

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

England & Wales · Charity number 1188755

Details

Other names IP17GNS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-25

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE THOSE PEOPLE IN SAXMUNDHAM AND KELSALE-CUM-CARLTON IN EAST SUFFOLK WHO ARE IN NEED, BY REASON OF THEIR AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES SHALL THINK FIT, WITH PARTICULAR FOCUS ON PROVIDING ASSISTANCE TO THOSE AFFECTED BY CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND FOLLOWING ANY PANDEMIC

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£52,412	£43,019	-	-
2024-03-31	£23,019	£65,265	-	-
2023-03-31	£194,311	£59,394	-	-
2022-03-31	£58,660	£50,246	-	-
2021-03-31	£41,073	£19,287	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Timothy Edward Roberts	Chair	2020-03-24
Jacqueline Ann Newvell		2021-08-05
Peter Wiliam Ewart		2020-03-24

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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

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Peter Ewart

Jacqueline Newwell

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 March 2025. The details on page one form part of this report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011.

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A REVIEW OF THE REPORTING YEAR, OUR KEY ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our key aims – unchanged!

Our aims are to help reduce poverty, loneliness and poor mental health in Saxmundham and its surrounding villages through practical help, inclusive activities and opportunities for social connection.

1. The year at a glance – our key achievements

- six all-year-round initiatives delivering vital community support
- 35 regular volunteers with over 1,800 volunteer hours contributed
- support and activities delivered for 300+ households and individuals
- over 2,000 Social Supermarket shops by our clients from across our community, with time and space for building friendships too

- now providing a tasty Sunday breakfast to lonely men as well as a warm space on winter Sunday afternoons for everyone
- more than 10 seasonal community events/initiatives delivered annually.

Please note that we do not means-test our service users - everyone is welcome to join in or seek support.

For a breakdown on all these activities and their measured impacts, please see below.

2. Further progress on our transition to a community hub

This year has been one of further evolution from a covid response good neighbour scheme to a community hub. We have also benefited from our own building and kitchen although these premises need further work to improve their sustainability and usefulness. However, it has not been without its challenges, but we have experienced more stability of staffing and management by our trustees. We continue to recruit more dedicated and experienced volunteers (mainly retired, professional women) and we continue to deploy them in small teams working on their chosen projects which provides a better experience for our service users and the volunteers themselves, as well as improved continuity and service development.

We continue to focus our resources on our two key themes:

- supporting households with the cost-of-living crisis, and
- activities to reduce loneliness and isolation.

In addition to continuing to evolve our community hub services and developing new projects, we have spent further time reviewing and strengthening our governance while ensuring our policies and procedures are up-to-date and relevant to the organisation. We are hopeful of gaining the financial and management support of the Sizewell C Community Fund, with the help of our colleagues at The Suffolk Community Foundation. This desired funding will enable us to recruit a general manager for at least three days per week, as well as make our accommodation more sustainable and flexible. We also believe such an appointment will enable us to move to the “next level” and become a permanent fixture in the further progression of our health and wellbeing aims generally around Saxmundham, as well as placing us in a better position to acquire future, significant and longer-term funding. Naturally, we continue to actively seek new trustees which, as with many other charities is challenging, but we have made progress with a number of selected individuals who will add to our business and governance strengths.

3. Our continuous activity programme

A. The Social Supermarket & Café

Purpose: provide affordable food and a welcoming social space

Delivery: Weekly sessions (Tuesday mornings) with £4 shops (heavily subsidised by IP17GNS), free café and pastries, run by up to six regular volunteers. Making use of the *Fareshare* scheme to purchase surplus food from the big supermarket chains

Impact: over 2,000 shops delivered, up to 30 shoppers per week, friendships formed, and wrap-around support, signposting and referrals made. The Social Supermarket is a safety net for those facing long-term food poverty, reducing reliance on food banks and offering dignity through choice

Funding: Mostly unfunded but supported by donations from individuals and local businesses with a £5,000 annual shortfall.

Long-term aims: to deliver additional sessions at times which allow more working people to attend as well as food education and cooking classes

We also continue to provide emergency food parcels for those most in need through Household Support Funding and donations in cash or kind from generous members of our community

B. Gather & Grow

Purpose: social space for parents/carers with under-fives

Delivery: weekly sessions (during term-time) with toys, activities, and healthy snacks

Impact: supporting the well-being of young families and connection between children and the adults who care for them, inspiring play and promoting development both during group and at home. 400+ volunteer hours and new toys and games purchased

Funding: The Alan Boswell Trust (2025–27)

C. Men's Breakfast

Purpose: supportive all-male environment to encourage conversation and friendships amongst a key demographic

Delivery: first Sunday of the month, supported by six male volunteers

Impact: tackles stigma around men seeking friendships and support for well-being. Isolation is reduced and friendships are formed. Men from a wide range of backgrounds and socio-economic groups attend

Funding: East Suffolk Council

D. School uniform/warm clothing exchange

Purpose: to help families with the cost of school uniforms and warm clothes. To encourage eco-friendly habits and reduce domestic waste

Delivery: acting as a donation point for pre-loved items which are costly and highly sought after by those on low incomes. All-year-round availability of pre-loved school uniform as well as large-scale exchange events during the summer holidays. We also gifted a new set of stationery to all children transferring to secondary school. In winter, we offer a rail of pre-loved warm clothes, coats and blankets.

Impact: a circular system of re-using and re-homing sought-after and expensive clothing items which reduces waste. Those who cannot afford new clothing, or to heat their homes adequately while experiencing dignity and relief

Funding: currently unfunded as the funding on offer obliged us to means-test. Reliant on donated items and volunteers to co-ordinate.

E. Warm welcome

Purpose: reduce loneliness and keep minds active through board games and shared experiences and dialogue

Delivery: weekly Sunday sessions over the first 12 weeks in Winter. Provided games, reading materials, soup and other refreshments

Impact: predominantly those who live alone attended in order to enjoy some company, a hot meal and a warm, welcoming space. Feedback suggests the main motivation for attendance was to break up what otherwise would have been a long, lonely day

Funding: East Suffolk Council

F. Seasonal community events

Purpose: provide wider opportunities for other non-regular people to come together, make memories and enhance well-being. Offering much-needed activities and fun for families experiencing financial strain or low-level mental health concerns. Giving young people the chance to experience new things and try new activities

Delivery: a seasonal programme of events and activities, targeting a range of demographics including:

- an annual family pantomime
- craft activities
- quiz nights, and
- family bingo

Impact: whole families have regular opportunities for screen-free, low-cost activities which support connection and well-being. Making use of Saxmundham's historic Market Hall (as requested by our donor), gives opportunities for people from different social backgrounds to mix

Funding: funded by a regular donation from an anonymous member of our community

G. Friday Boogie

Purpose: to provide an inclusive opportunity for movement/exercise and socialising, boosting endorphins and well-being

Delivery: led by a volunteer who is a qualified dance instructor featuring a mirror ball, coloured lights and disco classics. Following the delivery of a successful pilot scheme, we hope to offer 6-10 week blocks of weekly sessions across the year, accommodation sought!

Impact: this activity has proved to be extremely popular, attracting a wide range of ages, abilities and social backgrounds. The light-hearted atmosphere induces laughter, fun and healthy movement. The low-pressure environment means that those might otherwise be excluded from exercise or dance classes, feel welcome in any attire and to participate as much or as little as they can.

Funding: Unfunded currently - we are looking for further opportunities to cover our costs

H. Christmas activities

Christmas can be a season of great joy, but for those facing loneliness and/or financial hardship, it can be a deeply troubling time of year. This is why IP17GNS, and our volunteers pour a vast amount of effort and money into supporting the community during the festive period.

Delivery: a regular, annual programme of events and activities, targeting a range of demographics and outcomes

Activities include:

- Providing a Christmas care package to vulnerable people on Christmas Day. This contains a traditional home-cooked three-course Christmas meal, treats, and small gifts and is delivered on Christmas morning by our friendly volunteers. This ensures that those spending Christmas alone experience some company during the day and a proper Christmas meal that they otherwise may not be able to cook for themselves. This is facilitated by donations of food and cash (or discounts) by businesses and individuals, practical support with cooking, and our own unrestricted funds. The volunteer effort to make this happen is both humbling and impressive...
- Hosting Santa's Grotto at Saxmundham Christmas Fayre. Last year, Santa and his elves met 84 children, along with their parents and carers, providing photo opportunities and gifts for everyone. With support from a private donation, we were able to keep costs low.

Impact: the magic of Christmas is maintained as much as possible for those facing challenges. Everyone in our community has the opportunity to see and speak with another person on Christmas Day. Families who cannot visit their elderly or vulnerable relatives on Christmas Day have peace of mind that they have eaten well and enjoyed face-to-face contact with a member of our team.

Funding: largely unfunded, relying on support from businesses and individuals

4. Grant funding and financial position

We continue to be supported by our town and district councils, local businesses and individual benefactors in Saxmundham and its surrounding villages.

Our overheads have stabilised since moving into our new premises at the Gannon Rooms but there have been further one-off costs for necessary items such computers, phones, fridges and equipping the building with consumables to equip the above activities. Naturally, we will be seeking further grants and funding in the coming year to continue our work and develop new initiatives. We will actively seek funding to support overheads including staff and volunteer and development costs for a period to allow us some financial stability to build on our offer to the community.

We have now implemented our framework for full cost recovery that will assist us in reflecting the true cost of the work we do and ensure that projects are fully funded. In addition, we have now instituted formal monthly management accounts to keep a closer eye on our funding and expenditure.

5. Thank you, volunteers!

Most of our volunteers live in the community they serve and offer us the benefit of their wide-ranging backgrounds, skills and experience. Our pool of active volunteers is small but dedicated, often shifting as people's circumstances change, providing them with more or less time to help others.

Our volunteers are at the heart of what we deliver - activities range from directly working with service users to providing back-room support. Our volunteers contribute for a range of reasons, but they also gain from the experience and in many ways, the work we do with volunteers makes a positive difference to their lives too. There is a fine line between service user and volunteer, and we have several volunteers who are also service users. Often the experience and confidence gained as a volunteer facilitates professional growth which we are determined to promote through further, professional training.

We estimate that in the last year alone, we benefited from 1,800 volunteer hours, which is an amazing act of generosity. IP17GNS could not function without the dedication of our volunteers; the generosity of our donors; and the goodwill of our wider community. We are built on shared effort and mutual support. I thank all involved for their continued support on behalf of my trustee colleagues and all those who have benefited from our services over the last twelve months.

Finally, please note that what we offer is not a hand-out, but a hand-up - we offer practical help that empowers people. Our long-term goal is to build a stronger, more resilient community, not simply to respond to short-term crises, and this is not diminished after four years of hard work and commitment from everyone involved in IP17GNS. Thank you all!

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the charity are detailed on page 1 of these accounts.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The charity must have at least three trustees, and no more than 12. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustees may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees to appoint a new charity trustee.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Nominated Trustees

Saxmundham Town and Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council ("the appointing bodies") may from time to time nominate one trustee each, provided that such appointment does not cause the number of trustees who may be connected to either appointing body to exceed a majority of trustees. These will be points of coordination only and these councils shall have no power over the overall control of the CIO due to their limited voting rights.

Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of this constitution and a copy of the CIO’s latest Trustees’ Annual Report and statement of accounts.

RESERVES

The Trustees continue building towards the aimed reserve level of £60k, which will be reviewed annually and dependent on the level of fixed costs.

Signed by order of the trustees

T. E. Roberts

[T. E. Roberts \(Jan 26, 2026 12:35:53 GMT\)](#)

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Tim Roberts
Chairperson

26/01/2026

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Date

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

CHARITY NUMBER 1163775

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME ('THE CIO')

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ipswich17 Good Neighbour Scheme (the CIO) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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

I confirm that there are no matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed

Helen Rumsey

[Helen Rumsey \(Jan 26, 2026 12:52:30 GMT\)](#)

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IPSWICH 17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 2025	Year ended 2024
Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants received	18,000	13,330	31,330	10,000
Donations	12,592	-	12,592	6,277
Client contributions - Social supermarket	5,554	-	5,554	2,604
Client contributions - Activities	1,430	-	1,430	2,517
Miscellaneous income	-	-	-	438
Bank interest	1,505	-	1,505	1,184
	<hr/> 39,082	13,330	52,412	<hr/> 23,019
Payments				
Staff Costs	16,208	-	16,208	37,874
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	989	-	989	1,624
Professional Fees	2,073	-	2,073	4,834
IT & Communications	5,447	-	5,447	8,251
Insurance	595	-	595	-
Premises Costs	5,426	-	5,426	1,035
Fixtures & Fittings	948	-	948	3,412
Grant Expenditure	-	-	-	1,000
Fundraising Costs	324	-	324	303
Social Supermarket & Food Parcels	5,699	-	5,699	2,506
Activities	3,229	2,080	5,309	3,763
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	664
	<hr/> 40,939	2,080	43,019	<hr/> 65,265
Excess of receipts over payments	(1,858)	11,250	9,392	(42,246)
Cash funds at 1 April 2024	40,814	82,057	122,871	165,117
Cash funds at 31 March 2025	<hr/> <hr/> 38,956	93,307	132,263	<hr/> <hr/> 122,871

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 2025	Year ended 2024
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Cash at bank	38,956	43,307	82,263	72,817
Cash in hand	-	-	-	54
Funds at 31 March 2025	<u>38,956</u>	<u>43,307</u>	<u>82,263</u>	<u>72,871</u>
Investment Assets				
Investments at Cost	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Value of Investments at 31 March 2025	<u>-</u>	<u>57,961</u>	<u>57,961</u>	<u>56,648</u>
Assets Retained for Charity's own use				
Land & building	-	-	-	-
Equipment	1,037	-	1,037	89
Shelving, table & chairs	3,323	-	3,323	3,323
	<u>4,360</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,360</u>	<u>3,412</u>
Liabilities				
Independent Examination Fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,074
Payroll Fees	247	-	247	-
PAYE/NIC	202	-	202	122
	<u>1,649</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,196</u>

As at the year end the charity had a liability under a premises license agreement, amounting to £27,000 over the next 5 years.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 26/01/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

T. E. Roberts
T. E. Roberts (Jan 26, 2026 12:35:53 GMT)

Tim Roberts
 Chairperson

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and using the receipts and payments basis.

Restricted Funds

The restricted fund comprises donations and grants which are given for a specific purpose and are only expended for that purpose.

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REVIEW OF THE PERIOD, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

This financial year has witnessed one of significant change and has seen a transition from a simple Covid-19 response good neighbour scheme (GNS) to an organisation providing targeted support to those in specific need across our community. This period has not been without its challenges and we have experienced a change of staff and a loss of two trustees. In addition, many volunteers returned to work following the Covid-19 lockdown and we have, therefore, experienced significant churn in our volunteer base.

However, on a positive note, we have recruited a hard-working and dedicated operations manager, several new volunteers and changed the way we deploy them; generally working in small teams which we believe provides a better experience for service users and the volunteers themselves.

We are also actively seeking new trustees to bolster our executive management which, as many other charities are discovering, is challenging.

Strategic use of resources

We have focused our resources on two key themes which comprise:

- supporting households with the cost-of-living crisis, and
- activities to reduce loneliness and isolation and consequent low-level mental health issues.

Improved foundations, and ready for growth

In addition to providing these services to our community and developing new initiatives, we have spent time reviewing and strengthening our governance; ensuring our policies and procedures are up to date and relevant to the organisation. We believe this will put us in a better position to acquire future funding and account for specific programmes.

Continuation of our core activities

Tackling food poverty:

We continue to provide our social supermarket as well as providing emergency food parcels for those most in need through Household Support Funding and donations in cash or in-kind from generous members of our community.

Community cohesion at Christmas:

We continue to make a special effort at Christmas, keeping the tradition of delivering a locally sourced, home cooked lunch to vulnerable residents on Christmas morning. We also organise various, low-cost festive activities aimed at local children and families in order that everyone in financial difficulty is able to fully participate. These events are greatly enjoyed by service users as well as volunteers, while providing a useful fundraising opportunity.

Social opportunities for young families:

We have continued to provide a weekly session for babies and young children and those who care for them.

A new beginning from new premises

After months of negotiation, we were able to re-locate to new premises in the Gannon Rooms in a central and more accessible location in Saxmundham on Station Approach in late March. In the coming year, we look forward to delivering more of our services from this building in the heart of our town, as well as planning and delivering new initiatives given we now have a customised space. We have also been developing proposals to spend restricted funds on a health-related programme of activities in the coming months to boost community wellbeing. The protracted negotiations and uncertainty regarding our new premises have impacted on developing new activities and obtaining funding, but work began as soon as the licence on the building was secured. We now look forward to securing a longer licence to further advance and supplement our services across our community.

Transactions and financial position

To make the necessary reductions to our overheads, we have reduced the amount of salaried staff time but are confident that, as we progress, we will be able to attract further funding to increase our permanent staffing. Our overheads have increased as we have moved into our new premises and there have been some one-off costs for necessary items such as installing broadband, security systems while equipping the building with shelving and furniture.

We continue to be supported by the Saxmundham town and our district council, local businesses and individual benefactors in the town and surrounding villages for which we are, as ever, most grateful.

Financial plans:

We have been working vigorously on a framework for full cost recovery that will assist us in reflecting the true cost of the work we do, while ensuring our evolving projects are fully funded. This will also help improve the accuracy of our funding bids.

We will be seeking further grants and funding in the coming year to continue our work and develop new initiatives. We will actively seek funding to meet our increased overheads, especially our permanent staff, and the costs of training and developing volunteers. We will also allocate some development costs to permit IP17GNS improved financial stability to continue to build on our offers to our community.

In conclusion

We look forward to a further year of growth and service development operating, under improved governance systems, which will provide our community with a charity that reacts to its evolving needs, giving it the resilience to meet the ever changing threats to a stable and healthy society in East Suffolk.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the charity are detailed on page 1 of these accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the period and of the surplus or deficit for the period then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 9, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and

detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

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Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Nominated Trustees

Saxmundham Town and Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council ("the appointing bodies") may from time to time nominate one trustee each, provided that such appointment does not cause the number of trustees who may be connected to either appointing body to exceed a majority of trustees. These will be points of coordination only and these councils shall have no power over the overall control of the CIO due to their limited voting rights.

Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of this constitution and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

RESERVES

Trustees were able to retain £80k in a Cooperative Savings Account as a reserve, which was possible following the funds received from the Emeney Trust legacy. Going forward, Trustees would hope to maintain a reserve of £60k, which will be reviewed annually and dependent on the level of fixed costs.

Signed by order of the trustees


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Tim Robert
Chairperson


.....

Date

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

CHARITY NUMBER 1163775

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME ('THE CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2024.

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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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IPSWICH 17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 2024	Year ended 2023 (Restated)
Note	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Grants received	10,000	-	10,000	173,932
Donations	3,777	2,500	6,277	12,330
Client contributions - Social supermarket	2,604	-	2,604	1,533
Client contributions - Activities	2,517	-	2,517	6,356
Miscellaneous income	438	-	438	-
Bank interest	1,184	-	1,184	161
	<u>20,519</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>23,019</u>	<u>194,311</u>
Payments				
Staff Costs	36,752	1,122	37,874	37,050
Staff & Volunteer Expenses	1,624	-	1,624	2,138
Professional Fees	4,834	-	4,834	1,666
IT & Communications	8,251	-	8,251	5,693
Insurance	-	-	0	312
Premises Costs	1,035	-	1,035	
Fixtures & Fittings	3,412	-	3,412	
Grant Expenditure	-	1,000	1,000	
Fundraising Costs	303	-	303	
Social Supermarket & Food Parcels	358	2,148	2,506	2,476
Activities	3,138	624	3,763	8,730
Sundry expenses	664	-	664	1,331
	<u>60,371</u>	<u>4,894</u>	<u>65,265</u>	<u>59,394</u>
Excess of receipts over payments	-39,852	-2,394	-42,246	134,917
Cash funds at 1 April 2023	2	80,666	84,451	165,117
Cash funds at 31 March 2024		<u><u>40,814</u></u>	<u><u>82,057</u></u>	<u><u>122,871</u></u>
				<u><u>165,117</u></u>

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Year ended 2024	Year ended 2023 (Restated)
	£	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand				
Cash at bank	35,166	37,651	72,817	115,017
Cash in hand	54	-	54	100
Funds at 31 March 2024	<u>35,220</u>	<u>37,651</u>	<u>72,871</u>	<u>115,117</u>
Investment Assets				
Investments at Cost	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
Value of Investments at 31 March 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>56,648</u>	<u>56,648</u>	<u>52,044</u>
Assets Retained for Charity's own use				
Land & building	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	1,019
Shelving, table & chairs	3,412	-	3,412	-
	<u>3,412</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,412</u>	<u>1,019</u>
Liabilities				
	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Tim Roberts
Chairperson

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and using the receipts and payments basis.

Restricted Funds

The restricted fund comprises donations and grants which are given for a specific purpose and are only expended for that purpose.

2 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

During preparation of the 2024 accounts, it was identified that £4,932 of Restricted Fund expenditure had been misclassified as Unrestricted Expenditure. The impact of this is as follows:

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Surplus for the year, as reported	57,034	77,883	134,917
Correction of restricted fund expenditure	4,932	-4,932	0
Surplus for the year, as adjusted	61,966	72,951	134,917
Cash funds at 1 April 2022	18,700	11,500	30,200
Cash funds at 31 March 2023	80,666	84,451	165,117

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

England & Wales - Charity number 1188755

Accounts

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

CHARITY NUMBER 1188755

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

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IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER

1188755

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Diana Eastman - Chairperson
Peter Ewart
Tim Roberts
Jessica Palmer (appointed 5 August 2021)
Jacqueline Newvell (appointed 5 August 2021)

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IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the Year Ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 March 2022. The details on page one form part of this report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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).

The entity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) a body corporate under Part 12 of the Charities Act 2011, registered with the Charities Commission on 25 March 2020 under number 1188755. It is governed by its Constitution dated, dated 24 March 2020, as amended on 25 March 2020.

OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

To relieve those people in Saxmundham, Kelsale-cum-Carlton and Benhall in East Suffolk who are in need by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or social circumstances in such ways as the trustees shall think fit, with particular focus on providing assistance to those affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the immediate future and any following pandemic.

These Objects will be amended for 2022/23 to take account of the change in emphasis from Covid-19 support, to supporting those in crisis within a 2.5 mile radius of Saxmundham whatever that may be.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance in relation to delivering public benefit. The Trustees consider that they are fulfilling the requirements to deliver a public benefit.

REVIEW OF THE PERIOD, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

IP17GNS was set up in the space of five weeks in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and has since built up an excellent reputation supporting those experiencing difficulties as a result of the lockdown, whether it be shopping, providing food parcels, collecting and delivering prescriptions or providing a friendly voice at the end of a phone. Our services are still very relevant and many people still require our support, particularly with emergency food parcels. We were able to distribute £5,000 worth of Tesco Food Vouchers to families and individuals in need in the first 3 months of 2022, thanks to a grant from the Suffolk Community Foundation.

We are continuing to develop our services to those in the community who require support, whether they are struggling with the cost of living, struggling with their mental or physical wellbeing or facing social isolation. To assist, IP17GNS has launched:

- a weekly Gather & Grow club for parents, carers and their children from 0-5 years old to meet and socialise in a friendly environment. This is a free activity with the option of participants making a donation if able to;
- a weekly Line Dancing Club which provides exercise and friendship to improve fitness and prevent social isolation. This is a free activity, with the option of participants making a donation if able to; and

- our very popular Funky Fridays for 5-14 year olds – a weekly activity day in school holidays which provides children with the opportunity to learn new skills and socialise in a friendly and supportive environment; a healthy lunch is also provided, all for £3.00 per child.

Trustees have been turning their attention to supporting those who are struggling with the cost of living crisis, with plans afoot for a social supermarket, a weekly subscription-based food provision service designed to stop individuals and families requiring foodbank assistance by providing food and household items at a subsidised price. Assistance with meal planning and menu ideas to promote healthy eating will also be provided.

Since its launch, IP17GNS has directly supported 10% of the population of Saxmundham, Kelsale-cum-Carlton, Benhall and other villages out of a population of some 5,500 people and at Christmas again this year some 200 Christmas Dinners were prepared and delivered by our volunteers to those who were on their own or unable to cook a meal for themselves on Christmas Day. A new initiative this year was the Reverse Advent Calendar where people were asked to donate items for each day of the calendar, which were then distributed to those in need.

IP17GNS was very proud to be nominated and to win the High Sheriff of Suffolk's Caring Community Award for 2022, sponsored by the Suffolk Community Foundation, which was announced live on BBC Radio Suffolk in March.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the excellent leadership of our Operations Co-ordinator and the extraordinary support and dedication of our volunteers.

It is important to record our thanks to our many sponsors, in particular, Saxmundham Town Council, Suffolk Community Foundation, the Alan Boswell Trust and East Suffolk Council and the many individual donors who provided their support. We strive to put in place programmes that are cost effective and provide the greatest benefit to the most people requiring support and believe IP17GNS has been able to achieve this very satisfactorily.

Finally, thanks must go to the Trustees for their support and dedication.

TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The receipts & payments account for the period (page 8) shows unrestricted income for the year of £20,660, and related unrestricted expenditure of £18,746. This generated a net surplus on unrestricted funds for the year of £1,914. When combined with the £16,786 of unrestricted funds brought forward from the prior year, a total of £18,700 unrestricted funds were held at the end of the financial year.

With regards to restricted funds, £38,000 of income was received during the year, adding to the £5,000 fund held at the beginning of the year. Against this, a total of £31,500 was spent on the various projects during the year, leaving a balance of £11,500 held at the end of the financial year.

Total funds held at the end of the year were £30, 200, compared to £21,786 at the start of the year.

We operate solely on income from grants and personal donations. The Grants are paid to us against specific projects identified by the Trustees or the Operations Co-ordinator. Our operating costs were higher this year largely due to the fact that the cost of employing an Operations Co-ordinator was fully met by IP17GNS from the start of the financial year for the first time, with the Town Council providing a Grant for approximately 50% of the cost. IP17GNS will be seeking further grants and donations to continue its work in the community, particularly targeting 2-3 year funding agreements to provide greater stability.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the charity are detailed on page 1 of these accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the period and of the surplus or deficit for the period then ended.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 9, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The charity must have at least three trustees, and no more than 12. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustee may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees to appoint a new charity trustee.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Nominated Trustees

Saxmundham Town and Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council ("the appointing bodies") may from time to time nominate one trustee each, provided that such appointment does not cause the number of trustees who may be connected to either appointing body to exceed a majority of trustees. These will be points of coordination only and these councils shall have no power over the overall control of the CIO due to their limited voting rights.

Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of this constitution and a copy of the CIO's latest Trustees' Annual Report and statement of accounts.

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

CHARITY NUMBER 1163775

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME ('THE CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
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I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

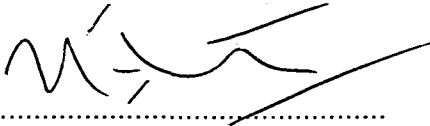


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RESERVES

Trustees continued to retain £15,000 in a Cooperative Savings Account as a reserve, which remained in place throughout the year. Going forward, Trustees have agreed to set aside sufficient reserves to cover 100% of the charity's annual fixed costs, which are expected to be £60k in the next financial year.

Signed by order of the trustees



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Diana Eastman
Chairperson

6/9/22
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Date

IPSWICH 17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the year ended 31 March 2022

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Year ended 2022 £	Period ended 2021 £
Receipts					
Grants received		3,560	38,000	41,560	32,667
Donations		13,146	-	13,146	6,396
Contributions for meals		1,153	-	1,153	2,009
Income from activities		2,789	-	2,789	-
Bank interest		12	-	12	1
		<u>20,660</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>58,660</u>	<u>41,072</u>
Payments					
Food, consumables & other welfare	2	3,088	13,500	16,588	8,668
Wages & salaries		9,019	18,000	27,019	-
Subcontractors		-	-	-	3,990
Small equipment purchases		7	-	7	1,691
Legal & professional fees		300	-	300	986
Accountancy		1,369	-	1,369	-
Travel expenses		2,462	-	2,462	824
Insurance		221	-	221	190
Administration	3	2,106	-	2,106	2,670
Miscellaneous		174	-	174	357
		<u>18,746</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u>50,246</u>	<u>19,287</u>
Excess of receipts over payments		1,914	6,500	8,414	21,786
Cash funds at 1 April 2021		16,786	5,000	21,786	-
Cash funds at 31 March 2022		<u>18,700</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>30,200</u>	<u>21,786</u>

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2022

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Cash at bank and in hand				
Bank Current account	3,653	11,500	15,153	6,785
Bank Deposit account	15,013	-	15,013	15,001
Cash in hand	34	-	34	-
Cash funds at 31 March 2022	<u>18,700</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>30,200</u>	<u>21,786</u>

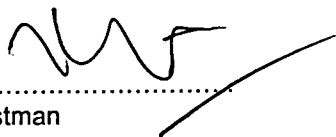
Assets Retained for Charity's own use

Land & building	-	-	-	-
Equipment	1,019	-	1,019	-
	<u>1,019</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,019</u>	<u>-</u>

Liabilities

	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 6/9/22 and signed on its behalf by:



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Diana Eastman
Chairperson

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31 March 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and using the receipts and payments basis.

Restricted Funds

The restricted fund comprises donations and grants which are given for a specific purpose and are only expended for that purpose.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£	Total	Total
			£	£
2 Food, consumables & other welfare				
Food purchased	1,667		1,667	3,115
Other welfare costs	1,144	13,500	14,644	4,622
Consumables	276		276	931
	<u>3,088</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>16,588</u>	<u>8,668</u>
3 Administration				
Printing, postage & stationery	318		318	1,397
Telephone	0		0	689
Computer running costs	1,788		1,788	584
	<u>2,106</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,106</u>	<u>2,670</u>

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

England & Wales - Charity number 1188755

Accounts

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

CHARITY NUMBER 1188755

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the Period Ended 31 March 2021

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

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IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER

1188755

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the charity during the year were as follows:

Diana Eastman (appointed 24 March 2020) - Chairperson

Peter Ewart (appointed 24 March 2020)

Tim Roberts (appointed 24 March 2020)

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IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the Period Ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the period from 25 March 2020 to 31 March 2021. The details on page one form part of this report.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the 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).

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OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY

To relieve those people in Saxmundham, Kelsale-cum-Carlton and Benhall in East Suffolk who are in need by reason of their age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or social circumstances in such ways as the trustees shall think fit, with particular focus on providing assistance to those affected by Coronavirus (COVID-19) in the immediate future and any following pandemic.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance in relation to delivering public benefit. The Trustees consider that they are fulfilling the requirements to deliver a public benefit.

REVIEW OF THE PERIOD, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

IP17GNS was set up in the space of five weeks in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and has since built up an excellent reputation supporting those experiencing difficulties as a result of the lockdown, whether it be shopping, providing food parcels, collecting and delivering prescriptions or providing a friendly voice at the end of a phone. Our services are still very relevant and many people still require our support. We are also developing our services further providing low level mental support, providing activities to improve people's fitness and wellbeing and prevent social isolation.

Since its launch, IP17GNS has directly supported 10% of the population of Saxmundham, Kelsale-cum-Carlton, Benhall and other villages out of a population of some 5,500 people and at Christmas, 200 Christmas Dinners were prepared and delivered by our volunteers to those who were on their own or unable to cook a meal for themselves.

IP17GNS was very proud to be the first recipient of BBC Radio Suffolk's 'Making a Difference during the Coronavirus outbreak' Award and also received the Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk's Outstanding Achievement Award. Our Operations Co-ordinator has won several personal awards for her contribution to the community including a Community Champion Award from the Alde & Blyth Community Radio and a Suffolk Heroes Award from her Member of Parliament.

None of our achievements would have been possible without the extraordinary support and dedication of our volunteers which at one point numbered 157.

It is important to record our thanks to Julia Ewart and Tim Roberts, whose foresight it was to set up IP17GNS. Also to our many sponsors, including Saxmundham Town Council, Kelsale Parish Council, East Suffolk District Council, Suffolk Community Foundation, National Lottery, Sport Relief and the Alan Boswell Trust and the many individual donors who provided their support. We strive to put in place programmes that are cost effective and provide the greatest benefit to the most people requiring support and believe IP17GNS has been able to achieve this very satisfactorily.

Finally, thanks must go to the Trustees for their support and dedication in this, our inaugural year

TRANSACTIONS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

The receipts & payment account for the period (page 7) shows unrestricted net income for the year of £36,073, and related unrestricted expenditure of £19,287. This generated a net surplus on unrestricted funds for the year of £16,786. In addition, £5,000 of restricted income was received. None of these funds have yet been spent, leaving the full amount carried forward. As this is the charities first reporting period, £21,786 is therefore the total funds held as at 31 March 2021.

We operate solely on income from grants and personal donations. The Grants are paid to us against specific projects identified by the Trustees or the Operations Co-ordinator. Our operating costs were relatively low in our first year of operation, largely due to the fact that the cost of employing an Operations Co-ordinator were met in full by Saxmundham Town Council for the first six months and 50 per cent for the second six months. IP17GNS will be paying the full costs of employing the Operations Co-ordinator from the start of the new financial year, with the Town Council providing a Grant for a proportion of the cost. IP17GNS will be seeking further grants and donations to continue its work in the community, particularly targeting 2-3 year funding agreements to provide greater stability.

TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the charity are detailed on page 1 of these accounts.

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

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In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to select suitable accounting policies, as described on page 9, and then apply them on a consistent basis, making judgments and estimates that are prudent and reasonable. The Trustees must also prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The charity must have at least three trustees, and no more than 12. If the number falls below this minimum, the remaining trustee or trustee may act only to call a meeting of the charity trustees to appoint a new charity trustee.

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

Nominated Trustees

Saxmundham Town and Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council (“the appointing bodies”) may from time to time nominate one trustee each, provided that such appointment does not cause the number of trustees who may be connected to either appointing body to exceed a majority of trustees. These will be points of coordination only and these councils shall have no power over the overall control of the CIO due to their limited voting rights.

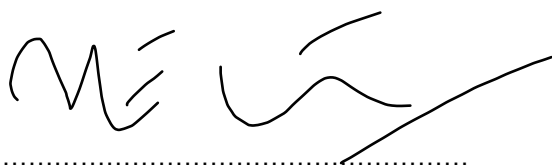
Information for new charity trustees

The charity trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment a copy of the current version of this constitution and a copy of the CIO’s latest Trustees’ Annual Report and statement of accounts.

RESERVES

We did not adopt an official reserves policy in our first year of trading as we were focused on bringing in funds. However, we did take the opportunity to put aside £15,000 into a Cooperative Savings Account, which remained in place throughout the year. It is the Trustees intention to work on a reserves policy in our second year of trading which will result in IP17GNS setting aside sufficient reserves to cover 100% of the charity’s annual fixed costs.

Signed by order of the trustees



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Diana Eastman
Chairperson

07.09.21

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Date

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME (known as IP17GNS)

CHARITY NUMBER 1163775

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME ('THE CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period ended 31 March 2021.

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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

MR C PAGE
ENSORS ACCOUNTANTS LLP
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS
BLYTH HOUSE
SAXMUNDHAM
IP17 1WA

IPSWICH 17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

For the period ended 31 March 2021

	<u>Note</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>Period</u> <u>ending</u> <u>2021</u> £
Receipts				
Grants received		27,667	5,000	32,667
Donations		6,396		6,396
Contributions for meals		2,009		2,009
Bank interest		1		1
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		36,073	5,000	41,073
Payments				
Food, consumables & other welfare	2	8,668		8,668
Subcontractors		3,900		3,900
Small equipment purchases		1,691		1,691
Legal & professional fees		986		986
Travel expenses		824		824
Insurance		190		190
Administration	3	2,670		2,670
Miscellaneous		357		357
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		19,287	0	19,287
Excess of receipts over payments		16,786	5,000	21,786
Cash funds at 25 March 2020		0	0	0
Cash funds at 31 March 2021		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
		16,786	5,000	21,786

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

As at 31 March 2021

	<u>Unrestricted</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> £	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u> £
Cash at bank and in hand			
Bank Current account	1,785	5,000	6,785
Bank Deposit account	15,001	-	15,001
Cash in hand	-	-	-
Cash funds at 31 March 2021	<u>16,786</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>21,786</u>

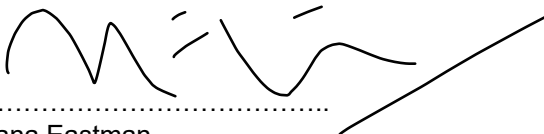
Assets Retained for Charity's own use

Land & building	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Liabilities

	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 07.09.21 and signed on its behalf by:


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Diana Eastman
Chairperson

IPSWICH17 GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the period ended 31 March 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and using the receipts and payments basis.

Restricted Funds

The restricted fund comprises donations and grants which are given for a specific purpose and are only expended for that purpose.

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>2021</u> <u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
2 Food, consumables & other welfare			
Food purchased	3,115		3,115
Other welfare costs	4,622		4,622
Consumables	931		931
	<u>8,668</u>	-	<u>8,668</u>
3 Administration			
Printing, postage & stationery	1,397		1,397
Telephone	689		689
Computer running costs	584		584
	<u>2,670</u>	-	<u>2,670</u>