

Lambeth Chinese Community Association

(A Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
(CIO) Number: 1188688**

Lambeth Chinese Community Association

**Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

The Trustees of the Charity present their Annual Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024.

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Name of Charity:	Lambeth Chinese Community Association
Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number:	1188688
Registered & Operational Office:	69 Stockwell Road London SW9 9PY
Bankers:	HSBC Bank Plc 28 Borough High Street London SE1 1YB
Accountants:	Samuel & Associates 36 Charcroft Gardens Enfield Middlesex EN3 7HA
Reporting Accountants	Ellisons Chartered Certified Accountants 92 Avon Road Upminster Essex RM14 1RF

The trustees who served during the period to the date of this report are:

Ms Teresa Ng	Chair	Elected 10.11.2009
Ms Magdeleine Chia	Vice-Chair	Elected 10.11.2009
Ms Julia SY Chen	Vice-Chair	Elected 08.01.2019
Ms Christine Tan	Member	Elected 21.01.2014
Dr Guowei Gu	Member	Elected 06.03 2023
Ms Bernadette Hau	Member	Elected 28.03 2024
Ms Amy Ng	Member	Elected 28.03 2024
Ms Jennie Teoh	Member	Elected 28.03 2024

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2. Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Lambeth Chinese Community Association was first registered charity and a Company Limited by guarantee and incorporated on 14 July 1989. Lambeth Chinese Community Association is also known and referred to as LCCA. On 20 March 2020, LCCA was converted from Company Limited by Guarantee into a Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO), with the same name, and also registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales number 1188688, with no member liability.

Appointment and induction of Trustees

LCCA has adopted the Charitable Incorporated Organization (CIO) constitution and is governed by its Executive Committee (Trustees) whose members are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted by the Trustees.

Organisational Structure

LCCA is governed by its Executive Committee which is responsible for setting the strategic direction and policies of the charity. The Executive Committee carry the ultimate responsibility for the conduct of LCCA and for ensuring that the charity satisfies its legal and contractual obligations. Trustees meet every three months and delegate the day-to-day operations of the organisation to senior management.

Related Parties

LCCA Domiciliary Care Service is a registered charity with Care Quality Commission (CQC). It has contract with Lambeth Social Services and spot contracts with Wandsworth and Southwark Social Services. LCCA also co-operates with the UK Association of Chinese Schools in the running of its Saturday Chinese School.

LCCA premises was purchased from Lambeth Council in October 2005.

Major risks

Trustees recognise that any major risks to which the charity is exposed need to be reviewed and systems put in place to mitigate those risks. To that end LCCA is continually monitoring and managing its risk, reviewing the corporate risk register and ensuring action plans are in place to mitigate its key risks.

Included in external risks is that of the loss of funding. The effects of this have been minimised by the procedures in place, which have resulted in funding being secured from a variety of sources including contracts with local authorities. The charity continues to seek to diversify its funding sources. Internal risks are minimised by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions and projects and to ensure consistent quality of delivery for all operational aspects of the charitable company. These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure that they still meet the needs of the charity.

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3. Objectives and Activities

Objects

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To advance the education among the inhabitants of the London Borough of Lambeth, in particular among members of the Chinese community, and to advance the education of the public in Chinese history, art, culture and traditions.
- (2) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities for the recreation and other leisure time occupation for the inhabitants of the London Borough of Lambeth and in particular in the interests of social welfare and with the objects of improving their conditions of life.
- (3) To relieve poverty, sickness, and distress among members of the Chinese community in the London Borough of Lambeth.
- (4) To work towards the elimination of racial discrimination and the promotion of good relations between persons of different ethnic origins residing or working in the London Borough of Lambeth.

The Charity aims to be the first point of contact in Lambeth and the surrounding boroughs for those Chinese who need assistance, advice and support in their daily lives in a foreign land. We aim to help the elderly Chinese in particular to fight isolation and ill-health and provide a welcoming presence in our areas of operation for that purpose.

We have adopted the strategies of direct provision of services and support by ourselves and in collaboration with statutory authorities in the boroughs we operate in.

Since February 2022, following the UK Government published guidance 'Living with COVID', our centre has gradually restarted all centre-based services and activities including :

Information & Signpost Services

We assist member users to access the areas of service including hospital and medical appointments, housing repairs, over-the-phone interpretation, referrals, housing & council tax benefit enquiries and general information and signpost.

Older People and Health Project

We aim to provide social and recreational activities to alleviate the members from poverty, ill health and loneliness in the community. Activities include luncheon club, exercise, Tai Chi, day outings, residential trips, health seminars, etc.

Learning Programmes

Classes include Mandarin language, English language

Festival Celebrations:

Dragon Boats, Mooncake, Birthday parties, welcoming Chinese New Year.

Fundraising events

Dumplings making and foods selling.

Training

Training sessions for carers and volunteers to update their knowledge and skills.

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Domiciliary Care Services

The main purpose for the service is to facilitate and improve the health and well-being for those elderly Chinese and Vietnamese residents of south London who are often isolated and lead socially excluded lives.

During the Covid-19 crisis, the project was facing an extremely challenging time. We appreciated all of our extraordinary carers who continued to play such a vital role and to provide hours to the housebound users without service disruptions. During the pandemic, we were able to provide sufficient PPE for our care workers as health and safety were the priority concerns to our workers. In order to sustain continuity of care for the vulnerability in the community an Infection Control Fund from the Lambeth Adult Social Care was available for those care workers if they were unable to carry out their duties due to Coronavirus isolations.

In the year, we delivered a total of 7497.75 hours (2022/23: 8471.5) for 15 clients (2022/23: 18). The project's turnover amounted to £148,762 (2022/23: £152,914), which had a fall of 3% compared with the previous year. Our future objectives and targets are to recruit more carers and provide them with more trainings to strengthen further our work force.

Saturday Weekend Chinese School

Lambeth Chinese School is an award-winning non-profit Chinese school in Lambeth London and takes place at St Martin in-the-Field High School in Tulse Hill, with pupils aged 5-16 years old. After all lockdown has been lifted, we returned to St Martin School for classroom teaching since September 2021. The Management would like to thank the Head Teachers, teachers and students for their hard work during the turbulent year.

4. Financial Review

Financial Position

Incoming Resources in the year amounted to £197,932 (2022/23 - £202,029).

A deficit of £13,198 was made in the year (2022/23 - £19,821 deficit). On 31 March 2023 total funds amounted to £215,022 (2021/22 - £228,220).

Reserves Policy

The trustees are required to ensure that free monies are available in each financial year to meet any reasonably foreseeable contingency. The charity will maintain a projection of income for at least one year ahead and will ensure that this continues to be derived from as wide a variety of sources as possible. They will take all necessary steps to ensure that at no time within this period would it be possible for the cessation of one or more funding streams to present so serious a challenge to the future of the organisation that it could not be managed so as to continue to provide a best value service.

In reviewing the potential costs that could arise should a significant reduction in income be suffered, the trustees have determined that 'free' reserves should be maintained equal to 12 months of unrestricted total operating expenditure. Free reserves are defined as total free reserves less net fixed assets. This is equivalent to £117,352 in the year.

The amount of the current expenditure of £211,130 is above the required level of reserves and the trustees will continue to make the effort to achieve surpluses in future years to contribute towards achieving this aim.

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Principal Funding Sources

The Trustees extend their gratitude to the following **partners and sponsors and donors** who continue to support the charity.

Partnerships & Networking

Lambeth Adult & Social Care Services
Wandsworth Adult & Social Care Services
Southwark Adult & Social Care Services
UK Association of Chinese Schools
St Martin-in-the-Field Girls' School
Morley College and Stockwell Centre

Project

Domiciliary Care
Domiciliary Care
Domiciliary Care
Chinese Language School
Chinese Language School
Tai Chi Classes and AGM

Appeal Funds

Marlene & Claude Ah Yow
Mr & Mrs George Eury
Mr & Mrs Margaret Lue
Gerrard & Monique SY-Yan
Mrs Kwai Ying Lee-Law
Simon Ng Yan Kwong
Marlene & Jimmy Li
Diane & Henry How
Lena & Francis Wong
Fee Fong & Stenio Eastor

Mr & Mrs M Fok
Eddie & Ann Wong
Chui Mui Cheung
Chuen Ho Tang
Mui Ha Man
Shirla Chan
Han Mui Wong
Yin Man Tang
Shui Lin Poon
Ann Callaway

Tin Wo Ho
Julia Chen
Lily Chan
Lisa Liu
Cecile Lau
A.C. Lau
Joe Lee
Wendy Yang
Wai Fong Lo
Hei Tai Lau

Mr & Mrs Tong
Kar & Sien Cheng
Mary Sangodipe
Shiu Yu Kwok
Pansy Thomas
Enid Brewster
Yim Fong Leung
George Chan
Mr & Mrs A Haw
Patrick Ng

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5. Future Plans

Since last financial year, LCCA has gradually recovered from the "dormant" status after the pandemic. Old members returned and new members joined. Management expanded to have some new enthusiastic, dedicated and younger members. New staff joined and proved to be very successful. Old activities returned combined with some new programs. Members are all enjoying the new booming activities. Weekend school has returned to classroom teaching. New Head teacher leading a few good teachers work brilliantly. The school has grown in numbers again. Domiciliary Care service still provides excellent service. However, a few clients passed on and left the service in this financial year. Hence the service seems shrinking slowly. As LCCA depends solely on the income generated from Domiciliary Care service, immediate action is to expand the service and seek more clients.

The immediate strategic plans for the Association will be :

- Expand Domiciliary Care service and seek more clients.
- Explore areas of financing and sharing of resources to reduce costs.
- Recruit more staff members to help meet the younger and new members' needs.
- Continue to fund and expand the Older People project with our reserves.
- Seek every effort to secure more income resource such as grant applications.
- Work closely with local communities to develop new and/or extend existing projects.
- Explore areas of financing and sharing of resources to reduce costs.
- Expand further training provisions for care workers and volunteers to update their caring skills to meet the CQC requirements.
- Recruit more experienced teachers and maintain good national standard for the Saturday Chinese School

By order of the Board



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Ms Teresa Ng
Chair

5 November 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Lambeth Chinese Community Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Henry M Adjetey FCCA
ELLISONS
92 Avon Road
Upminster
Essex RM14 1RF

5 November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Income				
Donations and legacies	2	1,388	1,388	894
Other	2	5,000	5,000	11,400
Investment income	3	1,196	1,196	338
Income from charitable activities				
Education and awareness	4	29,930	29,930	23,762
Health and poverty reduction	5	160,418	160,418	165,635
Total income and endowments		<u>197,932</u>	<u>197,932</u>	<u>202,029</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Education and awareness	6	29,560	29,560	24,864
Health and poverty reduction	7	181,570	181,570	196,986
Total Charitable Expenditure	8,9	211,130	211,130	221,850
Total expenditure		<u>211,130</u>	<u>211,130</u>	<u>221,850</u>
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	10	<u>(13,198)</u>	<u>(13,198)</u>	<u>(19,821)</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>228,220</u>	<u>228,220</u>	<u>248,041</u>
Total funds carried forward	14	<u>215,022</u>	<u>215,022</u>	<u>228,220</u>

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted £	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible assets	11	97,670	97,670	101,491
Current Assets				
Debtors	12	16,205	16,205	9,838
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>107,559</u>	<u>107,559</u>	<u>122,993</u>
		123,764	123,764	132,831
Creditors: Amounts due within one year	13	<u>6,412</u>	<u>6,412</u>	<u>6,102</u>
Net current assets		<u>117,352</u>	<u>117,352</u>	<u>126,729</u>
Net assets		<u>215,022</u>	<u>215,022</u>	<u>228,220</u>
Funds of the Charity	14			
Unrestricted		<u>215,022</u>	<u>215,022</u>	<u>228,220</u>
Total funds		<u>215,022</u>	<u>215,022</u>	<u>228,220</u>

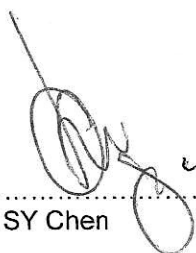
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- ensuring that the company keeps accounting records
- preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the CIO as at 31 March 2024 and of its results for the year then ended

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 5 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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Ms Julia SY Chen
Trustee

CIO number **1188688**

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Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

a) Basis of Preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP): Accounting and Reporting by Charities, issued in March 2005.

b) Charity Status

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The members of the charity include the trustees who are also ordinary members and named on page 1. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability of members is nil.

c) Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds comprise accumulated surpluses and deficits on general funds that are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the Charity's objects and that have not been designated for other purposes.

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

d) Incoming Resources

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

e) Resources Expended

Recognition of Expenditure and Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred.

Costs of Charitable Activities

These comprise those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. They include both costs that can be directly allocated to the charity's activities and costs of an indirect nature necessary to support these activities.

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Governance Costs

These are the costs associated with the governance arrangements of the charity. They include the costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, trustees' meetings and the costs of any legal advice given to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

All costs are charged between the expenditure categories of the Statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity (or project) are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

f) Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report, where material.

g) Fixed Assets

Tangible Fixed Assets for charity's own use

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

A fixed asset acquired fully or partly from a restricted grant is included at its full cost of acquisition without netting off the grant proceeds and the grant reported as an incoming resource. Where the use of the asset such acquired is not restricted by the grantor, an amount equal to the grant is transferred into a designated fund to be written off over the useful life of the asset in accordance with the recommendations of SORP 2005, paragraph 111.

h) Depreciation

Freehold Land & Buildings are not depreciated in view of their high level of maintenance. Other Tangible Fixed Assets are depreciated so as to write off their cost less any estimated residual value over their useful lives at the following rates:

Freehold property	50 years
Improvement to building	15% reducing balance.
Other fixed assets	15% reducing balance.

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2. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Gifts and donations	890	890	586
Membership dues	498	498	308
	<u>1,388</u>	<u>1,388</u>	<u>894</u>
Other income			
Employment allowance	5,000	5,000	5,000
Covid grants	-	-	6,400
Work Retirement Retention (WRR) grants	-	-	-
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>11,400</u>

3. Investment income	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Bank interest received	<u>1,196</u>	<u>1,196</u>	<u>338</u>

4. Education and Awareness	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Chinese School Project	29,930	29,930	23,762
Total	<u>29,930</u>	<u>29,930</u>	<u>23,762</u>

5. Health and poverty	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Domiciliary Care	160,418	160,418	162,348
Old People's Project & Luncheon Club	-	-	3,287
Total	<u>160,418</u>	<u>160,418</u>	<u>165,635</u>

6. Education and Awareness	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Chinese School Project-Direct	25,914	25,914	23,743
Support costs	3,646	3,646	1,122
	<u>29,560</u>	<u>29,560</u>	<u>24,864</u>

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7. Health and Poverty Reduction

	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Domiciliary Care - Direct	148,762	148,762	167,384
Support costs- Dom care	32,808	32,808	20,194
Old People's Project - Direct	-	-	8,286
Support costs- Old People	-	-	1,122
	<u>181,570</u>	<u>181,570</u>	<u>196,986</u>

8. Charitable Expenditure

	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Direct expenditure			
Direct programme costs	13,431	13,431	14,236
Direct Staff costs	161,245	161,245	185,176
Total Direct Expenditure	<u>174,676</u>	<u>174,676</u>	<u>199,412</u>
Support costs (based on staff time)			
Support staff costs	9,648	9,648	4,583
Premises costs	8,898	8,898	5,706
Office costs	13,396	13,396	7,748
Governance costs	4,512	4,512	4,400
Total support costs	<u>36,454</u>	<u>36,454</u>	<u>22,438</u>
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u>211,130</u>	<u>211,130</u>	<u>221,850</u>

Share of Support costs

Project	Support staff	Office	Premises	Governance	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Domiciliary care	8,683	12,056	8,008	4,061	32,808
School	965	1,340	890	451	3,646
2024 Total	<u>9,648</u>	<u>13,396</u>	<u>8,898</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>36,454</u>
2023 Total	<u>4,584</u>	<u>7,748</u>	<u>5,706</u>	<u>4,400</u>	<u>22,438</u>

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9. Governance costs

	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Professional fees	2,000	2,000	2,000
External scrutiny fees	2,400	2,400	2,400
AGM and sundry expenses	112	112	-
	<u>4,512</u>	<u>4,512</u>	<u>4,400</u>

10. Net movement in funds for the year

	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
The surplus for the year is after charging:			
Depreciation	3,821	3,821	3,446
External scrutiny fees	2,400	2,400	2,400
Staff costs-gross salaries and wages	159,161	159,161	172,158
Social security and pension costs	<u>11,745</u>	<u>11,745</u>	<u>13,018</u>

11. Tangible fixed assets	Freehold property	Plant and machinery	Furniture and fittings	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At 1 April 2023	<u>159,711</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>10,297</u>	<u>183,027</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>159,711</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>10,297</u>	<u>183,027</u>
Depreciation				
At 1 April 2023	58,847	12,749	9,940	81,536
Charge for the year	<u>3,194</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>3,821</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>62,041</u>	<u>13,019</u>	<u>10,297</u>	<u>85,357</u>
Net book value				
At 31 March 2024	<u>97,670</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,670</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>100,864</u>	<u>270</u>	<u>357</u>	<u>101,491</u>

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12. Debtors

	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Trade debtors	16,205	16,205	9,838
	<u>16,205</u>	<u>16,205</u>	<u>9,838</u>

13. Creditors: amounts due within one year

	Unrestricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£
Accruals	3,955	3,955	2,400
PAYE and pension	2,457	2,457	2,343
Deferred income	-	-	1,359
	<u>6,412</u>	<u>6,412</u>	<u>6,102</u>

14. Movements in reserves

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds	228,220	197,932	(211,130)	215,022
Total funds movements	<u>228,220</u>	<u>197,932</u>	<u>(211,130)</u>	<u>215,022</u>