

NORTHFLEET CENTRAL

England & Wales - Charity number 1188503

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-12

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

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Activities

Objects: 1. TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF NORTHFLEET, KENT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.2. TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF NORTHFLEET IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.

Activities: Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services,Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£71	£2,883	-	-
2024-06-30	£71	£4,520	-	-
2023-06-30	£12,428	£20,275	-	-
2022-06-30	£5,021	£12,843	-	-
2021-06-30	£38,953	£9,016	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Stephen Stamp	Chair	2020-03-12
Abisola Oshoteku		2023-10-18
Andrea Jackova		2020-03-12
Dr Lauren Sullivan MP		2020-03-12
Jagjit Kaur Klair		2020-05-06
Neege Nigel Geoffrey Allen		2024-09-01
Samuel Reece Watts		2022-04-01

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The application for the charity was initially submitted in July 2019 and was entered on the Register of Charities on 12th March 2020.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

In the 2024/25 tax year, the Trustees met regularly throughout the year, with informal contacts between meetings by phone, WhatsApp and Teams. Minutes of meetings were taken and standard items on the agenda included a Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and progress reports on emerging community activities.

By far the major ongoing activity throughout the year has been related to the Pathway project. The previous annual report forecast a large number of meetings and a considerable time commitment, and the forecast has proven to be correct. The project has the potential to alter both the landscape and the lives of Northfleet Residents and is being managed by a steering committee of which Northfleet Central CIO is one of the four main partners. The project will re-purpose an existing building into a Youth Centre with space for additional community activity. At the heart will be a community café that will serve the young people, local residents and commuters. The building will include spaces for art, music and craft activities and a large multifunctional hall space. Key to the sustainability of the youth centre is the construction of a small business park on the same site, which will provide an income for the Youth Centre and employment, training and entrepreneurial opportunities for the local residents. All Trustees receive regular updates about the project with the day-to-day detail being managed by a sub-committee of three Trustees using their particular skills and professional knowledge to best effect. The site is located in the centre of a residential area, and an important task has been consulting with residents to inform them of the project, seek their views and importantly to allay any concerns they may have. The main project steering committee has met eight times during the year, with additional informal meetings of members. The Trustee sub-committee meeting schedule shadows that of the main steering committee to ensure the views of the charity are co-ordinated and communicated and that the expectations of the young people will be delivered. This youth project is unusual in that it will cover 8–18-year-olds (and Neets up to 25) and this age range brings additional challenges in relation to safeguarding and resource/space management. The workload created by the project has at times been quite onerous, involving ad hoc meetings with other groups, the preparation of reports, and frequent exchange of emails.

In a busy year we have also been active within the community. Given the other activities, we have focussed this year on working with and supporting other local organisations. We have sponsored many local groups with funds, examples being a donation towards the construction of the Salvation Army Playbus that will serve local children by providing a safe playspace, working with St Botolph's church to distribute Christmas Luxury items to less fortunate families and supporting the food bank with volunteer hours. For part of this year, we funded the Tuesday Club at the Veterans Hall to provide hot drinks and light refreshments for local elderly people.

Our Trustees have supported other groups within the area, including reading sessions for junior children on Saturdays, encouraging integration for newly arrived immigrants by providing English lessons and working with developers to reduce tension between older established inhabitants and new incoming residents.

Trustees have continued to attend meetings of community liaison groups where appropriate. As an organisation with strong links within the community, we are able to express views that are listened to and appreciated. We aim to reflect accurately the views and needs of our community and to speak on their behalf.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

FINANCIAL REVIEW

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020 and is governed by a Foundation Constitution.

There are currently seven Trustees in place with three potential vacancies.

The Trustees are:

Stephen Stamp (Chair)
Jagjit Klair (Treasurer)
Andrea Jackova
Lauren Sullivan M.P.
Samuel Reece Watts
Abi Oshoteku
Neege Allen

Northfleet Central CIO thanks the departing members for their service to the community and welcomes the new Trustees, whose local links and experience strengthen the capability of the CIO and its connections with the local community. The Charity Trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO.

It is the duty of each Charity Trustee to exercise:

- his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO
- in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and, if he or she acts as a Charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

Trustees continue to use their local knowledge and links with the community to:

Work with other organisations to provide a youth focussed centre for the benefit of young people in Northfleet.
Build links within the community that will ensure future cooperation as the Pathway Project comes to life.
Focus on the frontline social issues in our community.
Communicate what we are doing, how to contact us and work with us to provide financial support.
Ensure our finances comply with the legal and other regulations.
Monitor the local, county and national opportunities to engage with government and other agencies

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the net movement of funds for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees confirm that they have identified the risks to which the CIO is exposed. Primarily they are the need to operate in a legal framework that meets the requirement of the relevant Legislation, to manage our affairs in a financially prudent and open way, and to ensure that the conduct of Trustees reflect both the values and ethos of our CIO. Operating within a community requires us to ensure that the CIO builds and maintains a reputation for transparency, integrity and placing the needs of the community at the heart of our actions.

The Trustees addressed the financial structure of the charity, agreeing and putting in place financial authorities and controls.

The Trustees compiled and regularly review a 'Conflict of Interests Register'

We have reviewed and amended the Constitution where appropriate.

The 'Notice of meetings' is issued at least 7 days before the meeting and contains the draft minutes of the previous meeting. Draft minutes of meetings are prepared within 48 hours of the formal meeting and circulated to Trustees. Minutes are formally approved at the following meeting.

The Trustees have set up and regularly update a website which contains details of our priorities, our Trustees and examples of our current activities.

Where appropriate the Trustees use social media to communicate to local people about our activities.

The Trustees have taken out an insurance policy to safeguard against any personal liability the Trustees might incur.

A major risk to the charity is that we fail to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and the important regulations that govern our activities. The Trustees have entered into a service agreement with a well established local accountancy firm who have an oversight of our accounts and provide advice when appropriate to ensure we comply with any legal and financial requirements.

An important aspect of our activity is the need to cooperate with and work alongside other local and national organisations. The Trustees have made a conscious decision that we will only partner organisations that can demonstrate that they meet the necessary legal and professional standards associated with the particular service they deliver.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

FUTURE STRATEGY

Renewed emphasis on the community.

The provision of a youth centre with opportunities for community involvement will hopefully have a significant benefit for the area and go a long way towards our objectives to improve the lives and life chances of the residents of Northfleet.

Ebbfleet Development Corporation has agreed to fund the capital outlay for the project and with support from the other partners the prognosis for the project is very good. Clearly this project will continue to have a major claim on the time and resources of the charity and to support that we recruited new Trustees with expertise that increased our capability and provided us with local and technical advice that would allow us to play our part within the newly formed partnership.

Notwithstanding this major project, we are still focussed on the needs of the existing community and will seek ways of using our modest resources to support our community where possible. The complexity of the project and the administrative and planning hurdles have proven to be far more time consuming than first thought. We are aware of the need to re-energise our fund raising and visible community activity. In particular, we recognise the difficulties being faced by primary school children in the area and intend to continue developing our links with local schools.

Therefore, a significant additional priority will be to build relationships with local schools and other organisations, firstly to establish in depth the needs of the community, to examine solutions that have the potential of longer lasting benefits and to secure funding to implement those solutions.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Northfleet Central Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020. Registered Charity Number 1188503

REGISTERED OFFICE

12 Old Bexley Lane
Bexley
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We operate the website www.northfleetcentralcio.org.

ACCOUNTANTS:

Brendan P Byrne & Co Ltd, Bexley

BANKERS

The Co-Operative Bank:

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE TO OUR ACCOUNTANT

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our annual report there is no relevant information, being information needed by the accountant in connection with preparing their report, of which the Independent Examiner is unaware, and the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the Independent Examiner, that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

20 Mar 2026

This report was approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf

S.J. Stamp

Mr S Stamp, Chair

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 27 August 2021, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties for the Charity Commission, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Charity's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the Balance Sheet for the period ended 30 June 2025 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET)

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts held by related body		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		7,535	10,419
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(600)	(600)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,975	9,819
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 6,975</u>	<u>£ 9,819</u>
 THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		6,936	9,870
Restricted income funds		39	39
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>£ 6,975</u>	<u>£ 9,870</u>

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the charity we hereby confirm the following:

Trustees' responsibilities:

- 1) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for its accounts for the year in question
- 2) The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- 3) That no guarantees have been given and no debts are subject to a charge on assets

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees on

S.J. Stamp

Stephen Stamp

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OR
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
		£	£	£	£
Income	1b				
Income and endowments from:					
Grants Receivable		-	-	-	-
Gift Aid		-	-	-	71
Donations		-	-	-	-
Total Income		-	-	71	71
Charitable activities					
Grants and Community Contributions		1,150	-	1,150	1,250
Expenditure	1c				
Advertising/Promotional		-	-	-	1,200
Computer Costs		198	-	198	151
Events		-	-	-	-
Insurances		96	-	96	-
Venue Hire		33	-	33	576
General Administrative Expenses		74	-	74	132
Other Professional Services	2	1,332	-	1,332	1,211
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	-
Total Expenditure		2,883	-	2,883	4,520
Net income/(expenditure)	5	(2,883)	-	(2,883)	(4,449)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,883)	-	(2,883)	(4,449)
Total funds brought forward		9,780	39	9,819	14,268
Total funds carried forward		6,897	39	6,936	9,819

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1b Income

Income comprises grants, donations received and the value of sales of educational services in the normal course of business based on subsidised fees for each session(s). The charity is not required to be registered for VAT.

1c Expenditure

Expenditure includes VAT if applicable, and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1d Legal Status

The Charity has been formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the foundation model.

2. STAFF COSTS

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers.

3. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 as any excesses of income over expenditure, if made, are applied to its charitable objects.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	£
4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	
	2025 and 2024
	£
Accruals and sundry creditors	<u>600</u>



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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Although the circumstances surrounding the COVID pandemic still linger in the everyday life of the community, in our third year of operation we are seeing notable changes and improvements in community cohesion and the activities of other community groups. The Trustees continued to meet on average bi-monthly. Taking advantage of an offer from Microsoft under their community support scheme we now use their software and meet using the Teams platform during the winter months, with face-to-face meetings held at the Eastgate centre for the Spring/summer meetings. In 23/24 we met a total of 7 times, with informal contacts between meetings by phone, WhatsApp and Teams. Minutes of meetings were taken and standard items on the agenda included a Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and progress report on emerging activities.

Our charity has played an active and very positive part in the many consultations that have taken place with local developers and other organisations within the community. We have been particularly active in consultative groups concerning development within our area that has the potential to affect the lives of our local residents. The building of larger estates surrounding the older part of the area can cause tensions between new and existing residents and we have played a part in conveying our concerns to the developers which has been received very positively and resulted in some changes and local initiatives that have benefited local people. In particular we were instrumental in persuading one developer to involve the young people of the area in the design of a playground that was planned to be constructed near to a new development. This was well received by the young people with many of them contributing ideas and suggestions to a competition which resulted in many aspects of the winning designs being incorporated in the final build of the new playground. Northfleet Central CIO always takes great pains in our responses to consultations by accurately reflecting what we believe are the needs of the people and the community. Our view is that our local links and knowledge qualify us to speak on behalf of local people and we have established a reputation as an organisation that makes comments that are rational and constructive.

Over the year representatives of the CIO have continued to attend meetings of community liaison groups including the Bellway Community Forum, The Foundry and Harbour Community Forum and Keepmoat Housing. These meetings involved issues involving a new playground near The Hive, potential community use spaces and public consultation for a new school that will be built in the area. We continue to build links with other groups where we feel that we can add value.

The Trustees approved a small grant to support the refurbishment of a much used and valuable public space at the rear of St Botolph's church. The area had been vandalised, including wooden seating being set on fire. Following the serious fire in several private homes, leaving many residents, affected and non-affected without access to their homes, the Trustees responded quickly with a small grant to provide food and other essentials in the very early days before other agencies geared up to the support the residents.

Through out 23/24 we supported the CVS Tuesday club, which provided hot drinks and light refreshments for local elderly people.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

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- his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO
- in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and, if he or she acts as a Charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

Trustees continue to use their local knowledge and links with the community to:

Understand the needs of the 'quiet' members of the community.
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Focus on the frontline social issues in our community.
Communicate what we are doing, how to contact us and work with us to provide financial support.
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Monitor the local, county and national opportunities to engage with government and other agencies
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

FUTURE STRATEGY

A significant proportion of the time of meetings and the personal time of trustees was occupied throughout the year with the continued efforts to secure funding and engage with others in the provision of a youth centre in an existing building near to the Northfleet Station. In Sept 23 a significant step forward was the formation of a partnership with Ebbsfleet Development Corporation and Gravesham Borough Council. The partnership subsequently expanded to include Creative Estuary, an organisation formed to improve creativity and community cohesion along the river Thames Estuary. In Jan 24 the partnership, now designated as 'The Pathway Project', issues a joint statement of ambition to deliver a youth focussed project that would also provide employment and development opportunities for the wider community.

The project will deliver a centre and business park with the aim of providing a sustainable and professionally led youth provision aimed at 8–18-year-olds in Northfleet. The project will require considerable effort to deliver and involve trustees in frequent and complex meetings over the next few years.

This provision of a youth centre with opportunities for community involvement will hopefully have a significant benefit for the area and go a long way towards our objectives to improve the lives and life chances of the residents of Northfleet.

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation have recently agreed to fund the capital outlay for the project and with support from the other partners the prognosis for the project is very good. Clearly this project will have a major claim on the time and resources of the charity and to support that we recruited new Trustees with expertise that increased our capability and provided us with local and technical advice that would allow us to play our part within the newly formed partnership.

Notwithstanding this major project, we are still focussed on the needs of the existing community and will seek ways of using our modest resources to support our community where possible.

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19 Mar 2025

This report was approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf

Mr S Stamp, Chair

S. J. Stamp

NORTHFLEET CENTRAL
REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 27 August 2021, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties for the Charity Commission, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Charity's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the Balance Sheet for the period ended 30 June 2024 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



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NORTHFLEET CENTRAL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET)

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts held by related body		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		10,419	14,868
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(600)	(600)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		9,819	14,268
NET ASSETS		£ 9,819	£ 14,268
 THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		9,870	13,979
Restricted income funds		39	289
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		£ 9,819	£ 14,268

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the charity we hereby confirm the following:

Trustees' responsibilities:

- 1) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for its accounts for the year in question
- 2) The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- 3) That no guarantees have been given and no debts are subject to a charge on assets

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees on 19 Mar 2025

S. J. Stamp

Stephen Stamp

NORTHFLEET CENTRAL
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OR
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
		£	£	£	£
Income	1b				
Income and endowments from:					
Grants Receivable		-	-	-	11,428
Gift Aid		71	-	71	-
Donations		-	-	-	1,000
Total Income		71	-	71	12,428
Charitable activities					
Community Contributions		1,000	250	1,250	3,250
Expenditure	1c				
Advertising/Promotional		1,200	-	1,200	-
Computer Costs		151	-	151	238
Events		-	-	-	2,400
Insurances		-	-	-	-
Venue Hire		576	-	576	660
General Administrative					
Expenses		132	-	132	477
Other Professional Services	2	1,211	-	1,211	13,200
Miscellaneous		-	-	-	50
Total Expenditure		4,270	250	4,520	20,275
Net income/(expenditure)	5	(4,199)	(250)	(4,449)	(7,847)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(4,199)	(250)	(4,449)	(7,847)
Total funds brought forward		13,979	289	14,268	22,115
Total funds carried forward		9,780	39	9,819	14,268

NORTHFLEET CENTRAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1b Income

Income comprises grants, donations received and the value of sales of educational services in the normal course of business based on subsidised fees for each session(s). The charity is not required to be registered for VAT.

1c Expenditure

Expenditure, includes VAT if applicable, and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1d Legal Status

The Charity has been formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the foundation model.

2. STAFF COSTS

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers.

3. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 as any excesses of income over expenditure, if made, are applied to its charitable objects.

NORTHFLEET CENTRAL
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

	£
4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	
	2024 and 2023
	£
Accruals and sundry creditors	<u>600</u>



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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 30 June 2023

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The Objectives of the Charity are;

1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Northfleet, Kent and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
2. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Northfleet in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The application for the charity was initially submitted in July 2019 and was entered on the Register of Charities on 12th March 2020.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees continued to meet on average monthly, meeting via Teams during the winter months and face to face for the Spring/Summer meetings. In 22/23 we met a total of 8 times, with informal contacts between meetings by phone, WhatsApp and Teams. Minutes of meetings were taken and standard items on the agenda include a Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and various progress reports. We continued to use the services of the Co-op bank and our Accountants, working closely with our treasurer, provide regular advice and support. The Treasurer's Report at each meeting includes details of the bank balance and income and expenditure. We have a policy in place with Zurich to insure against Public Liability. During the year one of our trustees resigned as she was leaving to take up employment in another part of the County. She was a valuable link to the community in her role as a pastoral vicar and will be difficult to replace. We are always open to additional trustees joining if they can bring new experience and skills to the group.

Northfleet continues to be a challenging area to live. The levels of deprivation are high and, in some parts, actually increasing. The older residents predominantly living in older housing can see the vast new development surrounding them. It can be demotivating for these long-standing community members to see money being spent on new roads and other infrastructure and little being invested in the older parts of the area. The number of Houses in Multiple Occupation has continued to rise predominantly amongst the older housing stock as new people come into the area. Some of these new residents do not have English as their first language and this brings additional challenges. Fortunately, one of our trustees is the community leader within the Romani Slovak Czech community and her experience has been most useful. The challenge is to integrate the old and the new and to ensure that all members of the community values everyone's presence and contribution to the community.

During the year we have continued to play a full role within the community being represented on several liaison committees with local developers and community organisations. We are recognised as an organisation that acts responsibly and whose comments are constructive. This year our representatives have attended meetings of community liaison groups for Bellway Community Forum, The Foundry and Harbour Community Forum and Keepmoat Housing. We continue to build links with other groups where we feel that we can add value. Additionally, were asked to join the Dartford, Swanley and Gravesend Well-being Group whose aim is to address the overall health and well-being of residents. We have maintained our website and further developed the use of social media to communicate with local residents.

We have continued our support for children during the summer holidays by once again organising summer activity sessions. They were well attended and encouraged primary school children to engage in new and interesting activities. Once again these sessions were free and attendance was encouraged from families that would not normally have the funds for their children to attend fee paying sessions. It was good to note that two local schools had followed our example from the previous year and organised activities on their own for the summer holidays.

In the middle of the year we wound down our Work club and CSCS scheme. Although Employment continues to be a focus of our charity, in terms of volunteer time and training expenditure, the outcomes were not achieving our objectives. We are grateful to one of our local Councillors who supported our work with a grant to cover our expenses.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

As our scheme was drawing to a close we co-operated with a local training company to encourage Northfleet residents to take advantage of free places on offer. In addition, local developers were changing their emphasis on CSCS training and introducing schemes of their own. We continue to monitor the situation and will consider re-opening our scheme if the situation requires it. We continued to be part of the Digital Inclusion Scheme run by Kent County council and as a charity had the authority to refer residents to the scheme.

We have supported several small but no less important projects, the purchase of musical instruments to encourage young people to develop an interest in music and the distribution of sweets to local children on St Nicholas Day. In March we funded a larger project organised under the auspices of CVS North West Kent. The Tuesday Club is held every week and attended by elderly residents. They receive light refreshments, enjoy fellowship and social activity. The sessions are greatly enjoyed but also serve the important need of reducing isolation amongst the elderly. We have funded this project to last a year.

From September onwards a significant task was to formulate the submission of a bid to the DCMS for funds to refurbish the building we proposed to use as Youth Centre. The bid process required many hours of work by Trustees producing information, specifications and design drawings. We commissioned a feasibility study and other surveys to establish the suitability of the building. Our initial Expression of Interest was accepted and the main bid process continued for several months. Despite many hours of work in May we learnt our bid had not been successful. We were unable to meet some of the deadlines being set and the bid process closed. It was a very low moment for the Trustees given the amount of work we had carried out. The intention is to use the vast amount of data we have produced as the basis for a further project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This report covers the year ended 30 June 2023. During the year the net outgoing resources were £7,847 (2022 net outgoing resources were £7,822).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020 and is governed by a Foundation Constitution.

There are currently eight Trustees in place with two vacancies.

The Trustees are:

Stephen Stamp (Chair)
Jagjit Klair (Treasurer)
Dawn Wellbelove (resigned 1st April 2023)
Andrea Jackova
Paul Avery
Lauren Sullivan
Samuel Reece Watts

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- Individual Trustees have specific areas of focus:

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Researching and communicating to appropriate organisations and developers our specification for the "ideal community centre".

Focussing on the frontline social issues in our community.

Communicating what we are doing, how to access our services and encouraging financial support.

Ensuring our finances comply with the legal and other regulations.

Monitoring the local, county and national opportunities to engage with government and other agencies

Focussing on fund raising opportunities.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

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FUTURE STRATEGY

Our objectives to improve the lives and life chances of Northfleet residents remain our key focus.

The needs of the young people in the area continue to assume great importance in our future planning. We have a higher percentage of young people (Under 18) than anywhere else in Kent, in addition they are less likely to be qualified and more likely to be unemployed. There are also challenges around the high number of young people who do not have English as their first language. Our intention remains to develop a youth centre that provides an opportunity for young people to develop self-confidence, self esteem and other life skills remains paramount. We will continue to work with other organisations to improve youth provision in a financially sustainable way and further our ambition for a youth centre. To advance the project successfully we will also need to recruit additional trustees with specific skills.

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT, continued

The levels of literacy amongst primary school children remain very concerning. In 23/24 we aim to continue building stronger links with the local primary school children and work with them to improve literacy. In addition we will examine ways of widening the age range of young people that can be catered for in the youth centre in the hope that we can find activities and interests that give the young children some purpose and the will power to become useful members of the community.

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This report was approved by the board on 15 April 2024 and signed on their behalf:

Mr S Stamp, Chair

NORTHFLEET CENTRAL
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CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts held by related body		-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		14,868	22,715
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(600)	(600)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		14,268	22,115
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 14,268</u>	<u>£ 22,115</u>
 THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		13,979	20,544
Restricted income funds		289	1,571
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>£ 14,268</u>	<u>£ 22,115</u>

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the charity we hereby confirm the following:

Trustees' responsibilities:

- 1) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for its accounts for the year in question
- 2) The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- 3) That no guarantees have been given and no debts are subject to a charge on assets

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees on 15 April 2024

Stephen Stamp

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OR
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds 2023	Total funds 2022
		£	£	£	£
Income	1b				
Income and endowments from:					
Grants Receivable		-	11,428	11,428	5,021
Donations		1,000	-	1,000	-
Total Income		1,000	11,428	12,428	5,021
Charitable activities					
Community Contributions		3,250	-	3,250	-
Expenditure	1c				
Advertising/Promotional		-	-	-	150
Computer Costs		238	-	238	517
Events		2,400	-	2,400	-
Insurances		150	-	150	202
Venue Hire		-	660	2,700	2,700
General Administrative Expenses		327	-	327	477
Other Professional Services	2	1,200	12,000	13,200	7,252
Miscellaneous		-	50	50	540
Total Expenditure		7,565	12,710	20,275	12,842
Net income/(expenditure)	5	(6,565)	(1,282)	(7,847)	(7,822)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(6,565)	(1,282)	(7,847)	(7,822)
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4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 and 2023
	£
Accruals and sundry creditors	<u>600</u>

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

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The application for the charity was initially submitted in July 2019 and was entered on the Register of Charities on 12th March 2020.

Two events entirely out of the control of the new charity originally were to influence the progress during the first year:

The first and most serious was that only six days after registration, the nation entered the most serious pandemic for a century and the necessary measures to control the infection required the population to be locked down.

Secondly negotiations to potentially lease the Northfleet Hub Community Centre, within which many of the potential activities would take place, came to an abrupt end in early 2020, when a building survey carried out by the owners indicated that in order to meet safety and habitation standards, significant and for the charity unrealistic expenditure would be required.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The second year of our operation was still somewhat under the shadow of the covid pandemic but like the rest of the country we witnessed a gradual improvement in community activity.

The Trustees continued to meet on average monthly, meeting via Zoom during the winter months and face to face for the Spring/summer meetings. In 21/22 we met a total of 10 times, with informal contacts between meetings by phone, WhatsApp and Zoom. Minutes of meetings were taken and standard items on the agenda included a Chairman's Report, Treasurer's Report and progress report on the preparation of a review of the Business Plan.

We were able to begin delivering our Business plan albeit in a limited way during the start of the year. A significant change was that during covid we were unable to open a bank account because the main banks were simply not accepting new subscribers. We were able to operate prior to July with the support of Northfleet CVS, for which we were very grateful. When the opportunity arose we were finally accepted by the Co-op Bank and with the support of our accountants our funds were transferred to the new account in July.

During the year we have played a very positive part in the many consultations that have taken place with Developers and other organisations. Our aim to improve the lives of the people of Northfleet has many aspects and structural changes to the environment via local development, leisure schemes and changes to facilities such as new schools can have an important impact. Northfleet Central CIO always responds to consultations by accurately reflecting what we believe are the needs of the people and the community. Some examples are schemes that are being planned that fail to involve local people, that falsely raise expectations about what will be the outcome or even simply fail to address such basic requirements as safe car parking and access. Our view is that our local links and knowledge qualify us to speak on behalf of local people and we have established a reputation as an organisation that makes comments that are rational and constructive.

Over the year representatives of the CIO have attended meetings of community liaison groups for the London Resort Community Forum, Bellway Community Forum, The Foundry and Harbour Community Forum and Keepmoat Housing. We continue to build links with other groups where we feel that we can add value.

An up to date website, a key part of our public face, and with support from a small local company we have maintained a website that accurately reflects our work and the membership of the board. Two Trustees have resigned this year, both for personal reasons and we have seen the arrival of a new Trustee. Living locally with good links to the community, our new Trustee has already made a useful contribution to the Board by taking on the management of our social media, something we wanted to develop but hadn't got to grips with during Covid.

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One lingering consequence of covid was the effect on families, particularly children. To combat some of that effect, we arranged sports sessions during the summer holidays in conjunction with four local primary schools. The scheme was offered to all year 5 primary school children and provided activity and companionship for the children who had been at home for so long. Some schools within Gravesend had previously offered similar sessions but the cost was prohibitive to many of our local families. With some financial support from the Kent Community Fund we were able to offer free places to all the children. The sessions were a great success. Notably because there were families with two or more siblings in the same school who without our support would previously have found such a financial outlay impossible.

The continued difficulties with IT access and equipment led us to partner with the Kent Digital Inclusion Scheme. As a charity we were able to make referrals and to benefit local families. This was particularly useful to address the needs of senior school pupils where the lack of IT connectivity was a problem.

Employment or the lack of it continues to be a significant social issue in Northfleet. In early 2021 we had begun a Work Club and it had grown steadily with many local people using our laptops and internet access to search for work, to avail themselves of the CV writing service and to receive general support that they often need to find work. The work club takes place in one of the church halls and at the same time as the local foodbank and debt support team. Northfleet is surrounded by several major construction projects and a CSCS card is a necessary qualification before an individual can work on a construction site. The cost of training, assessment and the card is quite prohibitive. With support from a local councillor, we partnered with Kent County Council and a local commercial training company to provide free help to suitable residents. That scheme is ongoing.

In other smaller but no less important projects we supported the St Nicholas Christmas Celebrations which delivered small bags of sweets to local children, supported the Christmas lunch appeal organised by a local church which provided lunch and entertainment for nearly 100 local pensioners and upgraded the wifi in a local church hall.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This report covers the year ended 30 June 2022, this was the first year of operating without support from another local charity, the Council for Voluntary Services North West Kent. During the year the net outgoing resources were £7,822 (2021 net incoming resources were £29,937).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020 and is governed by a Foundation Constitution.

There are currently eight Trustees in place with two vacancies.

The Trustees are:

Stephen Stamp (Chair)
Jagjit Klair (Treasurer)
Deborah Keys (resigned 31 March 2022)
Dawn Wellbelove
Caroline Pieroni (resigned 26 April 2022)
Andrea Jackova
Paul Avery
Lauren Sullivan
Samuel Reece Watts (appointed 01 April 2022)

The Charity Trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO.

It is the duty of each Charity Trustee to exercise:

- his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO
- in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and, if he or she acts as a Charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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- Individual Trustees have specific areas of focus:

Understanding the needs of the 'quiet' members of the community.
Researching and communicating to appropriate organisations and developers our specification for the "ideal community centre".
Focussing on the frontline social issues in our community.
Communicating what we are doing, how to access our services and encouraging financial support.
Ensuring our finances comply with the legal and other regulations.
Monitoring the local, county and national opportunities to engage with government and other agencies
Focussing on fund raising opportunities.
Attracting investment and support for youth provision.

All Trustees are tasked with delivering our Business Plan.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the net movement of funds for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees confirm that they have identified the risks to which the CIO is exposed. Primarily they are the need to operate in a legal framework that meets the requirement of the relevant Legislation, to manage our affairs in a financially prudent and open way, and to ensure that the conduct of Trustees reflect both the values and ethos of our CIO. Operating within a community requires us to ensure that the CIO builds and maintains a reputation for transparency, integrity and placing the needs of the community at the heart of our actions.

The Trustees addressed the financial structure of the charity, agreeing and putting in place financial authorities and controls.

The Trustees compiled and regularly review a 'Conflict of Interests Register'

We have reviewed and amended the Constitution where appropriate.

The 'Notice of meetings' is issued at least 7 days before the meeting and contains the draft minutes of the previous meeting. Draft minutes of meetings are prepared within 48 hours of the formal meeting and circulated to Trustees. Minutes are formally approved at the following meeting.

The Trustees have set up and regularly update a website which contains details of our business plan, Trustees and examples of our current activities.

Where appropriate the Trustees use social media to communicate to local people about our activities.

The Trustees have taken out an insurance policy to safeguard against any personal liability the Trustees might incur.

A major risk to the charity is that we fail to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and the important regulations that govern our activities. The Trustees have entered into a service agreement with a well established local accountancy firm who have an oversight of our accounts and provide advice when appropriate to ensure we comply with any legal and financial requirements.

An important aspect of our activity is the need to cooperate with and work alongside other local and national organisations. The Trustees have made a conscious decision that we will only partner organisations that can demonstrate that they meet the necessary legal and professional standards associated with the particular service they deliver.

FUTURE STRATEGY

Our objectives to address social welfare and poverty have assumed greater importance post Covid.

Employment opportunities abound in the area, surrounded as we are by a major construction project in the Ebbsfleet Garden City and

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with the London Resort project only a few kilometres away. We will continue to develop links with the main developers and form partnerships with local government and private training organisations to provide opportunities for local residents to achieve qualifications to improve their employment chances.

From the inception of the CIO we recognised that the community needed a community centre of some sort, particularly one that would benefit the young people of the area. Both nationally and locally reports charted the difficulties for young people after covid particularly with mental health. A study carried out in Kent indicated that Northfleet had the highest percentage of young people in the population than all other areas. Anti social behaviour is on the increase and Community Safety Officers have indicated the amount of drug related crime is on the increase. Building on the relationship we had established with Ebbsfleet Development Corporation we began a project to use a building within Northfleet as a Youth centre. That project will take time but will be worthwhile if it succeeds.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Northfleet Central Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020. Registered Charity Number 1188503

REGISTERED OFFICE

12 Old Bexley Lane
Bexley
Kent, DA5 2BN

We operate the website www.northfleetcentralcio.org.

ACCOUNTANTS:

Brendan P Byrne & Co Ltd, Bexley

BANKERS

The Co-Operative Bank:

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE TO OUR ACCOUNTANT

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our annual report there is no relevant information, being information needed by the accountant in connection with preparing their report, of which the Independent Examiner is unaware, and the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the Independent Examiner, that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 27 August 2021, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties for the Charity Commission, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Charity's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the Balance Sheet for the period ended 31 June 2022 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET)

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets		-	-
CURRENT ASSETS			
Amounts held by related body	4	-	30,537
Cash at bank and in hand		22,715	-
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	5	(600)	(600)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		22,115	29,937
NET ASSETS		£ 22,115	£ 29,937
 THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
General funds		20,544	26,019
Restricted income funds		1,571	3,918
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		£ 22,115	£ 29,937

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Grants Receivable		-	5,021	5,021	38,953
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Events		-	-	0	518
Insurances		202	-	202	404
Venue Hire		290	2,410	2,700	172
General Administrative Expenses		397	80	477	35
Other Professional Services	2	1,000	6,252	7,252	4,187
Miscellaneous		150	390	540	173
Total Expenditure		3,338	9,505	12,843	9,016
Net income/(expenditure)	5	(3,338)	(4,484)	(7,822)	29,937
Transfers between funds		(2,137)	2,137	-	-
Net movement in funds		(5,475)	(2,347)	(7,822)	29,937
Total funds brought forward		26,019	3,918	29,937	-
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4. DEBTORS **2021**
£

Amounts held by the Council for Voluntary Services, North West Kent. 30,537

The 2021 balance is stated net of fees and funds were handed over on 28 July 2021 and therefore the 2022 balance is nil.

5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR **2021 and**
2022
£

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This was a very challenging process for all Trustees, managing the personal issues around their families, employment and at the same time trying to meld into a new team.

Advice from the Charity Commission website indicated that a new charity could take up to six months to establish itself. Clearly this was during more normal times and although we all did our best things took a frustratingly long time. Notwithstanding the problems, the Trustees set about putting the building blocks in place to ensure the charity would be in a position to hit the ground running when the pandemic lockdown was ended.

We discovered very early that many of the organisations that as a new charity we would have expected to contact, were also going through their own difficulties. This was particularly the case within local community organisations. Some immediately closed down during the pandemic and all their activities ceased. Some local organisations and activities were to close permanently.

The Treasurer faced a serious challenge as all banks stopped opening new accounts. We were able to negotiate with our local 'Council for Voluntary Services' that they would act as our bank account holder until such times as we could open our own account.

Individual Trustees took on specific areas of interest and we mapped out in basic detail the areas in which we wanted to operate with the community and started to build contacts. We developed our business plan to a point that we could produce specific actions to deliver it.

We set up our communications system, obtained the services of a webmaster who designed our website, we registered our domain address and developed an email strategy which includes enables all mails to be stored. We opened Facebook and Instagram accounts.

A key element of our plan during the registration process was that we would have a venue to deliver the programme of activities that would meet our objectives. The loss of the Hub Community Centre was a setback but one that it is important we overcome. We have begun building relationships with the Ebbsfleet Garden City Project and with other local developers who have responsibility in the medium future to construct new community Centres within the area, with the ultimate aim to either become the managing tenant of the

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centre or at least have access to provide community activities.

Our aim is to ultimately improve the lives of the residents of Northfleet. To do that we need to be at the table when key decisions are made. Trustees have also set about actively developing relationships with other local groups, developers and with the local authority to ensure that we can present a vision of how things can improve. We contributed to consultations on new developments, on new leisure facilities and other local social projects. We have developed a reputation for effective, consistent and professional comments which have been welcomed by the organisations we have worked with.

Over Zoom, we met with several important community liaison groups and are represented on the London Resort Community Forum, Bellway Community Forum, The Foundry and Harbour Community Forum where we have provided input about the effect of major developments on employment and housing in the area.

Christmas 2020 was a difficult time for many families. The Trustees joined in with the local food bank and the Romani Slovak Czech community to distribute Christmas chocolates to local children. This was particularly welcome given that children had been quite severely affected by the lockdown.

In early 2021 it became clear that local children were disadvantaged because of a lack of IT access. Working from home presented difficulties to families where connectivity was an issue and particularly where more than one child was required to join in lessons at the same time. Reacting quickly to this issue, the Trustees set up a scheme in conjunction with a local computer repair company to refurbish and digitally clean donated laptops. It was a modest scheme, low cost but by working with local schools we were able to identify specific families that needed the support. Appeals for unwanted laptops via the local newspaper and on social media were quite successful.

As lockdown restrictions were eased but clearly still affected by the need to meet the required safety measures to control the spread of the virus, we initiated a 'Work Club' assisting local residents to find work, complete CVs and prepare for interviews. This takes place in a local church hall in conjunction with the Foodbank and also provides an opportunity for residents to receive debt advice and other face to face support. Covid restrictions limit our efforts at present and there are clear signs that people are still reluctant to leave their homes.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

This report covers the period from registration on 12 March 2020 to this first year end on 30 June 2021, this was an unusual period for the finances as the organisation did not have its own bank account. It relied upon the support of another local charity, the Council for Voluntary Services North West Kent to manage any necessary financial transactions using their own robust measures under their restricted funds. During this period net incoming resources held on behalf of the charity totalled £29,937 which were not transferred to the charity until after this period of account. £3,918 of those resources are to be used on restricted projects.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020 and is governed by a Foundation Constitution.

There are currently eight Trustees in place with two vacancies.

The Trustees are:

Stephen Stamp (Chair)
Jagjit Klair (Treasurer)
Deborah Keys (resigned 31 March 2022)
Dawn Wellbelove
Caroline Pieroni
Andrea Jackova
Paul Avery
Lauren Sullivan
Samuel Reece Watts (appointed 01 April 2022)

The Charity Trustees manage the affairs of the CIO and may for that purpose exercise all the powers of the CIO.

It is the duty of each Charity Trustee to exercise:

- his or her powers and to perform his or her functions in his or her capacity as a Trustee of the CIO in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the CIO
- in the performance of those functions, such care and skill as is reasonable in the circumstances having regard in particular to any special knowledge or experience that he or she has or holds himself or herself out as having; and, if he or she acts as a Charity Trustee of the CIO in the course of a business or profession, to any special knowledge or experience that it is reasonable to expect of a person acting in the course of that kind of business or profession.

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Individual Trustees have specific areas of focus:

Understanding the needs of the 'quiet' members of the community.
Researching and communicating to appropriate organisations and developers our specification for the "ideal community centre".
Focussing on the frontline social issues in our community.
Communicating what we are doing, how to access our services and encouraging financial support.
Ensuring our finances comply with the legal and other regulations.
Monitoring the local, county and national opportunities to engage with government and other agencies
Focussing on fund raising opportunities.
Attracting investment and support for youth provision.

All Trustees are tasked with delivering our Business Plan.

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the net movement of funds for that period. In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements, and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Trustees confirm that they have identified the risks to which the CIO is exposed. Primarily they are the need to operate in a legal framework that meets the requirement of the relevant Legislation, to manage our affairs in a financially prudent and open way, and to ensure that the conduct of Trustees reflect both the values and ethos of our CIO. Operating within a community requires us to ensure that the CIO builds and maintains a reputation for transparency, integrity and placing the needs of the community at the heart of our actions.

The Trustees addressed the financial structure of the charity, agreeing and putting in place financial authorities and controls.

The Trustees compiled and regularly review a 'Conflict of Interests Register'

We have reviewed and amended the Constitution where appropriate.

The 'Notice of meetings' is issued at least 7 days before the meeting and contains the draft minutes of the previous meeting. Draft minutes of meetings are prepared within 48 hours of the formal meeting and circulated to Trustees. Minutes are formally approved at the following meeting.

The Trustees have set up and regularly update a website which contains details of our business plan, Trustees and examples of our current activities.

Where appropriate the Trustees use social media to communicate to local people about our activities.

The Trustees have taken out an insurance policy to safeguard against any personal liability the Trustees might incur.

A major risk to the charity is that we fail to comply with the requirements of the Charity Commissioners and the important regulations that govern our activities. The Trustees have entered into a service agreement with a well established local accountancy firm who have an oversight of our accounts and provide advice when appropriate to ensure we comply with any legal and financial requirements.

An important aspect of our activity is the need to cooperate with and work alongside other local and national organisations. The Trustees have made a conscious decision that we will only partner organisations that can demonstrate that they meet the necessary legal and professional standards associated with the particular service they deliver.

FUTURE STRATEGY

The effect of the pandemic was far more prolonged than anyone could have forecast. Throughout our first year it was at times impossible to plan for the future in any meaningful way. This was of course not just an issue for us but also for other organisations and

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more importantly the members of the community who were focussed on day to day survival.

Our objectives to address social welfare and poverty have assumed greater importance post Covid. Employment opportunities abound in the area, surrounded as we are by a major construction project in the Ebbsfleet Garden City and with the London Resort project only a few kilometres away. We will continue to develop links with the main developers and form partnerships with local government and private training organisations to provide opportunities for local residents to achieve qualifications to improve their employment chances. The Work Club has been a successful initiative and grown as covid requirements are scaled back. There will be opportunities to increase the opening hours and frequency by recruiting more volunteer support.

Children at primary schools have been particularly disadvantaged during the pandemic, losing contact with friends, having fewer opportunities for outside exercise and restricted in our area by the lack of green spaces. We are finalising plans for a summer sports programme that will offer local primary children a chance to use the local school playing fields during the summer holidays.

The lack of a community centre is an impediment to progress for the whole community and we will continue to develop opportunities and partnerships with organisations that can provide space and facilities.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Northfleet Central Charitable Incorporated Organisation was registered on 12 March 2020. Registered Charity Number 1188503

REGISTERED OFFICE

c/o Northfleet Veterans Club,
The Hill,
Northfleet,
Gravesend,
Kent, DA11 9EU

We operate the website www.northfleetcentralcio.org.

ACCOUNTANTS:

Brendan P Byrne & Co Ltd, Bexley

BANKERS

The Co-Operative Bank:

STATEMENT AS TO DISCLOSURE TO OUR ACCOUNTANT

In so far as the Trustees are aware at the time of approving our annual report there is no relevant information, being information needed by the accountant in connection with preparing their report, of which the Independent Examiner is unaware, and the Trustees, having made enquiries of fellow trustees and the Independent Examiner, that they ought to have individually taken, have each taken all steps that he/she is obliged to take as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

This report was approved by the board on

and signed on their behalf

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 27 August 2021, and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties for the Charity Commission, we have compiled the financial statements of the company which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and the related notes from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the financial statements that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Charity's Board of Trustees that we have done so, and state those matters that we have agreed to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Board of Trustees, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have acknowledged on the Balance Sheet for the period ended 31 June 2021 your duty to ensure that the company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare financial statements that give a true and fair view. You consider that the charity is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial statements.



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION (BALANCE SHEET)

	Note	2021 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets		-
CURRENT ASSETS		
Amounts held by related body	3	30,537
Cash at bank and in hand		-
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(600)
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		29,937
NET ASSETS		<u>£ 29,937</u>
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
General funds		26,019
Restricted income funds		3,918
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		<u>£ 29,937</u>

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the charity we hereby confirm the following:

Trustees' responsibilities:

- 1) The members have not required the company to obtain an audit for its accounts for the year in question
- 2) The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- 3) That no guarantees have been given and no debts are subject to a charge on assets

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The accounts were approved by the board of trustees on

Stephen Stamp

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS OR
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Total funds £
Income	1b			
Income and endowments from:				
Grants Receivable		32,000	6,953	38,953
Total Income		32,000	6,953	38,953
Expenditure	1c			
Advertising/Promotional		800	-	800
Computer Costs		-	2,727	2,727
Events		518	-	518
Insurances		404	-	404
Meeting Room Hire		72	100	172
General Administrative Expenses		-	35	35
Other Professional Services	2	4,187	-	4,187
Miscellaneous		-	173	173
Total Expenditure		5,981	3,035	9,016
Net income/(expenditure)	5	26,019	3,918	29,937
Transfers between funds		-	-	-
Net movement in funds		26,019	3,918	29,937
Total funds carried forward		£ 26,019	£ 3,918	£ 29,937

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

1b Income

Income comprises grants, donations received and the value of sales of educational services in the normal course of business based on subsidised fees for each session(s). The charity is not required to be registered for VAT.

1c Expenditure

Expenditure, includes VAT if applicable, and is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

1d Legal Status

The Charity has been formed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the foundation model.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

2. STAFF COSTS

The charity is staffed entirely by volunteers.

3. DEBTORS

2021
£

Amounts held by the Council for Voluntary Services, North West Kent.

30,537

These sums are stated net of fees & were handed over on 28 July 2021

4. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

2021
£

Accruals and sundry creditors

600

5. TAXATION

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 as any excesses of income over expenditure, if made, are applied to its charitable objects.