volunteers and a range of paint and decorating supplies to allow us to finish the refurbishment of the cellar room on the ground floor. Additional work by our volunteers installed fireproof paint on the ceiling giving under protection to the laundry room floor.

Publicity

The DCO web site, www.dewsburyco.org.uk, continues to be maintained and the charity also has a presence on Facebook as @DewsburyCO. Special printed publicity was prepared for use at Easter and Christmas. A monthly news sheet continues to be sent to our supporters.

Finance

The fifth year has continued to be financially blessed and the trustees of DCO are grateful to the various organisations and individuals who have contributed financially, especially towards the programme to provide meals. In addition there have been enormous contributions of free food and second-hand items. A major contributor has been Kirklees Council via One Communities and Kirklees Third Sector Leaders, the various grants awarded have covered every day running costs such as utility bills or volunteer expenses or have been for specific purchases such as heated throws or additional non-perishable foods that have been used to supplement the food obtained free from the supermarkets.

The trustees also wish to acknowledge a significant grant from the Yorkshire Building Society towards our operating costs. We have also received substantial gifts from staff and customers at The West Riding Public House and at UK Greetings.

The accounts are presented separate to this report but the financial summary is: income £33893.93; expenditure £49523.54; loss for the year £15529.61 This loss was entirely expected by the trustees; at the start of the year we carried over £20,309.09 in reserved funds generated by ongoing grants all of which has been spent during the year. In addition

we have paid for the replacement windows (£11685.60) which were not funded by a specific grant. The charity still has a bank balance of £48045.91 and the trustees propose to use much of the surplus for further improvements to 74 Daisy Hill and to generate a reserve allowing us to purchase it from the current owners.

Training

Two volunteers have refreshed their food safety certificates by using an on-line training course. Two other volunteers have undertaken training in preparation for activities in British Science week; the event is actually in March and thus in our next reporting year. At the start of the year two gap year volunteers, based at Morley Community Church, also assisted the DCO team on one day each week.

Governance

The charity was formed in February 2020 and is governed by a constitution. The management is overseen by five trustees who have not changed in the last year. Day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Chair of the Trustees. Trustees seek advice and inform each other of any critical developments via e-mail and telephone. The trustees have also met formally about once every three months to receive an update on activities and issues and to plan for the coming weeks.

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank & Petty Cash		63675.52	25105.04
RECEIPTS			
General Income			
Donations	6452.34		6851.58
74 Daisy Hill Rent	7928.16		4430.00
74 Daisy Hill Utilities	1251.84		840.00
74 Daisy Hill TV Licence	156.00		156.00
Inland Revenue	374.72		386.75
Bank Interest	553.74		376.78
Sale of Items	834.00		196.53
Income to Pay Bills	426.00		128.00
Dewsbury Sick & Poor Fund	330.00		
Refunds	7.13		12.00
		18313.93	**13377.64**
Operational Grants			
TSL One Community Core Costs (2 grants)	5000.00		8910.00
One Community Household Support (2 grants)	7200.00		6080.00
Yorkshire Building Society	1250.00		
TSL Gambling Adiction	1000.00		
British Science Week	500.00		
S2R - Christmas Dental Support	300.00		
TSL Volunteer Support	150.00		100.00
KFC	100.00		
Creative Scene	80.00		
Big Hug Grant			9420.00
Sharegift			5000.00
TSL Healthcare (4 Grants)			4000.00
TSL Garden Project			1800.00
West Yorkshire Hardship Project			1200.00
Kirklees MDC (Coronation Party)			450.00
TSL Winter Support (2 grants)			745.00
		15580.00	**37705.00**
Building Improvement Grants			
B&Q Neighbourly			10000.00
Big Hug Grant			8400.00
Local Giving Ltd			500.00
		0.00	**18900.00**
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**33,893.93**	**69982.64**
PAYMENTS			
74 Daisy Hill			
Building Improvement Work	14792.35		7860.00
Windows	11685.60		
Utilities	6119.77		4224.60
Repairs	924.36		173.14
Gas & Fire system service	271.00		261.00
TV Licence	169.50		159.00
Consumables	33.97		47.71
		33,996.55	**12725.45**

Activities			
Gardening Club	917.53		329.92
Christmas - Dewsbury Dental	300.00		
Volunteer Boat Trip	100.00		100.00
Writing & Drama Club			3.14
Coronation Party			456.20
		1317.53	**889.26**
Assistance			
Furniture & Goods	2866.41		885.75
Food distribution	2401.77		1678.53
Utilities	1830.00		1599.69
Clothing	916.89		264.44
Health	825.00		2149.16
Financial	384.00		18.99
Phone	176.53		174.00
Travel	46.00		13.50
Laundry	29.50		
Cleaning & Gardening			4170.49
		9,476.10	**10,954.55**
Administration			
Volunteer Expenses	2804.19		3519.79
Insurance	1744.15		1347.80
Phone	87.31		99.18
Publicity	20.12		291.58
Administration	12.60		10.00
		4,668.37	**5,268.35**
Capital			
Urn	64.99		
Garden Play Equipment			684.99
Washing Machine			458.00
Candy Oven for flat			219.00
Steel Catering Table			149.95
Printer			62.97
		64.99	**1,574.91**
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**49,523.54**	**31,412.52**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**-15,629.61**	**38,570.12**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Deposit Account		46061.53	62307.79
Lloyds Current Account		1377.39	1187.36
Petty cash		606.99	180.37
		48045.91	**63675.52**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
RBaker	RAY BAKER	28/4/25
DTaylor	ROWAN TAYLOR	28/4/25

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ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2025

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Deposit Account	46061.53		62,307.79
Lloyds Current account	1377.39		1187.36
Petty cash	606.99		180.37
		48045.91	63,675.52
OTHER ASSETS			
Garden Play Equipment	514.00		684.99
Washing Machine	343.50		458.00
Candy Oven for flat	164.25		219.00
Steel Catering Table	112.50		149.95
Printer	47.00		62.97
Safe	29.00		39.00
Carpet Cleaner	28.50		38.00
Hotpoint Freezer	135.00		180.00
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Tumble Dryer	48.00		64.00
Urn	64.99		
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
TSL Household Support	1297.45		
British Science Week	500.00		
B&Q Neighbourly			8994.00
Big Hug Grant			7598.81
TSL Household Support			2246.20
TSL Garden Project			1470.08
		1797.45	20309.09
OTHER LIABILITIES		Nil	Nil

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach
Charity No. 1188158

I report on the accounts of Dewsbury Community Outreach for the year ended 29 February 2025, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

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Audited by KIM GOTT

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passed to other charity shops in the town. Textile items that were damaged were passed to Leeds City Mission who sold them as rags. There is a utility room in 74 Daisy Hill which, in addition to freshening up donated goods, can provide a free clothes washing facility for those in need.

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Shower. Our shower was used about three times a week by people who were homeless or who could not afford to provide heat and hot water in their accommodation.

Acting Club. The Acting Club provided Victorian characters for Heritage Open Day on Saturday 16 September 2023, assisting the town walking tours. At Christmas the actors walked the streets in suitable festive costumes and provided Father Christmas and his helpers for the Christmas Lights switch on event on 2 December 2023. On 23 November 2023 we provided characters and props to give a historic input to the Festival of Conversations event organised as part of the Woven project.

Healthy Eating. Sponsored by a grant from Kirklees Third Sector Leaders we teamed up with The Artist Attic at 44 Daisy Hill Dewsbury to promote healthy eating through art. Various posters were produced and displayed on the walls of our drop in room.

Health Care. A number of grants were received this year to improve health awareness including diabetes, cancer and health eating. DCO has produced a series of advisory leaflets on these and other topics which can be picked up at the drop in centre or downloaded from our web site. Further grants have allowed us to pay for emergency dental treatment for beneficiaries who are not registered with an NHS dentist. We have also received a grant to carry out Hepatitis C testing and to monitor blood sugar levels on persons who may have diabetes.

DCO volunteers have regularly supported beneficiaries with hospital appointments by providing lifts in their cars and on a couple of occasions have had to administer first aid and then take people to A&E.

Money Advice. During the year we teamed up twice with Fusion Housing to provide courses to help people with money management and our volunteers regularly give advice to volunteers to try to assist them to spread their money more wisely over a payment period.

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Bible Study. DCO is a Christian charity and a Bible Study group for those who chose to attend has been held as required.

Coronation Party. A grant from Kirklees Council allowed us to work in association with the adjacent Elim Church to provide a party on 6 May 2023 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. This was well attended by our normal beneficiaries and by other residents of Daisy Hill.

External recognition of the work. The success of our drop-in centre as a place that is welcoming to all regardless of race, sexual orientation, age or religious background was recognised in July when Kirklees Third Sector Leaders awarded us an 'Open to All' certificate.

The volunteer team were acknowledged in July when Kirklees Third Sector Leaders awarded a grant for them to be taken on an evening canal boat trip provided by the Safe Anchor Trust.

Representatives from the Centre for Social Justice visited us from London to see some of the issues of poverty and inequality that exist in Dewsbury. One of our beneficiaries was used as a case study in their report 'Criminal exploitation: Modern slavery by another name' (p22).

74 Daisy Hill

In addition to the public rooms on the ground floor, 74 Daisy Hill currently has a single tenanted flat. The remainder of the building is used as storage space by DCO for things like furniture, acting costumes and consumable items.

During the year further improvements were made to the building, some of these were ongoing at the year end. These were substantially funded by grants from the Neighbourly

B&Q Foundation and The Community Organisations Cost of Living Big Hug Grant. The main work carried out this year was in further improvements to the ground floor drop-in room with a new entrance front replacing the existing one which had been damaged by vandalism and new radiators on the heating system. Ongoing work includes a new floor covering in the drop in room and electrical work on the upper floors which will allow them to be used for activities other than storage.

In the spring of 2023 one of the timber beams supporting the utility room above the back cellar failed placing the rooms out of use on safety grounds. The failed beam was replaced for us free of charge by Willmott Dixon Construction with the new steel beam provided free by Tomrods. The Trustees are grateful for their support for the work.

A grant has been obtained to allow our beneficiaries to gain building skills by creating a play area in the yard of the Elim Church adjacent to our property. This work was ongoing when it had to be curtailed due to winter weather; it is expected to be completed in Spring 2024.

Publicity

The DCO web site, www.dewsburyco.org.uk, continues to be maintained and the charity also has a presence on Facebook as @DewsburyCO. Special printed publicity was prepared for use at Easter and Christmas. A monthly news sheet continues to be sent to our supporters.

Finance

The fourth year has continued to be financially blessed and the trustees of DCO are grateful to the various organisations and individuals who have contributed financially, especially towards the programme to provide meals. In addition there have been enormous contributions of free food and second hand items. A major contributor has been Kirklees Council via One Communities and Kirklees Third Sector Leaders, the various grants awarded have covered every day running costs such as utility bills or volunteer expenses or have been for specific purchases such as heated throws or additional non-perishable foods that have been used to supplement the food obtained free from the supermarkets.

The trustees also wish to acknowledge significant grants from Share Gift, the Neighbourly B&Q Foundation and the Community Organisations Cost of Living Big Hug Grant.

The accounts are presented separate to this report but the financial summary for the fourth year of operation is: income £69,982.64; expenditure £31,412.52; surplus for the year £38,570.12, of this £20,309.09 is in reserved funds generated by ongoing grants. The trustees propose to use much of the surplus for further improvements to 74 Daisy Hill. Applications for significant grants in 2024-25 are expected to finance energy efficiency improvements to the building and to purchase it from the current owners. These grants will need an element of match funding.

Training

This year members of the DCO volunteer team have attended Community Champions Training to assist them to give advice for the health initiatives. Other volunteers have attended Adult Safeguarding training.

During the year DCO has welcomed students on work experience placement from Heckmondwike Grammar School and Park Lane College, Leeds. Two gap year volunteers, based at Morley Community Church, also assist the DCO team on one day each week.

Governance

The charity is overseen by five trustees. Day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Chair of the Trustees. Trustees seek advice and inform each other of any critical developments via e-mail and telephone. The trustees have also met formally about once every three months to receive an update on activities and issues and to plan for the coming weeks.

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank & Petty Cash		25105.40	17385.49
RECEIPTS			
General Income			
Donations	6851.58		12823.22
74 Daisy Hill Rent	4430.00		4450.00
74 Daisy Hill Utilities	840.00		860.00
74 Daisy Hill TV Licence	156.00		156.00
Inland Revenue	386.75		1157.22
Bank Interest	376.78		31.01
Sale of Items	196.53		30.70
Funds paid out as Financial Assistance	128.00		820.00
Refunds	12.00		
		13377.64	**20328.15**
Operational Grants			
Big Hug Grant	9420.00		
TSL Community Plus	8910.00		
One Community Household Support	6080.00		
Sharegift	5000.00		
TSL Healthcare (4 Grants)	4000.00		
TSL Garden Project	1800.00		
West Yorkshire Hardship Project	1200.00		
Kirklees MDC (Coronation Party)	450.00		
TSL Winter Support (2 grants)	745.00		
TSL Volunteer Support	100.00		
One Communities (4 grants)			5500.00
Third Sector Leaders (4 grants)			4039.00
Luke & Markus Trust			1000.00
KMDC (Jubilee Party)			500.00
Asda Foundation (jubilee Party)			500.00
Third Sector Leaders (Volunteer Support)			100.00
HODS (for acting club)			50.00
		37705.00	**11689.00**
Building Improvement Grants			
B&Q Neighbourly	10000.00		
Big Hug Grant	8400.00		
Local Giving Ltd	500.00		
Sir George Martin Trust			3000.00
Charities Trust (for kitchen)			1809.97
		18900.00	**4809.97**
TOTAL RECEIPTS		**69,982.64**	**36827.12**
PAYMENTS			
74 Daisy Hill			
Building Improvement Work	7860.00		16547.00
Utilities	4224.60		1693.96
Repairs	173.14		411.00
Gas & Fire system service	261.00		366.00
TV Licence	159.00		159.00
Consumables	47.71		14.98
		12,725.45	**19191.94**

Activities			
Coronation Party	456.20		
Gardening Club	329.92		1.50
Volunteer Boat Trip	100.00		100.00
Writing & Drama Club	3.14		12.03
Jubilee Party			760.44
		889.26	**873.97**
Assistance			
Cleaning & Gardening	4170.49		
Health	2149.16		313.71
Food distribution	1678.53		1288.57
Utilities	1599.69		2397.64
Furniture & Goods	885.75		152.86
Clothing	264.44		752.15
Phone	174.00		103.10
Personal	18.99		11.00
Travel	13.50		162.43
Laundry			55.40
		10,954.55	**5,236.86**
Financial Assistance			
Rent			800.00
Rail Fine			20.00
		0.00	**820.00**
Administration			
Volunteer Expenses	3519.79		1515.43
Insurance	1347.80		1169.91
Publicity	291.58		88.71
Phone	99.18		84.32
Administration	10.00		24.07
		5,268.35	**2,882.44**
Capital			
Garden Play Equipment	684.99		
Washing Machine	458.00		
Candy Oven for flat	219.00		
Steel Catering Table	149.95		
Printer	62.97		
Safe			52.00
Carpet Cleaner			50.00
		1,574.91	**102.00**
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**31,412.52**	**29,107.21**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**38,570.12**	**7,719.91**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Deposit Account	62307.79		23,531.01
Lloyds Current Account	1187.36		1294.40
Petty cash	180.37		279.99
		63675.52	**25105.40**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
Mak	RAY BAKER	21/4/24
D w	ROWAN TAYLOR	21/4/24

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 29 FEBRUARY 2024

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Deposit Account	62307.79		23,531.01
Lloyds Current account	1187.36		1294.40
Petty cash	180.37		279.99
		63675.52	25,105.40
OTHER ASSETS			
Garden Play Equipment		684.99	
Washing Machine		458.00	
Candy Oven for flat		219.00	
Steel Catering Table		149.95	
Printer		62.97	
Safe		39.00	52.00
Carpet Cleaner		38.00	50.00
Hotpoint Freezer		180.00	241.00
Hotpoint Freezer		180.00	241.00
Washing Machine		Nil	141.00
Tumble Dryer		64.00	85.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
B&Q Neighbourly	8994.00		
Big Hug Grant	7598.81		
TSL Household Support	2246.20		
TSL Garden Project	1470.08		
One Communities Grant			1548.13
TSL Grant			474.14
		20309.09	2022.27
OTHER LIABILITIES			
		Nil	Nil

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach
Charity No. 1188158

I report on the accounts of Dewsbury Community Outreach for the year ended 29 February 2024, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Audited by KIM DEBRA GOTT

Signed 

Date 19/4/24

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188158

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Dewsbury Community Outreach Annual Report 2022-2023

Registered Charity 1188158

Introduction

Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) operates out of 74 Daisy Hill, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF13 1LS. It was formally recognised as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 February 2020 and this report covers the third year of operation 2022-2023. This is the first year that the charity has been able to operate without Covid19 restrictions in place and the activities described in this report are considered by the Trustees to reflect the way that the charity will operate for the foreseeable future within the constraints of the current volunteer team and premises.

Our aims are to create a community where everyone is welcome, valued as individuals, and supported with their needs. Where people can meet to share their skills or learn new ones, and where there's always the chance to talk about the important things in life. The focus had been to give support for those who were experiencing loneliness by creating an organised meeting point and to provide assistance to those who were homeless or in need.

Assistance

Food Assistance. In association with Fare Share, DCO collected daily surplus food from two local Tesco stores then on Monday further collections were available from Aldi, Asda and the Tesco Extra at Batley. In addition DCO worked in partnership with Fusion Housing who passed on food surplus to their requirements and on occasions use some of the food collected by the DCO team. Some of this food is used to prepare the meals but much of it is placed on tables to be taken free of charge by those in need. At Christmas DCO was able to use this food to make up 50 food hampers that were given to beneficiaries or delivered to persons known to us who were housebound.

DCO has three freezers and two fridges which are used to store raw provisions and prepared meals. The prepared meals are available free to those in need to microwave at home on days when they are not able to receive a meal at our premises.

Meals Programme. Throughout the year cooked meals have been provided in 74 Daisy Hill on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and then on Friday at the adjacent Elim Church. For the meal on Tuesdays the charity 'Gift of Giving' provided curries, which were well received. Most days between 30 and 50 meals were provided free of charge.

Clothing and Goods. DCO has received regular donations of second hand clothing, kitchen wear, furniture, bedding, towels, household items, children's toys, books, bags and other items like PAT tested electrical goods, which have been given away free to those in need. Sometimes DCO receives items that are not of use to our beneficiaries and these are passed to other charity shops in the town. Textile items that are damaged are passed to Leeds City

Mission who sell them as rags. There is a utility room in 74 Daisy Hill which, in addition to freshening up donated goods, can provide a free clothes washing facility for those in need.

In addition to the free goods some of the grant money received has been earmarked to purchase new items especially to help people over the winter, this included heated throws, thermos flasks, gloves, blankets, other items of clothing (especially underwear) and health care products.

Heating Assistance. DCO has helped individuals with heating bills by making small gifts of up to £20 onto a utility account.

Writing and Acting Club. The writing club has been especially successful in assisting individuals suffering from issues of loneliness and low self-esteem by giving them a forum to share ideas and experiences with others in the club. The support of Creative Scene for this work is acknowledged. The Acting Club provided Victorian characters for Heritage Open Day on Saturday 17 September 2022, assisting the town walking tours. They also dressed up in Victorian costume to work with Dewsbury Photographic Group for a photoshoot in the Town Hall. At Christmas the actors walked the streets in suitable festive costumes and provided Father Christmas and his helpers for the Christmas Lights switch on event on 5 December 2022. Our Christmas costumes and props were also used in Dewsbury Library in the run-up to Christmas.

Personal Advice. DCO does not offer a full advice service but being on the front line with those in need has allowed some of the DCO team to gain experience in helping refer individuals to the correct agencies to solve their problems. DCO volunteers have also been able to help individuals to gain internet connections to access items like Universal Credit portfolios and to assist with tasks like obtaining a bus pass or obtaining Covid vaccinations.

It is inevitable that some of the beneficiaries have personal difficulties that lead to debt and crime. DCO volunteers have been able to assist with the interpretation of financial demand letters or court documents and have been able to provide a 'Mackenzie Friend' for court appearances.

DCO has developed working relationships with various external organisations to assist beneficiaries including the Kirklees Street Homeless Team, Chart and the Carpenters Arms in Loughborough. We also work with Churches Together to share information on activities and events and other support services offered in the town. Our working relationship with Sensory World has continued.

Bible Study. DCO is a Christian charity and a Bible Study group for those who chose to attend have been held as required.

Jubilee Party. Grants from Kirklees Council and the Asda Foundation allowed us to work in association with the adjacent Elim Church and Sensory World to provide a street party on

Saturday 5 June 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. This was well attended by our normal beneficiaries and by other residents of Daisy Hill.

In October our efforts in preventing surplus food, clothing and other goods from going to landfill were recognised by the community when we were awarded 'Runner Up' in the Kirklees Council Recycling Hero Awards.

The volunteer team were acknowledged in August when Kirklees Third Sector Leaders awarded a grant for them to be taken on an evening canal boat trip provided by the Safe Anchor Trust.

74 Daisy Hill

In addition to the public rooms on the ground floor, 74 Daisy Hill currently has a single tenanted flat. The remainder of the building is used as storage space by DCO for things like furniture, acting costumes and consumable items. The upper floor is used by a local artist to store his canvasses and materials.

During the year further improvements were made to the building. A grant from the George Martin Trust assisted in the payments for a new shower room and toilet. Since its opening in the summer the shower has been used two or three times a week by people who are homeless or unable to have a hot shower in their place of residence.

An additional grant from the Yorkshire Building Society Charities Trust helped to finance the complete refurbishment of the kitchen. Since the kitchen has come into use it has been easier to prepare meals on site and the facility has been used to give basic cooking lessons to any who have asked for help.

The two refurbishment projects were carried out for DCO by Allen Property Services and the directors were moved by the DCO work and offered a subsidy on both projects which has helped to finance the work.

Publicity

The DCO web site, www.dewsburyco.org.uk, continues to be maintained and the charity also has a presence on Facebook as DewsburyCO. Special printed publicity was prepared for use at Easter and Christmas.

Finance

The third year has continued to be financially blessed and the trustees of DCO are grateful to the various organisations and individuals who have contributed financially, especially towards the programme to provide meals. In addition there have been enormous contributions of free food and second hand items. A major contributor has been Kirklees Council via One Communities and Kirklees Third Sector Leaders, the various grants awarded have covered every day running costs such as utility bills or volunteer expenses or have

been for specific purchases such as Heated Throws or additional non-perishable foods that have been used to supplement the perishable food obtained free from the supermarkets.

The accounts are presented separate to this report but the financial summary for the third year of operation is: income £36,827.12; expenditure £29,107.21; surplus for the year £7719.91. The trustees propose to use much of the surplus for further improvements to 74 Daisy Hill.

Training

This year members of the DCO volunteer team have attended Food Hygiene level 3 and Prevent training courses.

Governance

During the year one of the Trustees moved out of the area and resigned his position, he was replaced by a new trustee so there continued to be five trustees. Day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Chair of the Trustees. Trustees seek advice and inform each other of any critical developments via e-mail and telephone. The trustees have also met formally about once every two months to receive an update on activities and issues and to plan for the coming weeks.

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2023

		£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES				
Lloyds Bank & Petty Cash			17385.49	12159.77
RECEIPTS				
General Income				
Donations		12823.22		10869.49
74 Daisy Hill				
Rent	4450.00			3,054.00
Utilities	860.00			664.00
TV Licence	156.00	5466.00		
Inland Revenue		1157.22		1243.11
Funds paid out as Financial Assistance		820.00		2846.00
Sale of Items		30.70		109.39
Bank Interest		31.01		
Invoiced work				864.00
Refunds				132.24
			20328.15	**19782.23**
Grants				
One Communities (4 grants)		5500.00		5000.00
Third Sector Leaders (4 grants)		4039.00		4000.00
Sir George Martin Trust		3000.00		
Charities Trust (for kitchen)		1809.97		
Luke & Markus Trust		1000.00		150.00
KMDC (Jubilee Party)		500.00		
Asda Foundation (jubilee Party)		500.00		
Third Sector Leaders (Volunteer Support)		100.00		90.00
HODS (for acting club)		50.00		
AHF Building Feasibility Study				14850.00
Community Champions (Acting Club)				400.00
Big Sleep Out				250.00
Tesco				184.00
Creative Scene				160.00
			16498.97	**25084.00**
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**36,827.12**	**44866.23**
PAYMENTS				
74 Daisy Hill				
Building Improvement Work		16547.00		8,044.38
Utilities		1693.96		2,127.90
Repairs		411.00		463.57
Gas & Fire system service		366.00		
TV Licence		159.00		
Consumables		14.98		462.45
AHF Building Feasibility Study				14,850.00
			19,191.94	**25948.30**

Activities			
Jubilee Party	760.44		
Volunteer Boat Trip	100.00		
Writing & Drama Club	12.03		461.59
Gardening Club	1.50		1.50
Back to Work			864.32
On-line help			800.85
Vaccination Study			25.00
		873.97	**2,153.26**
Assistance			
Heating	2397.64		180.00
Food distribution	1288.57		3,883.48
Clothing	752.15		858.78
Health	313.71		212.29
Travel	162.43		58.20
Furniture & Goods	152.86		60.94
Phone	103.10		50.97
Laundry	55.40		72.72
Personal	11.00		11.00
		5,236.86	**5,388.38**
Financial Assistance			
Rent	800.00		
Rail Fine	20.00		
PW Funeral Fund			1500.00
Locate Properties			1346.00
		820.00	**2,846.00**
Administration			
Volunteer Expenses	1515.43		1763.65
Insurance	1169.91		1167.93
Publicity	88.71		97.92
Phone	84.32		
Administration	24.07		84.00
Repayment to IR			191.07
		2,882.44	**3,304.57**
Capital			
Safe	52.00		
Carpet Cleaner	50.00		
		102.00	**0.00**
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**29,107.21**	**39,640.51**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**7,719.91**	**5,225.72**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Deposit Account		23,531.01	
Lloyds Current Account		1294.40	16876.33
Petty cash		279.99	509.16
		25105.40	**17385.49**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
RBaker	RAY BAKER	29/3/23
	ROWAN TAYLOR	29/3/23

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2023

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Deposit Account	23,531.01		
Lloyds Current account	1294.40		16876.33
Petty cash	279.99		509.16
		25105.40	17,385.49
OTHER ASSETS			
Safe		52.00	
Carpet Cleaner		50.00	
Hotpoint Freezer		241.00	322.00
Hotpoint Freezer		241.00	322.00
Washing Machine		141.00	188.00
Tumble Dryer		85.00	113.00
Portable Strimmer		Nil	21.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
One Communities Grant		1548.13	319.41
TSL Grant		474.14	699.57
		2022.27	1018.98
OTHER LIABILITIES			
		Nil	Nil

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach
Charity No. 1188158

I report on the accounts of Dewsbury Community Outreach for the year ended 28 February 2023, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

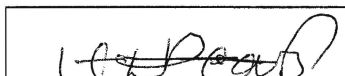
Independent examiner's statement

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Audited by Amanda Keast

Signed 

Date 22/03/2023

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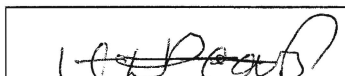
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Date 22/03/2023

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188158

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Dewsbury Community Outreach Annual Report 2021-2022

Registered Charity 1188158

Introduction

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Covid19 Restrictions

At the start of this year of operation Covid19 restrictions were still in place in the UK and beneficiaries were not allowed to enter the building but received food, goods and services socially distanced outside on Daisy Hill. In the second half of the year these restrictions were lifted and normal operations gradually resumed.

Assistance

Meals Programme. At the start of the year meals were provided out on the street through the doorway of 74 Daisy Hill. The meals were prepared for DCO by Sensory World using their commercial kitchen with some food reheated in 74 Daisy Hill. Also on Tuesdays the charity 'Gift of Giving' provided take-away curry meals. In the second half of the year the meals were served inside 74 Daisy Hill and the adjacent Dewsbury Elim Church started to provide a cooked meal on Friday lunch time, easing demands on the DCO team. Throughout the year various different patterns of timings and days for meal provision occurred but at the end of this reporting period DCO and its partners were providing lunch time meals on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at DCO and Friday at Dewsbury Elim. Most days between 30 and 50 meals were provided free of charge.

DCO has two freezers which are used to store raw provisions and prepared meals. The prepared meals are available free to those in need to microwave at home on days when they are not able to receive a meal on the street.

Food Assistance. Tesco Fare Share, Asda and Fusion Housing regularly provide DCO with large quantities of surplus food and food approaching its sell-by date. Some of this is used to prepare the meals but much of it is placed on tables to be taken free of charge by those in need. At Christmas DCO was able to use this food to make up 50 food hampers that were given to beneficiaries or delivered to persons known to us who were housebound.

Personal Advice. DCO does not offer a full advice service but being on the front line with those in need has allowed some of the DCO team to gain experience in helping refer individuals to the correct agencies to solve their problems. DCO volunteers have also been able to help individuals to gain internet connections to access items like Universal Credit portfolios and to assist with tasks like obtaining a bus pass or obtaining Covid vaccinations.

It is inevitable that some of the beneficiaries have personal difficulties that lead to debt and crime. DCO volunteers have been able to assist with the interpretation of financial demand letters or court documents and have been able to provide a 'Mackenzie Friend' for court appearances.

Clothing and Goods. DCO has received regular donations of second hand clothing, kitchenwear, furniture, children's toys, books, bags and other items like PAT tested electrical goods, which have been given away free to those in need. In addition some of the grant money received has been earmarked to purchase new items of clothing (especially underwear), health care products and pay as you go mobile phones. There is a utility room in 74 Daisy Hill which, in addition to freshening up donated goods, can provide a free clothes washing facility for those in need.

Heating Assistance. DCO has helped individuals with heating bills by making small gifts of up to £20 onto a utility account.

Writing and Acting Club. In the second half of the year the writing and acting club was able to reconvene on Wednesdays in the building. The writing club has been especially successful in assisting individuals suffering from issues of loneliness and low self-esteem by giving them a forum to share ideas and experiences with others in the club. The Acting Club provided Victorian characters for Heritage Open Day on Saturday 21 September 2021, assisting Kirklees Council in the launch of the 'Beeline' heritage trail. The actors also dressed in Victorian costume and provided Father Christmas and his helpers for the Christmas Lights switch on event on 5 December 2021; unfortunately this was less successful due to very poor weather on the day.

Gardening Club. Due to changes on volunteer personnel the DCO gardening club did not re-start after the Covid lockdown.

Bible Study. DCO is a Christian charity and a Bible Study group for those who chose to attend was re-established in the second half of the year.

74 Daisy Hill

An Architectural Heritage Foundation grant was obtained to investigate the best way of using the building. Dewsbury architect Martin Walsh was appointed to produce a feasibility study and planning documents. This work led to a long-term plan for the refurbishment and use of the building.

The first phase of this plan was implemented in the year by opening up a disused cellar under the utility room and making an access way through from the ground floor of the building. Further work to provide improved bathroom and kitchen facilities will be carried out in 2022.

In addition to the meeting rooms, 74 Daisy Hill currently has a single habitable flat. The remainder of the building is used as storage space by DCO for things like furniture, acting costumes and consumable items. The upper floor is used by a local artist to store his canvasses and materials. In the long term the feasibility plan suggests that this storage space should be converted to provide further accommodation.

Publicity

The DCO web site, www.dewsburyco.org.uk, was completely revamped during the year. The charity also has a presence on Facebook as DewsburyCO. Due to lack of control over content the Facebook friends group was closed down. Special printed publicity was prepared for use at Easter and Christmas.

Finance

The second year has been financially blessed and the trustees of DCO are grateful to the various organisations and individuals who have financially contributed, especially towards the programme to provide meals. In addition there have been enormous contributions of free food and second hand items. The accounts are presented separate to this report but the financial summary for the second year of operation is: income £44,866.23; expenditure £39,640.51; surplus for the year £5,225.72. Some of this is grant money that is earmarked for activities in March 2022 and the trustees propose to use much of the remainder for improvements to 74 Daisy Hill.

Training

Members of the DCO volunteer team have attended First Aid and Food Hygiene training courses that were arranged locally for them.

Governance

Day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Chair of the Trustees. Trustees seek advice and inform each other of any critical developments via e-mail, telephone and a WhatsApp group. The trustees have also met formally about once every six weeks to receive an update on activities and issues and to plan for the coming weeks. During the first part of the year these meetings were on Zoom.

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2022

		£	£	Last Year £
OPENING BALANCES				
Lloyds Bank & Petty Cash			12159.77	0.00
RECEIPTS				
General Income				
Donations		10869.49		8463.46
74 Daisy Hill				
Rent	3,054.00			2810.40
Utilities	664.00	3718.00		687.58
Inland Revenue		1243.11		
Locate Properties refunded		1346.00		
P.W. Funeral Fund		1500.00		
Invoiced work		864.00		
Sale of Items		109.39		602.07
Refunds		132.24		138.78
			19782.23	**12702.29**
Grants				
AHF Building Feasibility Study		14850.00		
One Communities		5000.00		11,755.00
Third Sector Leaders		4000.00		1,000.00
Third Sector Leaders (Volunteer Support)		90.00		
Community Champions (Acting Club)		400.00		
Big Sleep Out		250.00		500.00
Tesco		184.00		80.00
Creative Scene		160.00		
Luke & Markus Trust		150.00		200.00
Spacehive (for Boiler)				2,305.02
Gift of Giving				960.00
Third Sector Leaders (Acting Club)				500.00
Poor & Sick Fund				500.00
			25084.00	**17800.02**
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**44,866.23**	**30502.31**
PAYMENTS				
74 Daisy Hill				
AHF Building Feasibility Study		14,850.00		
Building Improvement Work		8,044.38		
Utilities		2,127.90		1515.33
Insurance (Building)		474.47		
Repairs		463.57		326.50
Consumables		462.45		36.45
Boiler Replacement				2200.00
			26,422.77	**4078.28**
Activities				
Back to Work		864.32		
On-line help		800.85		
Writing & Drama Club		461.59		464.46
Vaccination Study		25.00		
Gardening Club		1.50		34.49
Pre Alpha Meetings				26.40
			2,153.26	**525.35**

Assistance			
Food distribution	3,883.48		9460.87
Clothing	858.78		268.21
Health	212.29		161.98
Heating	180.00		305.00
Laundry	72.72		
Furniture & Goods	60.94		909.80
Travel	58.20		5.00
Phone	50.97		66.00
Personal	11.00		13.00
		5,388.38	**11,189.86**
Financial Assistance			
PW Funeral Fund	1500.00		
Locate Properties	1346.00		
		2,846.00	
Administration			
Volunteer Expenses	1763.65		1573.75
Insurance (Charity Activities)	693.46		
Repayment to IR	191.07		
Publicity	97.92		54.57
Administration	84.00		34.73
		2,830.10	**1,663.05**
Capital			
Freezers			858.00
Portable Strimmer			28.00
		0.00	**886.00**
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**39,640.51**	**18,342.54**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**5,225.72**	**12,159.77**
CLOSING BALANCES			
Lloyds Current Account		16876.33	12081.75
Petty cash		509.16	78.02
		17385.49	**12159.77**

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
Baker	RAY BAKER	2/4/22
M. Romagnoli	MICHAEL ROMAGNOLI	2/4/22

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 28 FEBRUARY 2022

	£	£	Last Year £
Lloyds Current account	16876.33		12081.75
Petty cash	509.16		78.02
		17385.49	12,159.77
OTHER ASSETS			
Hotpoint Freezer		322.00	429.00
Hotpoint Freezer		322.00	429.00
Washing Machine		188.00	250.00
Tumble Dryer		113.00	150.00
Portable Strimmer		21.00	28.00
RESTRICTED FUNDS			
One Communities Grant	319.41		
TSL Grant	699.57		
		1018.98	
OTHER LIABILITIES			
		Nil	Nil

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Dewsbury Community Outreach
Charity No. 1188158

I report on the accounts of Dewsbury Community Outreach for the year ended 28 February 2021, which are set out on pages one and two.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accurate accounting records has not been met.

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Audited by Aleast

Signed

Date 30.03.2022

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH

England & Wales - Charity number 1188158

Accounts

Dewsbury Community Outreach Annual Report 2020-2021

Registered Charity 1188158

Introduction

Dewsbury Community Outreach (DCO) was formally recognised as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 24 February 2020 but had been operating for some months prior to that date out of 74 Daisy Hill, Dewsbury, West Yorkshire WF13 1LS. Our aims are to create a community where everyone is welcome, valued as individuals, and supported with their needs. Where people can meet to share their skills or learn new ones, and where there's always the chance to talk about the important things in life. The focus had been to give support for those who were experiencing loneliness by creating an organised meeting point and to provide assistance to those who were homeless or in need.

Almost immediately after the formal recognition as a charity the Covid19 pandemic started; lockdown was imposed and most of the other churches and charities that were assisting people who were homeless or in need closed down. The team at DCO chose to fill in the gap and teamed up with Sensory World CIC to provide daily meals on the street outside the building and to provide clothing and household goods free to those in need. This work has continued throughout the pandemic.

Activities

Prior to the pandemic DCO was providing free of charge a Friday lunch time meal in association with Dewsbury Elim Church and a Sunday night tea independently. There was a successful writers club meeting in the building once per week and individuals were helping on a daily basis with the maintenance and upkeep of the building. Both activities were beneficial in assisting people who were long-term unemployed to make friends, gain confidence and self-esteem whilst engaged in a worthwhile project.

Following lockdown the clubs and groups meeting in the building had to close but an Acting Club was established that met, socially distanced, in the grounds of Dewsbury Elim Church. This group assisted Kirklees Council by providing actors to augment the tours of the town on Heritage Open Day (12 September 2020). Subsequent to this a grant was received to pay for actors to assist with the Christmas lights switch on. This event was cancelled but the money was used to produce a video, filmed one actor at a time in green screen for the safety of the actor and crew. The resulting production 'A Dewsbury Christmas Carol' has been well received in the town. It is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vV0LPKXUPdQ.

DCO has a Gardening Club, which in addition to maintaining the church grounds, also goes out to help householders with garden maintenance. The club has established a compost facility within the Elim Church yard and seedlings have been planted ready for use in 2021.

DCO is a Christian charity and a Bible Study group was established in the summer of 2020 that met outside in the grounds of Dewsbury Elim Church. Due to lockdown rules this group has not been able to meet once the weather became colder but will resume in 2021.

Assistance

Meals Programme. Since March 2020 meals have been provided out on the street either in front of 74 Daisy Hill, or outside Sensory World, a café and disabled centre located about 100m down the road from DCO and temporarily closed to the public due to Covid restrictions. The meals have been prepared by the Sensory World team using their commercial kitchen. In the summer of 2020 further links were made with the charities 'Gift of Giving' and 'Magic Wishing Well' and they now also assist by providing take-away meals on some days thereby relieving the work for the Sensory World team. Throughout the year various different patterns of timings and days for meal provision were tried but at the end of this reporting period DCO and its partners were providing lunch time meals on 5 days a week. Most days between 30 and 50 meals were provided free of charge.

A grant was obtained to purchase two freezers and these are used to store raw provisions and prepared meals. The prepared meals are available free to those in need to microwave at home on days when they are not able to receive a meal on the street.

Food Assistance. Tesco Fare Share and Fusion Housing regularly provide DCO with large quantities of surplus food and food approaching its sell-by date. Some of this is used to prepare the meals but much of it is placed on tables outside Sensory World for those in need to take away. At Christmas DCO was able to use this food to make up 50 food hampers for delivery to those who were lonely or housebound as a result of the Covid pandemic.

Personal Advice. DCO does not offer a full advice service but being on the front line with those in need has allowed some of the DCO team to gain experience in helping refer individuals to the correct agencies to solve their problems. DCO volunteers have also been able to help individuals to gain internet connections to access items like Universal Credit portfolios. Many people on low income do not have internet access at home and rely upon public facilities at the job centre or library – places that have been closed during lockdown.

Clothing and Goods. DCO has received regular donations of second hand clothing, kitchenwear, furniture, children's toys, books, bags and other items like PAT tested electrical goods, which have been given away free to those in need. Some items have also been sold to raise funds. In addition some of the grant money received has been earmarked to purchase new items of clothing (especially underwear), health care products and pay as you go mobile phones.

Heating Assistance. DCO has helped individuals with heating bills by making small gifts of up to £20 onto a utility account. In addition a grant awarded in December 2020 allowed the

purchase of heated throws; these low energy usage electric blankets allow an individual to keep warm without having to heat the whole house.

Laundry. Sensory World obtained a grant to provide white goods to people in need. Some of this was used to purchase a washing machine and tumble dryer which were donated to DCO. These have been set up in a utility room in 74 Daisy Hill to provide a free clothes washing facility for those in need.

74 Daisy Hill

During the year an agreement was reached with the owners of 74 Daisy Hill that the charity would use the building rent free but take on responsibility for all reasonable upkeep, utilities and maintenance. One of the boilers has been replaced using a Spacehive crowd funding grant.

In addition to the meeting rooms 74 Daisy Hill currently has a single habitable flat which has been used by a tenant seeking to recover from problems of addiction. The remainder of the building is used as storage space by DCO for things like furniture and by a local artist to store his canvasses and materials.

An Architectural Heritage Foundation grant was obtained to investigate the best way of using the building. Dewsbury architect Martin Walsh was appointed to produce a feasibility study and planning documents. This work is ongoing.

Publicity

A logo has been prepared and this is used on all publicity. Business cards, with details about the charity, have been printed and these have been extensively issued to supporters and benefactors.

DCO has set up a web site, www.dewsburyco.org.uk. It also has a presence on Facebook as DewsburyCO. In addition to the main Facebook page some of the support team have established a group page where they can share pictures, information and activities.

Governance

Day to day management of the charity is carried out by the Chair of the Trustees. Trustees seek advice and inform each other of any critical developments via e-mail, telephone and a WhatsApp group. The trustees have also met formally about once every six weeks to receive an update on activities and issues and to plan for the coming weeks. During the lockdown these meetings have been on Zoom.

Finance

In addition to establishing a bank account with Lloyds Bank the charity has set up an account with Give.net to facilitate on-line giving.

The first year has been financially successful and the trustees of DCO are grateful to the various organisations and individuals who have financially contributed, especially towards the programme to provide meals. In addition there have been enormous contributions of free food and second hand items. The accounts are presented separate to this report but the financial summary for the first year of operation is: income £30,502.31; expenditure £18,342.54; surplus for the year £12,159.77. Some of this is grant money that is earmarked for activities in March 2021 and the trustees propose to use much of the remainder for improvements to 74 Daisy Hill.

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 28 FEBRUARY 2021

		£	£
OPENING BALANCES			
Lloyds Bank & Petty Cash			0.00
RECEIPTS			
General Income			
Donations		8463.46	
74 Daisy Hill			
Rent	2810.40		
Utilities	687.58	3497.98	
Sale of Items		602.07	
Refunds		138.78	
			12702.29
Grants			
One Communities		11,755.00	
Spacehive (for Boiler)		2,305.02	
Third Sector Leaders (Heating Assistance)		1,000.00	
Gift of Giving		960.00	
Third Sector Leaders (Acting Club)		500.00	
Big Sleep Out		500.00	
Poor & Sick Fund		500.00	
Luke & Markus Trust		200.00	
Tesco		80.00	
			17800.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS			**30,502.31**
PAYMENTS			
74 Daisy Hill			
Utilities		1515.33	
Repairs		326.50	
Consumables		36.45	
Boiler Replacement		2200.00	
			4,078.28
Activities			
Writing & Drama Club		464.46	
Gardening Club		34.49	
Pre Alpha Meetings		26.4	
			525.35
Assistance			
Food distribution		9460.87	
Furniture & Goods		909.80	
Heating		305.00	
Clothing		268.21	
Health		161.98	
Phone		66.00	
Personal		13.00	
Travel		5.00	
			11,189.86

Capital		
Freezers	858.00	
Portable Strimmer	28.00	
		886.00
Administration		
Volunteer Expenses	1573.75	
Publicity	54.57	
Administration	34.73	
		1,663.05
TOTAL PAYMENTS		**18,342.54**
NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		**12,159.77**

CLOSING BALANCES

Lloyds Current Account	12081.75
Petty cash	78.02
	12159.77

Signed by two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date
RBaker	RAY BAKER	10/3/21
R	ROWAN TAYLOR	10/3/21

DEWSBURY COMMUNITY OUTREACH (Charity No. 1188158)
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE 28 FEBRUARY 2021

	£	£
Lloyds Current account	12081.75	
Petty cash	78.02	
		12159.77

OTHER ASSETS

Hotpoint Freezer	429.00
Hotpoint Freezer	429.00
Washing Machine *	250.00
Tumble Dryer *	150.00
Portable Strimmer	28.00

* gift from Sensory World

LIABILITIES

Nil

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

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Audited by Amanda Keast

Signed 

Date 10.3.2021

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