COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1189401

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2020-05-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Cottage Lane Mission Cottage Lane Ormskirk L39 3NE
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Activities

Objects: TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF ORMSKIRK AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS

Activities: We deal with the specific needs found in our local community. We run activities for those who are lonely, elderly, or otherwise vulnerable. We provide services for people with dementia and their carers. We work with asylum seekers and refugees to help them adapt to life in the UK and integrate into their new community. And we support the educationally disadvantaged, particularly after Covid-19.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- Lancashire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£91,334	£73,362	-	-
2024-12-31	£61,146	£53,223	-	-
2023-12-31	£64,596	£48,511	-	-
2022-12-31	£52,756	£37,293	-	-
2021-12-31	£29,381	£21,455	-	-
2020-12-31	£15,288	£4,434	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Diane Joyce Griffiths		2025-01-21
Liz WYNNE		2020-05-07
Matthew Bentley		2025-11-01
Roy Frederick Wynne		2020-05-07
Thomas Edward Whitfield		2020-05-07

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Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

https://communitylivesmatter.org/

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

Trustees:	Matthew Bentley	- appointed 1 Nov 2025
	Diane Griffiths	- appointed 21 Jan 2025
	Thomas Whitfield	
	Elizabeth Wynne	
	Roy Wynne	
Treasurer:	Thomas Whitfield	
Project Manager & Developer:	Jo Anne McGonigal	
Charity Number:	1189401	
Charity Address:	Cottage Lane Mission Cottage Lane Ormskirk L39 3NE	
Charity Website:	https://communitylivesmatter.org/	
Independent Examiners:	Lifestyles Accountancy Limited 39 Kirklees Road Southport PR8 4RB	
Bankers:	The Co-operative Bank 49a Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 8BH	

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was registered on 7 May 2020. It is governed by its Constitution based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

Recruitment and appointment of the trustees

The board seeks to achieve a balance of skills and experience amongst the trustees. In order to maintain this, the board reviews its skill and experience mix each year and seeks to recruit new trustees when necessary.

There must be at least 3 charity trustees serving at any one time and the maximum number of trustees is 12.

In accordance with the Constitution, apart from the first charity trustees, trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law. In order to retain our relevance to the needs of the community, we also look to recruit trustees with active experience and first-hand involvement in the sector.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explain their general and specific responsibilities.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

Risk management

The trustees are aware of the major risks to which the charity is exposed to and have plans in place to mitigate these as far as possible. A full risk review is monitored by the trustees to ensure that all known risks are mitigated as effectively as possible.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to further or benefit the residents of Ormskirk and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Highlights of 2025

In 2025, with our Community Fund financial support in place for the next four years, we were excited to continue to develop and roll out our project plans. The recruitment of a Project Worker was paramount to the success of the future plans and we were delighted to successfully fill this position in April 2025.

Our existing work in the community, our wonderful weekly luncheon club, our dementia groups, and our support to asylum seekers and refugees continue with new exciting additional ideas to be rolled out over the length of the project. Our new work with pupils at Asmall Primary school began in June, and this has gone from strength to strength.

The idea for this activity was to provide a weekly after school session for those unable to pay for additional recreational activities, in an attempt to bridge the gap between those who can and cannot afford such clubs. Uniquely, we also felt it important that this club be for parents and children to take the time out to play together. Since June, this has become the most popular after school club at the school. We provide craft activities and games every week during term time.

Throughout 2025, the need for our asylum seeker support reduced considerably and we took the decision to make this monthly as opposed to weekly.

Our commitment

We are committed to improving the lives of local people in the community including the elderly, disabled people, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, those with long-term health conditions and those with dementia.

We also want to provide support for children with both their educational needs and some extracurricular activities. Through supporting the children it is our goal to reach out to local families and help them with the support they need also.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries

Each year we try to extend our provision to meet the increasing demand for our activities. The need for our services is paramount, and continues to rise, especially for those with dementia and their carers.

We work hard to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the community to the best of our abilities.

Dementia bowls & Carers Support Group

In 2025, this group reached maximum capacity with the need for support for those with dementia, and their carers, more evident than ever. Everyone loves the sense of family, community, friendship and support at this group, and the days out/events allow carers and partners to have fun and relax in the knowledge that staff and volunteers are there to assist with their loved ones, it makes all the difference!





In 2025 we listened to feedback and planned lots of wonderful trips/days out.

We returned to our favourite adventure golf and had a wonderful Italian lunch at Quattros! A wonderful day was had by all.



One member said:

"It is wonderful to have a chance to chat to those who are going through the same things as you."

For some, they have lost the confidence to continue to take their loved ones out and about, so these trips are a lifeline to a former life which they reminisce about, and as such, are priceless! One of our carers commented:

It has been a great help for myself…I can chat to other family members in the group and realise that I am not alone, we can laugh about many problems, I always come out smiling."



We have new members joining us each week, as word spreads of this fabulous group, and provides much needed comfort and support to those in this unique and complex position.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Luncheon Club 20 Years Old

In 2025, we hit a real milestone as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary of the Luncheon Club. We held a wonderful afternoon event to commemorate this achievement. With over 90 people attending including the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, a fantastic afternoon was enjoyed by all as we gave thanks to those who had made this success possible, and acknowledged our longest standing members with bouquets.





When asked about Luncheon Club, our members said

"Being new to Ormskirk, it has helped me make new friends"

"It helps to combat the loneliness"

"Everybody is so kind, it's an excellent lunch!!"

"I have met new friends, it is something to look forward to every week"

"The club gives me several hours out of the house every Wednesday to meet other people and enjoy an excellent meal. The organisers and volunteers provide a welcoming atmosphere"

Our first Luncheon Club trip

In July, we took 36 members on an organised coach trip to the World of Glass Museum in St Helens.

With a guided tour of the museum and art gallery, a lovely lunch and refreshments provided and a glass blowing demonstration, everyone had a wonderful day.

We have had a number of requests for further trips, so these are being planned.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)





As many people live alone, the Luncheon Club provides much needed company to those who would otherwise be lonely and isolated. Our wonderful chef, Janet, with Beryl, and a wonderful team of approximately 20 volunteers, make the Luncheon Club a place where all our members feel welcome and where they can enjoy a 3 course meal, enjoy each other's company and develop friendships.

Dementia Cafe

This year, we are delighted to have provided people with dementia and their carers the opportunity to not only access support, but also to enjoy a variety of wonderful afternoons of entertainment.



With everything from magicians, a play by our local U3A group about the NHS, to a wonderful afternoon of inter-generational work with pupils from our local community, attending and playing games with our members, to a fabulous saxophonist! We have outdone ourselves this year with the variety of activities.



When asked how people felt they had benefitted from the cafe, members said:

"We have made new friends and had lots of fun"

"It gets us out of the house, meeting people and socialising. It's good to talk to people who understand"



100% of our members said that they felt that their attendance at the dementia cafe reduced their social isolation and loneliness! A real result!

People can relax, make new friends, gain useful information about the practical issues and concerns that they may have, whilst also having the chance to let their hair down and participate in fun activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Asylum seekers & refugees weekly drop-in

This provision saw a drop in numbers as the year progressed, so we reached out to other local organisations in an attempt to understand why and what we could do to address the situation. We discovered that the majority of new asylum seekers in the area were being housed in Skelmersdale rather than Ormskirk or nearby Burscough, and visited ASK, a local support service in Skelmersdale. Despite introducing a travel refund programme, numbers remained low as new provision was available very locally for asylum seekers. We made the decision to reduce this service to a monthly drop-in and utilise our resources to meet the needs of our local community in Ormskirk. This led to the development of the new - Activity Afternoons.

NEW Initiative - Activity Afternoons (Monthly)

We piloted this all adult social opportunity with the aim of providing a warm and welcome afternoon where people could make friends, enjoy crafts, games, music etc. Our very first activity afternoon was very well attended, with the Mayor showing her support and getting involved. This has since become a monthly activity, taking place on the 3rd Friday of each month. It has become a popular event with a mixed group attending.









Educational support for local school children

We are delighted to have been able to continue to financially support a local school with their extra educational plans for children in the form of additional tutoring support. This has been so beneficial to them, and this year we built this relationship further with our new after school provision!

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)



NEW- After School 'Family Club' Work

We have supported 24 families over the two terms, 12 in each term, with a total of 25 children in attendance. We have made connections and built relationships with parents. Both terms have been fully attended with a waiting list and wonderful feedback from parents and children alike.

When asked how do you think the club benefits your child's well-being, parents answered:

"It's a calm setting, I like the music and there is lots of choice of activity"



"It's a nice time to spend focusing on my child"



"So relaxing, adults enjoy the activities as much as the kids!"



"It is a nice decompress at the end of the week, and a chance to meet other families we otherwise might not have"

"Calm and nurturing, we aren't distracted by daily house/teatime jobs. They all want my attention, staff and other parents all play with my other children which is so helpful to let me have 1:1 time" (Mother of 3, aged 11, 10 & 8)

The feedback has been so positive, and we are delighted with the impact this weekly activity is having. It has exceeded everyone's expectations and we are looking forward to working with the families further in the future and providing opportunities for other children in the school.

We said a big thank you to our wonderful volunteers!

All of our activities rely 100% on the generosity of time and spirit from our wonderful volunteers.



In each area of provision, there is a real sense of camaraderie and mutual respect and support. Many of our volunteers have their own needs, and we seek to be as inclusive as possible, to encourage anyone who wishes to be involved, and we seek appropriate roles for them. We hold an annual thank you event for our volunteers, 2025 was a real treat with the fantastic MADukes entertaining us all.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Onwards into 2026

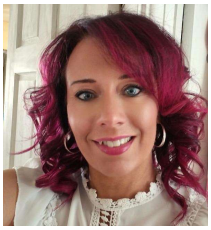
We are proud that Community Lives Matter is a recognised provider of essential services in the community. With our new funding from the Community Fund, we are confident that we can continue to develop considerably over future years.





Over the course of 2025, we tried new things, planned new events, met with new people, worked with other organisations for the good of the local community these links and trials are all part of our development, and it is exciting to see what else we can achieve. It is our aim to make a positive difference to the lives of people, and we are fully committed to serve the community to the best of our abilities.

A heartfelt thank you from Jo, the Project Manager…



Another year has flown by, but what a year! We have grown so much and been able to provide so many services and activities for the local community, I couldn't be happier with our development. As with everything, there is always room for improvement, and with Denise and the support of our wonderful Trustees, I am sure that 2026 will see our provisions growing from strength to strength.

We are committed to maintaining the quality of all of our services and this means slow and steady recruitment of volunteers along with the gradual trialling of new activities. This approach has been our success with our 2 new services this year, and one we will continue to use. Regular feedback from all of those who enjoy and participate in our work means that we ensure that we are best meeting their needs.

Participant led activities, and committed staff and volunteers are at the very heart of Community Lives Matter. Thanks for your support and interest in the work which we do. I am so proud to be the project manager of such a wonderful charity. Both the services we provide to the community, and the wonderful people who enable us to do so, are an asset to Ormskirk and the surrounding areas, and it is my pleasure to support the volunteers and group activity leaders to continue to do what they do, so well.

It is our aim, as we go forward into 2026, to work towards providing new opportunities for us to enrich and help the lives of many more people in need in our local community.

Jo x

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The major source of income for the charity has come from grants awarded. All other income has been from individual donations received from beneficiaries or others connected with the charity, mainly from standing orders with some cash giving. We will be processing these gifts to receive Gift Aid where donors are eligible.

Reserves policy

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income; and
- to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 9 months of its annual expected expenditure gven how long grant funding applications can take to conclude.

As at 31 December 2025, 9-months of annual expected expenditure income was calculated to be about £56,000 and the amount held in unrestricted reserves was £52,294. The trustees are comfortable that this level is right in line with their current needs but remain mindful to keep the balance held in reserves under regular review.

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Financial review of the year

In the year to 31 December 2025 income of £91,334 was received (2024 - £61,146). Costs during the year totalled £73,362 (2024 - £53,223) which generated net income throughout the year of £17,972 (2024 - £7,923).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The charity will continue its operations throughout the year, with a view to further its objectives. We will work with our service users to better understand their needs and how we can increase our impact and target more beneficiaries. With this in mind, we expect to increase our activities in providing support and friendship for those feeling on their own or lonely. We also anticipate adding further services for vulnerable older people and will look additionally to engage with the needs of younger people in the community as we understand better how these are expressed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;

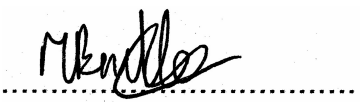
c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 28 April 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



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Matthew Bentley - Trustee

Community Lives Matter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 13 to 19.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

(i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

(ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

(iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Daniel Styles (Independent examiner) **Dated:** 1 May 2026

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Community Lives Matter

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
INCOME					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts	**2**	16,331	-	16,331	18,068
Grant income	**2**	-	74,561	74,561	42,984
Investment income	**2**	442	-	442	94
TOTAL INCOME		16,773	74,561	**91,334**	**61,146**
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	**3**	2,785	68,917	71,702	50,693
Raising funds	**4**	1,418	142	1,560	2,430
Governance	**5**	100	-	100	100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		4,303	69,059	**73,362**	**53,223**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		12,470	5,502	**17,972**	**7,923**
Fund balances at 1 January 2025		39,824	18,427	58,251	50,328
Fund balances at 31 December 2025		52,294	23,929	**76,223**	**58,251**

The notes on pages 15 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

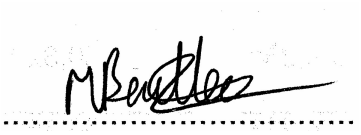
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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	Notes	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		78,081	58,351
		78,081	58,351
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Trade creditors		1,360	-
Accruals		100	100
Social security and other taxes		398	-
		1,858	100
NET CURRENT ASSETS		76,223	58,251
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**76,223**	**58,251**
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	**7 & 8**	23,929	18,427
Unrestricted funds		52,294	39,824
TOTAL FUNDS		**76,223**	**58,251**

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 28 April 2026 by:



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Matthew Bentley - Trustee

The notes on pages 15 - 19 form part of these financial statements.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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 2019).

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

c Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations received	16,331	-	**16,331**	18,068
Grant income:				
Grants received	-	74,561	**74,561**	42,984
Investment income:				
Bank interest received	442	-	**442**	94
	16,773	74,561	**91,334**	**61,146**

3 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Administration costs:				
Venue hire	660	9,775	**10,435**	8,424
Equipment and activity materials	-	5,039	**5,039**	2,243
Food costs	-	11,914	**11,914**	11,996
Wages and salaries	472	41,788	**42,260**	25,165
Travel	2	100	**102**	-
Grants and donations	1,000	-	**1,000**	2,000
Sundry costs	144	241	**385**	261
Training	-	-	**-**	25
DBS checks	-	-	**-**	25
Support costs:				
Insurance	327	-	**327**	314
Payroll administration	180	60	**240**	240
	2,785	68,917	**71,702**	**50,693**

4 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grant application fees	1,418	-	**1,418**	2,170
Advertising materials	-	142	**142**	260
	1,418	142	**1,560**	**2,430**

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Independent examination	100	-	**100**	100
	100	-	**100**	**100**

6 STAFF COSTS

No remuneration or expenses were paid to trustees during the year (2024 - £nil). The staff costs of all the remaining staff averaging 4 (2024 - 3) totalled:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	**41,496**	24,767
Pension costs - Defined contribution	**764**	398
	42,260	25,165

No single employee earned £60,000 per annum or more during the year (2024 - none).

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Restricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	52,394	23,929	**76,323**	58,351
Current liabilities	(100)	-	**(100)**	(100)
	52,294	23,929	**76,223**	**58,251**

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 25 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 25 £
Albert Hunt	-	5,000	(5,000)	**-**
Arnold Clark	1,060	-	(1,060)	**-**
Church Urban Fund	458	-	(458)	**-**
Dowager Countess Peel	-	5,000	(2,604)	**2,396**
Lancashire County Council	273	1,500	(1,023)	**750**
Morrisons	3,553		(1,836)	**1,717**
Red Rose Charitable Trust	-	3,000	(3,000)	**-**
Regenerage Inclusive North	1,000	-	(1,000)	**-**
Springfield Court	60	-	(60)	**-**
Tesco	433	-	-	**433**
The National Lottery Community Fund	9,590	54,411	(46,272)	**17,729**
W.G.Edwards Charitable Foundation	2,000	-	(1,247)	**753**
West Lancs Crematorium	-	150		
Yorkshire Building Society	-	2,500	(2,500)	**-**
Zedra	-	3,000	(3,000)	**-**
	18,427	74,561	(69,059)	**23,929**

All restricted grants received as shown above are for the furtherance of the charitable activities of the charity and are to cover the cost of building hire, staff costs and the purchase of food and equipment.

9 UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 25 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 Dec 25 £
Unrestricted funds:	39,824	16,773	(4,303)	-	**52,294**
	39,824	16,773	(4,303)	-	**52,294**

10 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no known disclosable related party transactions that took place throughout the year (2024 - none).

COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1189401

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1189401

Community Lives Matter

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Trustees:	Rev Paul Griffiths (Chair) Neil Rees Thomas Whitfield Elizabeth Wynne Roy Wynne
Treasurer:	Thomas Whitfield
Project Manager & Developer:	Jo Anne McGonigal
Charity Number:	1189401
Charity Address:	Cottage Lane Mission Cottage Lane Ormskirk L39 3NE
Charity Website:	https://communitylivesmatter.org/
Independent Examiners:	Lifestyles Accountancy Limited 39 Kirklees Road Southport PR8 4RB
Bankers:	The Co-operative Bank 49a Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 8BH

Community Lives Matter

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation which was registered on 7 May 2020. It is governed by its Constitution based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

Recruitment and appointment of the trustees

The board seeks to achieve a balance of skills and experience amongst the trustees. In order to maintain this, the board reviews its skill and experience mix each year and seeks to recruit new trustees when necessary.

There must be at least 3 charity trustees serving at any one time and the maximum number of trustees is 12.

In accordance with the Constitution, apart from the first charity trustees, trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law. In order to retain our relevance to the needs of the community, we also look to recruit trustees with active experience and first-hand involvement in the sector.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explain their general and specific responsibilities.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

Risk management

The trustees are aware of the major risks to which the charity is exposed to and have plans in place to mitigate these as far as possible. A full risk review is monitored by the trustees to ensure that all known risks are mitigated as effectively as possible.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to further or benefit the residents of Ormskirk and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Our performance in 2024…

In 2024, we wanted to not only continue providing support to our target groups, but to seek ways to extend this further into the community. With this in mind a great deal of work took place to build a funding bid for the Community Fund. It was our aim to secure funding for existing core costs, and also to seek support to extend our staffing with a Project Worker to assist in the running of new and exciting projects.

We were delighted to receive the news of our success, with funding secured for the next four years. As part of this proposal, we are committed to provide our wonderful weekly luncheon club, our dementia groups, and our support to asylum seekers and refugees, but also to begin new work with pupils at Asmall primary school with the hope of further growth. The initial plans for this involve a weekly after school session for those unable to pay for additional recreational activities, in an attempt to bridge the gap between those who can and cannot afford such clubs. It is our goal to use this opportunity to speak with parents and seek out new areas of support. Watch this space for new plans…

Our commitment

We are committed to improving the lives of local people in the community including the elderly, disabled people, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, those with long-term health conditions and those with dementia. We also want to provide much needed support for asylum seekers and refugees, and support children with both their educational needs and some extracurricular activities.

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity’s beneficiaries

Demand for our activities continues to rise, especially for those with dementia and their carers. We have developed our services to meet this demand, recruiting new volunteers to enable us to grow and provide the necessary care and support at each of our services.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Dementia bowls & Carers Support Group

In 2024, we had record numbers of people attending this weekly group for those living with dementia and their carers. Following feedback, we sought to provide more days out and trips in addition to the weekly bowls, which included a fabulous Sixties show at the Atkinson theatre, the Museum of Liverpool & Brasco Lounge, the World of Glass Museum, and breakfast at Toby to name but a few!





Everyone loves the sense of family, community, friendship and support at this group, and the days out/events allow carers and partners to have fun and relax in the knowledge that staff and volunteers are there to assist with their loved ones, it makes all the difference!



One member said:

"It is wonderful to have a chance to chat to those who are going through the same things as you."

For some, they have lost the confidence to continue to take their loved ones out and about, so these trips are a lifeline to a former life which they reminisce about, and as such, are priceless!

Our adventure golf and lunch at Cherry Orchard was a particular highlight of the year, with lots of fun and games, and even a couple of holes in one! A wonderful day was had by all.





One of our carers commented:

"It has been a great help for myself…I can chat to other family members in the group and realise that I am not alone, we can laugh about many problems, I always come out smiling"

We have new members joining us each week, as word spreads of this fabulous group, and provides much needed comfort and support to those in this unique and complex position.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Luncheon Club



Our well loved Luncheon Club has continued to thrive throughout 2024, with new members joining each week. The average age of our members is their 80's. As many people live alone, the luncheon club provides much needed company to those who would otherwise be lonely and isolated.



One member said:

"I enjoy the company and getting out of the house, especially in the winter"

People often refer to Wednesday as their favourite day because of Luncheon Club, one member commented:

"The Luncheon Club gives me something to look forward to…it keeps me sane"

We have a wonderful chef, Janet, who with Beryl and a wonderful team of approximately 20 volunteers, is fully committed to making the Luncheon Club a place where all our members feel welcome and where they can enjoy a 3 course meal, enjoy each other's company and develop friendships.

As well as wonderful food, Wednesdays can be a place for learning and fun. In 2024, we hosted the local dementia hub at Luncheon Club to provide information from Home Instead, will writing support, and had representatives from the fire service, the dementia and delirium team, and many more. Throughout the summer, we also hosted a wonderful afternoon tea event.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)



Dementia Cafe

This ever popular monthly group provides a safe and friendly environment for people with dementia and their carers who live in the local community. It offers an opportunity to meet and share experiences with other people going through similar daily issues and concerns.





People can relax, make new friends, gain useful information about the practical issues and concerns that they may have, whilst also having the chance to let their hair down and participate in fun activities.

Every year, we challenge ourselves to provide an ever exciting programme of activities, to keep things interesting, ranging from quizzes and themed bingo, to speakers, musicians, magicians to famous faces like Jon Culshaw and Everton legends, Ian Snowdon and Darren Griffiths!

Asylum seekers & refugees weekly drop-in

The drop-in provides a safe communal space for isolated individuals who find themselves with no opportunities for activities or contact with others, but has also become a source of information, resources, support and a place to engage and access fun activities both inside and outside of Community Lives Matter. With an excellent volunteer group as support, and with some generous funding provision, those who drop-in have been able to engage in trips to various activities and places. We were also able to provide clothing, resources for learning and financial transport help. Practical support includes:

- Getting registered with a GP and dentist
- Provision of clothing, toiletries or other basic needs
- Help filling in any number of official forms
- Advice and signposting to local services, e.g., foodbank
- Help with English and college applications
- Help with CV preparation and looking for employment for those with permission to work
- Trips out with volunteers, e.g., art gallery and local walks

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Befriending - support and friendship for those on their own or feeling lonely

Whilst Luncheon Club does provide welcome social contact, for some attendees this is the only time they get out all week, and perhaps the only time they get to sit and chat to others. In recognition of the loneliness expressed by so many, throughout 2024, we have worked hard to get our service up and running, starting out through phone calls and some visits, where appropriate. We are still recruiting volunteers through WLCVS to enable us to grow this much needed support, with the aim of alleviating the effects of loneliness for as many of our local residents as possible.

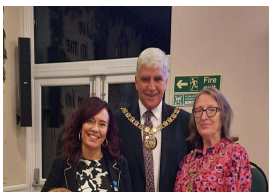
All of our volunteers are DBS checked and matched to someone that we hope they can relate to well. This service is still in the early stages, as recruitment for suitable volunteers takes time, but we are hopeful to support a number of people in the future.

Educational support for local school children

We are delighted to have been able to continue to financially support a local school with their extra educational plans for children. This has been so beneficial to them, and we are working towards building this relationship and hosting mutually beneficial plans and events.

Watch this space for new and exciting developments which are in the planning stages…

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers!



All of our activities rely 100% on the generosity of time and spirit from our wonderful volunteers. In each area of provision, there is a real sense of camaraderie and mutual respect and support. Many of our volunteers have their own needs, and we seek to be as inclusive as possible, to encourage anyone who wishes to be involved, and we seek appropriate roles for them. We hold an annual thank you event for our volunteers, 2024 was a real treat with a wonderful singer and the Mayor & Mayoress attending.





Fundraiser - Aughton Male Voice Choir

Yet another first in 2024! We organised a fantastic fundraising evening with the wonderful Aughton Male Voice Choir in June. With a wonderful evening of entertainment, a fantastic turnout and over £500 raised, this will definitely be something that we repeat!

Onwards into 2025

Community Lives Matter is now a recognised provider of essential services in the community. With our new funding from the Community Fund, we are confident that we can continue to develop considerably over the next four years.

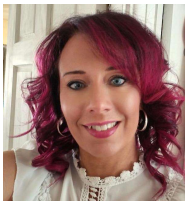
ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Onwards into 2025 (continued)

Over the course of 2024, we tried new things, planned new events, met with new people, worked with other organisations for the good of the local community…these links and trials are all part of our development, and it is exciting to see what else we can achieve. It is our aim to make a positive difference to the lives of people, and we are fully committed to serve the community to the best of our abilities.

With the additional funding for a new member of staff, we are positive that we can extend our provision to meet ever changing needs, and provide events and services to support this.

A very proud note from Jo, the Project Manager…



I can't believe that I am writing another annual message, the year has flown so quickly with all of our wonderful activities. 2024 saw too many events to illustrate, but I hope to have provided at least a flavour of the fun times that our organisers and volunteers have worked so hard to provide.

It is honestly my honour to be the project manager of such a wonderful progressive charity. I couldn't be prouder of our growing achievements, and would like to acknowledge that without the dedication of each and every volunteer, our services would be unable to run. Both the services we provide to the community, and the wonderful people who enable us to do so, are an asset to Ormskirk and the surrounding areas, and it is my pleasure to support the volunteers and group activity leaders to continue to do what they do, so well.

It is my goal as we go forward into 2025, to work towards providing new opportunities for us to enrich and help the lives of many more people in need in our local community.

Jo Anne McGonigal
Project Manager & Developer

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The major source of income for the charity has come from grants awarded. All other income has been from individual donations received from beneficiaries or others connected with the charity, mainly from standing orders with some cash giving. We will be processing these gifts to receive Gift Aid where donors are eligible.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Reserves policy

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income; and
- to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 25% of its annual turnover.

As at 31 December 2024, 25% of income was calculated to be £15,287, whilst the amount held in unrestricted reserves was £39,824. The trustees appreciate that this level is in excess of what is immediately needed but is deemed appropriate for this year since we took on further paid staff during 2022 and have an increased budget for 2025. Some finance has also been carried over from activities that were unable to be put in place due to pandemic restrictions and this is planned to be invested in these activities in years to come. The trustees keep the balance held in reserves under review.

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Financial review of the year

In the year to 31 December 2024 income of £61,146 was received (2023 - £64,596). Costs during the year totalled £53,223 (2023 - £48,511) which generated a surplus throughout the year of £7,923 (2023 - £16,085).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The charity will continue its operations throughout the year, with a view to further its objectives. We will work with our service users to better understand their needs and how we can increase our impact and target more beneficiaries. With this in mind, we expect to increase our activities in providing support and friendship for those feeling on their own or lonely. We also anticipate adding further services for vulnerable older people and will look additionally to engage with the needs of younger people in the community as we understand better how these are expressed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;

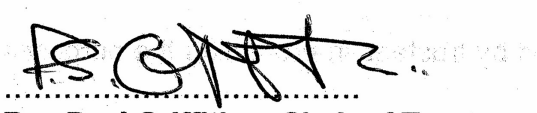
c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 15 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



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Rev Paul Griffiths - Chair of Trustees

Community Lives Matter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

(i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

(ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

(iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles (Independent examiner) **Dated:** 11 August 2025

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Community Lives Matter

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
INCOME					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts	**2**	18,068	-	18,068	15,846
Grant income	**2**	-	42,984	42,984	48,750
Investment income	**2**	94	-	94	-
TOTAL INCOME		18,162	42,984	**61,146**	**64,596**
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	**3**	6,281	44,412	50,693	46,754
Raising funds	**4**	2,420	10	2,430	1,657
Governance	**5**	100	-	100	100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		8,801	44,422	**53,223**	**48,511**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		9,361	(1,438)	**7,923**	**16,085**
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		30,463	19,865	50,328	34,243
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		39,824	18,427	**58,251**	**50,328**

The notes on pages 14 - 17 form part of these financial statements.

Community Lives Matter

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		58,351	50,428
		58,351	50,428
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		100	100
		100	100
NET CURRENT ASSETS		58,251	50,328
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**58,251**	**50,328**
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	**7 & 8**	18,427	19,865
Unrestricted funds		39,824	30,463
TOTAL FUNDS		**58,251**	**50,328**

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 15 July 2025 by:



Rev Paul Griffiths - Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 14 - 17 form part of these financial statements.

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements follow the requirements of the revised Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) – 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 2019).

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

c Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations received	18,068	-	**18,068**	15,846
Grant income:				
Grants received	-	42,984	**42,984**	48,750
Investment income:				
Bank interest received	94	-	**94**	-
	18,162	42,984	**61,146**	**64,596**

3 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Administration costs:				
Venue hire	-	8,424	**8,424**	8,271
Equipment and activity materials	(34)	2,277	**2,243**	6,140
Food costs	2,571	9,425	**11,996**	11,229
Wages and salaries	904	24,261	**25,165**	20,107
Travel	-	-	**-**	-
Grants and donations	2,000	-	**2,000**	-
Sundry costs	261	-	**261**	218
Training	-	25	**25**	128
DBS checks	25	-	**25**	87
Support costs:				
Insurance	314	-	**314**	334
Payroll administration	240	-	**240**	240
	6,281	44,412	**50,693**	**46,754**

4 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grant application fees	2,170	-	**2,170**	1,603
Advertising materials	250	10	**260**	54
	2,420	10	**2,430**	**1,657**

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Independent examination	100	-	**100**	100
	100	-	**100**	**100**

6 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No trustee received any remuneration throughout the year.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Current assets	39,924	18,427	**58,351**	50,428
Current liabilities	(100)	-	**(100)**	(100)
	39,824	18,427	**58,251**	**50,328**

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 24 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 24 £
Albert Hunt	-	3,000	(3,000)	**-**
Anwyl Construction	179	-	(179)	**-**
Arnold Clark	-	2,500	(1,440)	**1,060**
Canter, Levin, Berg Solicitors	-	500	(500)	**-**
Church Urban Fund	458	-	-	**458**
Co-op	1,787	-	(1,787)	**-**
Community Champions Scheme	276	-	(276)	**-**
Dowager Countess Peel	1,303	-	(1,303)	**-**
Edith Mary Clark	194	-	(194)	**-**
Eric Wright	450	50	(500)	**-**
Garfield Weston	-	5,000	(5,000)	**-**
Lancashire County Council	1,400	250	(1,377)	**273**
McCarthy and Stone	-	5,000	(5,000)	**-**
Morrisons	1,120	-	-	**1,120**
Morrisons	3,241	4,000	(4,808)	**2,433**
Red Rose Charitable Trust	370	-	(370)	**-**
Red Rose Community Fund	5,000	-	(5,000)	**-**
Regenerage Inclusive North	-	1,000	-	**1,000**
Springfield Court	-	310	(250)	**60**
Tesco	1,000	-	(567)	**433**
The National Lottery Community Fund	3,087	18,874	(12,371)	**9,590**
Warm spaces	-	500	(500)	**-**
W.G.Edwards Charitable Foundation	-	2,000	-	**2,000**
	19,865	42,984	(44,422)	**18,427**

All restricted grants received as shown above are for the furtherance of the charitable activities of the charity and are to cover the cost of building hire, staff costs and the purchase of food and equipment.

9 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no known disclosable related party transactions that took place throughout the year (2023 - none).

COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1189401

Accounts

Charity registration number: 1189401

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	Alan Heaton	- resigned 24 May 2023
	Luke Milner	- resigned 8 March 2023
	Neil Rees	
	Thomas Whitfield	
	Elizabeth Wynne	
	Roy Wynne	
Treasurer:	Thomas Whitfield	
Project and Development Manager:	Jo Anne McGonigal	
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

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In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law. In order to retain our relevance to the needs of the community, we also look to recruit trustees with active experience and first-hand involvement in the sector.

Trustee induction and training

The current board of trustees will provide any new trustee with an overview of the timetable of board meetings, copies of the recent minutes of meetings, the recent reports and accounts and explains their general and specific responsibilities.

Ongoing training is provided by the board of trustees as and when the need arises.

Risk management

The trustees are aware of the major risks to which the charity is exposed to and have plans in place to mitigate these as far as possible. A full risk review is monitored by the trustees to ensure that all known risks are mitigated as effectively as possible.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects of the charity

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

The purpose of the charity is to further or benefit the residents of Ormskirk and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

What a year we had in 2023!

With a focused goal… to improve the lives of local people in the community including disabled people, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, those with long-term health conditions and those with dementia. We also wanted to provide much needed support for asylum seekers and refugees, and support children with educational needs.

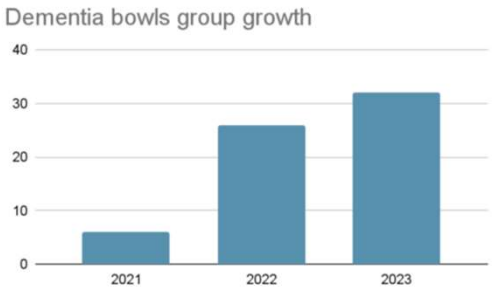
We have sought new ways to improve these lives, and have pushed the boundaries of our capabilities to provide new experiences for as many people as possible.

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries

Year on year, the demand for our activities has risen, and we have grown and developed to meet this demand, recruiting new volunteers to enable us to grow each of our services.

Dementia bowls & Carers Support Group

In 2023, we had record numbers of people (32) attending this weekly group for those living with dementia and their carers. To ensure we are best meeting needs, we request regular feedback, in response to this, we have sought to provide more days out and trips in addition to the weekly bowls.



Everyone loves the sense of family, community, friendship and support at this group, and the days out/events allow carers and partners to have fun and relax in the knowledge that staff and volunteers are there to assist with their loved ones, it makes all the difference! One member said:

"It is wonderful to have a chance to chat to those who are going through the same things as you."

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Dementia bowls & Carers Support Group (continued)





For some, they do not have the confidence to continue to take their loved ones out and about, so these trips are a lifeline to a former life which they reminisce about. They are priceless!

Our trip to Liverpool was a particular highlight of the year, with a coach load of people enjoying a cruise on the Liverpool Ferry across the Mersey followed by some wonderful fish and chips. A wonderful day was had by all. One of our carers commented:

"It has been a great help for myself…I can chat to other family members in the group and realise that I am not alone, we can laugh about many problems, I always come out smiling"

We have new members joining us each week, as word spreads of this fabulous group, and provides much needed comfort and support to those in this unique and complex position.

Luncheon Club

Our well loved Luncheon Club has continued to thrive throughout 2023, with new members joining each week. The average age of our members is their 80's. As many people live alone, the luncheon club provides much needed company to those who would otherwise be lonely and isolated. One member said:



"I enjoy the company and getting out of the house, especially in the winter"

People often refer to Wednesday as their favourite day because of Luncheon Club, one member commented:

"Luncheon Club gives me something to look forward to…keeps me sane"

We have a paid chef, who with Beryl, and a wonderful team of approximately 20 volunteers, is fully committed to making the Luncheon Club a place where all our members feel welcome and where they can enjoy a 3 course meal, enjoy each other's company and develop friendships.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Luncheon Club (continued)



As well as wonderful food, Wednesdays can be a place for learning and fun. In 2023, we hosted information sessions about care opportunities from Home Instead, will writing support, and had representatives from the fire service attend with advice. We also worked with Age UK to provide digital wellbeing support sessions to help people use technology, e.g., smart phones, tablets, etc. Throughout the summer, we put on a delightful afternoon tea event, and new for 2023, we launched our classic film afternoons, which proved super popular!



Dementia Café

This monthly group provides a safe and friendly environment for people with dementia and their carers who live in the local community. It offers an opportunity to meet and share experiences with other people going through similar daily issues and concerns.

People can relax, make new friends, gain useful information about the practical issues and concerns that they may have, whilst also having the chance to let their hair down and participate in fun activities.

We provide a variety of activities, to keep things interesting, ranging from quizzes to themed bingo, speakers, games, etc.



ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Asylum seekers & refugees weekly drop-in

The drop-in provides a safe communal space for isolated individuals who find themselves with no opportunities for activities or contact with others, but has also become a source of information, resources, support and a place to engage and access fun activities both inside and outside of Community Lives Matter. With an excellent volunteer group as support, and with some generous funding provision, those who drop-in have been able to engage in trips to various activities /places, and we have provided individual local gym memberships to promote both physical and mental well-being. We were also able to provide clothing, resources for learning and financial transport help. Practical support includes:



- Getting registered with a GP and dentist
- Refurbished electronics/equipment/cooking utensils
- Provision of clothing, toiletries or other basic needs
- Help filling in any number of official forms
- Advice and signposting to local services, e.g., foodbank
- Support with asylum applications
- Help with English and college applications
- Help with CV preparation and looking for employment for those with permission to work
- Gym memberships
- Trips out with volunteers, e.g., local football match and tenpin bowling

Our trips out over the year have been so popular and have given new insight into the culture and diversity of life in the UK, and provided some much needed fun opportunities!

Befriending - support and friendship for those on their own or feeling lonely

Whilst luncheon club does provide welcome social contact, for some attendees this is the only time they get out all week, and perhaps the only time they get to sit and chat to others. In recognition of the loneliness expressed by so many, we now have our service up and running, starting out through phone calls and some visits, where appropriate. We are recruiting volunteers through WLCVS to enable us to grow this much needed support, with the aim of alleviating the effects of loneliness for as many of our local residents as possible.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Befriending - support and friendship for those on their own or feeling lonely (continued)
All of our volunteers are DBS checked and matched to someone that we hope they can relate to well. This service is in the early stages, and recruitment for suitable volunteers takes time, but it is developing, and the people we have recruited are well suited to the role. Recruitment continues, and the pairings we have made are going well.

We foresee this service expanding over the forthcoming year.

Educational support for local school children
We are delighted to have been able to continue to financially support a local school with their extra educational plans for children. This has been so beneficial to them, and we are working towards building this relationship and hosting mutually beneficial plans and events.

Our amazing volunteers
All of our activities rely 100% on the generosity of time and spirit from our wonderful volunteers. In each area of provision, there is a real sense of camaraderie and mutual respect and support. Many of our volunteers have their own needs, and we seek to be as inclusive as possible, to encourage anyone who wishes to be involved, and we seek appropriate roles for them.

A special speaker at our Annual Meeting - Ashley Dalton MP
We decided to make our meeting a real thank you event for all of our fantastic volunteers, and we were honoured to be joined by our local MP. With some wonderful entertainment, it was a lovely social evening which provided some great opportunities to invite representatives from other local organisations.



Moving forward
Community Lives Matter is now a recognised provider of essential services in the community. It has developed considerably since its inception, and the growing range of services, and being able to be responsive to changing needs makes us unique in our delivery.

Throughout 2023, we tried new things, planned new events, met with new people, worked with other organisations for the good of the local community…these links and trials are all part of our development, and it is exciting to see what else we can achieve. It is our aim to make a positive difference to the lives of people, and we are fully committed to serve the community to the best of our abilities.

We are, as always, keen to extend our provision to meet ever changing needs, and provide events and services to support this.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

A very proud note from the Project Manager…
It is an honour to be project manager of such a wonderful, forward thinking and progressive charity. Without the dedication of each and every volunteer, our services would be unable to run, and I couldn't be prouder of both the services we provide to the community, and the wonderful people who enable us to do so. It is my pleasure to support the volunteers and group activity leaders to continue to do what they do, so well, and it is my goal as we go forward into 2024, to seek new opportunities for us to enrich and help the lives of people in need in our local community.

Jo Anne McGonigal
Project and Development Manager

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources
The major source of income for the charity has come from grants awarded. All other income has been from individual donations received from beneficiaries or others connected with the charity, mainly from standing orders with some cash giving. We will be processing these gifts to receive Gift Aid where donors are eligible.

Reserves policy
The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income; and
- to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 25% of its annual turnover.

As at 31 December 2023, 25% of income was calculated to be £16,149, whilst the amount held in reserves was £50,328. The trustees appreciate that this level is in excess of what is immediately needed but is deemed appropriate for this year since we took on further paid staff during 2022 and have a budget of £77,000 for 2023. Some finance has also been carried over from activities that were unable to be put in place due to pandemic restrictions and this is planned to be invested in these activities in years to come. The trustees keep the balance held in reserves under review.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Financial review of the year

In the year to 31 December 2023 income of £64,596 was received (2022 - £52,756). Costs during the year totalled £48,511 (2022 - £37,293) which generated a surplus throughout the year of £16,085 (2022 - £15,463).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The charity will continue its operations throughout the year, with a view to further its objectives. We will work with our service users to better understand their needs and how we can increase our impact and target more beneficiaries. With this in mind, we expect to increase our activities in providing support and friendship for those feeling on their own or lonely. We also anticipate adding further services for vulnerable older people and will look additionally to engage with the needs of younger people in the community as we understand better how these are expressed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;

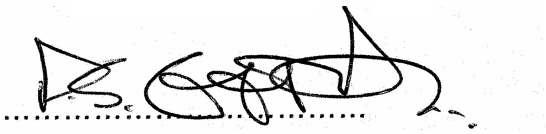
c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 10 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul Griffiths - Chair of Trustees

Community Lives Matter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

(i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

(ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

(iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles (Independent examiner) **Dated:** 17 June 2024

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
INCOME					
Income from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts	**2**	15,846	-	15,846	14,384
Grant income	**2**	-	48,750	48,750	38,322
Fundraising income	**2**	-	-	-	50
TOTAL INCOME		15,846	48,750	**64,596**	**52,756**
EXPENDITURE					
Charitable activities	**3**	1,086	45,668	46,754	36,251
Raising funds	**4**	1,603	54	1,657	942
Governance	**5**	100	-	100	100
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,789	45,722	**48,511**	**37,293**
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		13,057	3,028	**16,085**	**15,463**
Fund balances at 1 January 2023		17,406	16,837	34,243	18,780
Fund balances at 31 December 2023		30,463	19,865	**50,328**	**34,243**

The notes on pages 14 - 17 form part of these financial statements.

Community Lives Matter

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		50,428	34,343
		50,428	34,343
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		100	100
		100	100
NET CURRENT ASSETS		50,328	34,243
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**50,328**	**34,243**
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	**7 & 8**	19,865	16,837
Unrestricted funds		30,463	17,406
TOTAL FUNDS		**50,328**	**34,243**

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 10 June 2024 by:



Rev Paul Griffiths - Chair of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

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The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for Charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest whole £.

b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

c Income

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d Expenditure

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations received	15,846	-	**15,846**	14,384
Grant income:				
Grants received	-	48,750	**48,750**	38,322
Fundraising income:				
Lynn Rees marathon	-	-	**-**	50
	15,846	48,750	**64,596**	**52,756**

3 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Administration costs:				
Venue hire	-	8,271	**8,271**	6,554
Equipment and activity materials	261	5,879	**6,140**	2,555
Food costs	-	11,229	**11,229**	9,458
Wages and salaries	-	20,107	**20,107**	14,465
Travel	-	-	**-**	1,258
Grants and donations	-	-	**-**	1,000
Sundry costs	110	108	**218**	243
Training	128	-	**128**	131
DBS checks	13	74	**87**	86
Support costs:				
Insurance	334	-	**334**	301
Payroll administration	240	-	**240**	200
	1,086	45,668	**46,754**	**36,251**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grant application fees	1,603	-	**1,603**	942
Advertising materials	-	54	**54**	-
	1,603	54	**1,657**	**942**

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Independent examination	100	-	**100**	100
	100	-	**100**	**100**

6 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No trustee received any remuneration throughout the year.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Current assets	30,563	19,865	**50,428**	34,343
Current liabilities	(100)	-	**(100)**	(100)
	30,463	19,865	**50,328**	**34,243**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

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8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 23 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 23 £
Albert Hunt	-	2,000	(2,000)	**-**
Anwyl Construction	-	1,000	(821)	**179**
Bennett Family Charity	-	300	(300)	**-**
Church Urban Fund	1,339	-	(881)	**458**
Co-op	-	1,787	-	**1,787**
Community Action Fund	508	-	(508)	**-**
Community Champions Scheme	-	500	(224)	**276**
Community Foundation	-	2,000	(2,000)	**-**
Dementia Support	-	525	(525)	**-**
Dowager Countess Peel	-	4,200	(2,897)	**1,303**
Dulverton	3	-	(3)	**-**
Edgar Langley	-	1,500	(1,500)	**-**
Edith Mary Clark	194	-	-	**194**
Eric Wright	10	450	(10)	**450**
Francis Winham	-	1,000	(1,000)	**-**
Lancashire County Council	-	1,400	-	**1,400**
McCarthy and Stone	466	-	(466)	**-**
Morrisons	2,970	-	(1,850)	**1,120**
Morrisons	-	4,000	(759)	**3,241**
Ormskirk Rotary	-	1,000	(1,000)	**-**
Peter Lathom Charity	10	-	(10)	**-**
Red Rose Charitable Trust	4,788	-	(4,418)	**370**
Red Rose Community Fund	-	5,000	-	**5,000**
Springfield Court	-	362	(362)	**-**
Tesco	1,000	-	-	**1,000**
The National Lottery Community Fund	5,549	21,726	(24,188)	**3,087**
W. Lancs Council for Voluntary Services	-			**-**
	16,837	48,750	(45,722)	**19,865**

All restricted grants received as shown above are for the furtherance of the charitable activities of the charity and are to cover the cost of building hire, staff costs and the purchase of food and equipment.

COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1189401

Accounts

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

2022 saw the plans of the previous year come to fruition for the charity. All of the significant time and energy put into the creation of suitable structures, policies and procedures in 2021, allowed the trustees alongside the new project manager and developer to work together with a wider steering group, and volunteers to provide existing services and develop these in accordance with the objectives of the charity. We have sought to improve the lives of people in our local community, including disabled people, those experiencing loneliness and isolation, those with long-term health conditions and those with dementia. We also provide much needed support for asylum seekers and refugees.

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries

All activities have grown and developed over the past year meeting an ever growing need for support in the community.

Dementia bowls

For those living with dementia and their carers, the bowls group who meet weekly has quadrupled in number, and the clear and obvious need for the support which it provides is paramount. We have new members joining us each week, as word spreads of the service, and the sense of community and friendship which naturally develops is wonderful, and provides much needed comfort and support to those in this unique and complex position. In addition to bowls each week, this group have enjoyed various planned trips, and a special Christmas day out to the Liverpool Philharmonic Hall to see a dementia friendly



Lunch out at our local Dobbies →

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries (continued)

Liverpool Philharmonic Hall and pub ↙↘





With plenty of volunteers, carers were also able to relax and enjoy the day, including the sing-along on the coach!

going through the same things as you. I really enjoy coming."

Luncheon Club

Our weekly Luncheon Club has made a big difference to people's lives throughout 2022. The average weekly attendance from September to December 2022 was 55, but often reaches the mid 60's. New members join each week, as word spreads, with the average age being in their 80's.



As 88% of our members live alone, luncheon club provides much needed and enjoyed company to those who would otherwise be lonely and isolated.

"I have met old friends and found lots of new ones, the staff are fab!"

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries (continued)

Luncheon Club (continued)

We have a wonderful team of approximately 15 – 18 volunteers, who with the paid chef are fully committed to making the Luncheon Club a place where all our members feel welcome and where they can enjoy a 3 course meal, enjoy each other's company and develop friendships.



We also provide opportunities to enjoy other events outside the Luncheon Club. These have included a Gospel choir, a Move it or lose it taster session, promoting seated exercise, and an opportunity to learn basic computer skills, to name but a few!

We also arranged an NHS survey of general health, when an NHS team offered the members and staff blood pressure, BMI and cholesterol checks in our comfortable environment. A favourite was a visit from pupils from Asmall School, who met with older members of the community and sang and played ukuleles. Finally, in 2022, we provided a wonderful Christmas lunch with all the trimmings with a short Carol Service.

A real highlight of 2022 was a visit by the Mayor & Mayoress of West Lancs



The Mayor and Mayoress joined us for lunch. This email came from the Mayor's secretary the next day.

"The Mayor and Mayoress have asked that their heartfelt thanks be sent to everyone involved that made the visit truly memorable. They were both absolutely blown away by the loving sense of community, the rapport between the participants and the passion and enthusiasm of the volunteers. Thank you so much for making this visit so special for them both."

Members say :

"Gives me something to look forward to...keeps me sane"
"I enjoy the company and getting out of the house, especially in the winter"

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries (continued)

Dementia cafe

The dementia cafe provides a safe and friendly environment for people with dementia and their carers who live in the local community. It offers an opportunity to meet and share experiences with other people going through similar daily issues and concerns.





They are able to make new friends, gain information about the practical issues, whilst also having the chance to let their hair down and relax and participate in fun activities.

This monthly event has a variety of activities, ranging from puzzles and quizzes to themed bingo, speakers, even gardening.

Asylum seekers & refugees weekly drop-in

The drop-in provides a safe communal space for isolated individuals who find themselves with no opportunities for activities or contact with others, but has also become a source of information, resources, support and a place to engage and access fun activities both inside and outside of Community Lives Matter. With an excellent volunteer group as support, and with some generous funding provision, those who drop-in have been able to engage in trips to various activities /places, and we have provided individual local gym memberships to promote both physical and mental well-being. Specific funding also provided clothing, resources for learning and financial transport

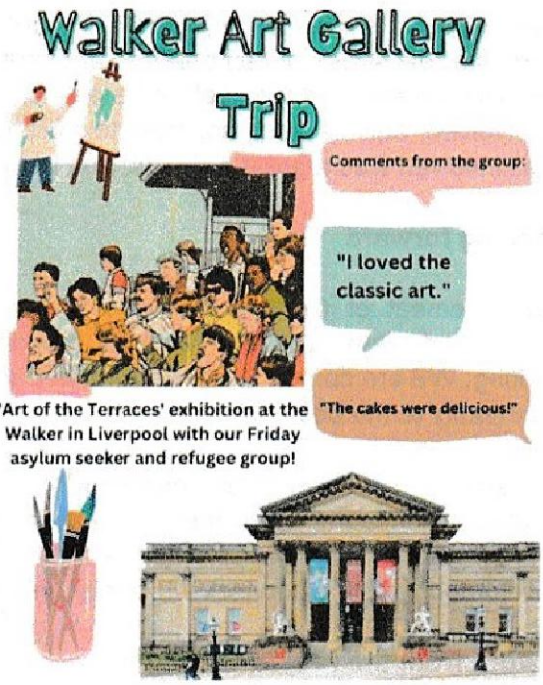


ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries (continued)

Asylum seekers & refugees weekly drop-in (continued)
Practical support includes:

- Getting registered with a GP
- Provision of bicycles
- Refurbished electronics
- Provision of clothing, toiletries or other basic needs
- Help filling in any number of official forms
- Advice and signposting to local services,eg, foodbank
- Support with asylum applications
- Help with English
- Help looking for employment for those with permission to work
- Gym memberships
- Trips out with volunteers, eg, Liverpool Philharmonic Hall & bowling



'Art of the Terraces' exhibition at the Walker in Liverpool with our Friday asylum seeker and refugee group!

Our trips out over the year have been so popular and have given new insight into the culture and diversity of life in the UK, and provided some much needed fun opportunities!

Befriending - support and friendship for those on their own or feeling lonely

Whilst luncheon club does provide welcome social contact, for some attendees this is the only time they get out all week, and perhaps the only time they get to sit and chat to others. In recognition of the loneliness expressed by so many, we now have our service up and running, starting out through phone calls and some visits, where appropriate. We are currently recruiting volunteers through WLCVS to enable us to grow this much needed support, with the aim of alleviating the effects of loneliness for as many of our local residents as possible.

All of our volunteers are DBS checked and matched to someone that we hope they can relate to well. This service is in the early stages, and recruitment for suitable volunteers takes time, but it is developing, and the people we have recruited are well suited to the role. Recruitment continues, and the pairings we have made are going well.

We foresee this service expanding over the forthcoming year.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries (continued)

Volunteers

None of our activities could operate without our wonderful volunteers. In each area of provision, there is a real sense of camaraderie and mutual respect and support. Many of our volunteers have their own needs, and we seek to be as inclusive as possible, to encourage anyone who wishes to be involved, and we seek appropriate roles for them. The thank you event held in 2022, in honour of all involved was a great success, and well deserved.

Looking forward

Each element of Community Lives Matter has developed throughout 2022, in expected and unexpected ways, and the reach of the difference we are able to make to the community is exciting. We are committed to seeking out and addressing to meet the ever changing needs of the community to the best of our abilities.

We are keen to extend our provision to provide events and services outside the CLM church building to encourage anyone who may be put off by an anticipated need to be involved in the church. Using what we have learned over the past year, we aim to continue to increase and develop our existing services whilst also providing additional provision, where possible.

A word from the Project Manager...

I am honoured to be part of such a forward thinking, responsive charity, and couldn't be prouder of both the services we provide to the community, and the wonderful people who enable us to do so. It is my pleasure to support the volunteers and group activity leaders to continue to do what they do, so well, and it is my goal as we go forward into 2023, to seek new opportunities for us to ease and help the lives of people in need in our locality.

Jo Anne McGonigal
Project and Development Manager

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The major source of income for the charity has come from grants awarded. All other income has been from individual donations received from beneficiaries or others connected with the charity, mainly from standing orders with some cash giving. We will be processing these gifts to receive Gift Aid where donors are eligible.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Reserves policy

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income; and
- to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 25% of its annual turnover.

As at 31 December 2022, 25% of income was calculated to be £13,189, whilst the amount held in reserves was £34,243. The trustees appreciate that this level is in excess of what is immediately needed but is deemed appropriate for this year since we took on further paid staff during 2022 and have a budget of £77,000 for 2023. Some finance has also been carried over from activities that were unable to be put in place due to pandemic restrictions and this is planned to be invested in these activities in years to come. The trustees keep the balance held in reserves under review.

Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Financial review of the year

In the year to 31 December 2022 income of £52,756 was received (2021 - £29,381). Costs during the year totalled £37,293 (2021 - £21,455) which generated a surplus throughout the year of £15,463 (2021 - £7,926).

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The charity will continue its operations throughout the year, with a view to further its objectives. We will work with our service users to better understand their needs and how we can increase our impact and target more beneficiaries. With this in mind, we expect to increase our activities in providing support and friendship for those feeling on their own or lonely. We also anticipate adding further services for vulnerable older people and will look additionally to engage with the needs of younger people in the community as we understand better how these are expressed.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;

c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 28 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev Paul Griffiths - Chair of Trustees

Community Lives Matter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 12 to 17.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

(i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

(ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

(iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement
Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Daniel Styles (Independent examiner)
for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Dated: 15/6/23

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts	2	14,384	-	14,384	8,810
Grant income	2	-	38,322	38,322	18,899
Fundraising income	2	50	-	50	1,672
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		14,434	38,322	**52,756**	**29,381**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	3	2,034	34,217	36,251	19,488
Raising funds	4	942	-	942	1,867
Governance	5	100	-	100	100
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		3,076	34,217	**37,293**	**21,455**
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		11,358	4,105	**15,463**	**7,926**
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		5,729	13,051	18,780	10,854
Fund balances at 31 December 2022		17,087	17,156	**34,243**	**18,780**

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Notes	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		34,343	18,880
		34,343	18,880
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		100	100
		100	100
NET CURRENT ASSETS		34,243	18,780
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**34,243**	**18,780**
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	7 & 8	17,156	13,051
Unrestricted funds		17,087	5,729
TOTAL FUNDS		**34,243**	**18,780**

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 28 June 2023 by:

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Rev Paul Griffiths - Chair of Trustees

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRSSE Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2015.

b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

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Lynn Rees marathon	50	-	**50**	1,672
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3 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Administration costs:				
Building hire / staff costs	225	6,329	**6,554**	9,785
Equipment and activity materials	-	2,555	**2,555**	3,607
Food costs	-	9,458	**9,458**	3,363
Wages and salaries	-	14,465	**14,465**	1,144
Travel	114	1,144	**1,258**	-
Grants and donations	1,000	-	**1,000**	596
Sundry costs	194	49	**243**	505
Training	-	131	**131**	-
DBS checks	-	86	**86**	52
Support costs:				
Insurance	301	-	**301**	353
Payroll administration	200	-	**200**	80
Bank charges	-	-	**-**	3
	2,034	34,217	**36,251**	**19,488**

4 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Grant application fees	942	-	**942**	1,799
Advertising materials	-	-	**-**	68
	942	-	**942**	**1,867**

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Independent examination	100	-	**100**	100
	100	-	**100**	**100**

6 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No trustee received any remuneration throughout the year.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Current assets	17,187	17,156	**34,343**	18,880
Current liabilities	(100)	-	**(100)**	(100)
	17,087	17,156	**34,243**	**18,780**

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 22 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 22 £
Albert Hunt	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Aronld Clark Autom.	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Asda	320	-		**320**
Barchester	1,125	-	(126)	**999**
Church Urban Fund	-	3,000	(1,661)	**1,339**
Community Action Fund	3,000	-	(2,492)	**508**
Community Champions Scheme	-	4,497	(4,497)	-
Community Foundation	328	2,500	(2,828)	-
Community Fund - John Laing	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Community Link Foundation	200	-	(200)	-
Dulverton	1,938	-	(1,935)	**3**
Edith Mary Clark	286	-	(92)	**194**
Eric Wright	10	-		**10**
Groundwork Tesco	1,000	750	(1,750)	-
Irving Memorial Trust	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Lancashire County Council	-	1,000	(1,000)	-
McCarthy and Stone	-	500	(34)	**466**
Morrisons	-	3,000	(30)	**2,970**
Peter Lathom Charity	500	-	(490)	**10**
Red Rose Charitable Trust	64	5,000	(276)	**4,788**
Skelton Charity	1,000	-	(1,000)	-
Skipton Building Society	280	-	(280)	-
Springfield Court	-	300	(300)	-
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	15,644	(10,095)	**5,549**
W. Lancs Council for Voluntary Services	-	131	(131)	-
	13,051	38,322	(34,217)	**17,156**

All restricted grants received as shown above are for the furtherance of the charitable activities of the charity and are to cover the cost of building hire, staff costs and the purchase of food and equipment.

COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1189401

Accounts

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND TRUSTEES REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Trustees:	Rev Paul Griffiths	- appointed 1 October 2021
	Alan Heaton	
	Luke Milner	
	Neil Rees	(Chair)
	Thomas Whitfield	
	Elizabeth Wynne	
	Roy Wynne	
Treasurer:	Thomas Whitfield	
Secretary:	Luke Milner	
Charity number:	1189401	
Charity Address:	Cottage Lane Mission Cottage Lane Ormskirk L39 3NE	
Charity Website:	https://communitylivesmatter.org/	
Independent Examiners:	Lifestyles Accountancy Limited 39 Kirklees Road Southport PR8 4RB	
Bankers:	HSBC Commercial Banking 49a Fishergate Preston Lancashire PR1 8BH	The Co-operative Bank P O Box 250 Skelmersdale Lancashire WN8 6WT

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

The trustees submit their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The organisation is a Charitable Incorporated Organistation which was registered on 7 May 2020. It is governed by its Constitution based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

As a relatively new charity, 2021 saw the consolidation of the charity's identity and activities. This was achieved by the investment of significant time and energy into the creation of suitable structures, policies and procedures to ensure the long-term health and effectiveness of the charity and in careful planning of the future direction of the charity. The trustees worked together with a wider steering group, charity volunteers and input from external advisors to position the charity well in order to fulfil its objectives.

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity’s beneficiaries

Given the limitations imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic for much of the year, we are disappointed with our inability to continue with some planned projects. One of the challenges related to how to make the best use of funds received towards projects that then could not be carried out as originally planned. We are, however, satisfied with what we have been able to achieve and have been creative in working within government restrictions in order to provide the greatest possible benefit over this difficult period.

Our charity was constituted during the pandemic and has carried out most of its activities during full lockdown or under severe restrictions. This has involved us in conducting appropriate risk assessments and learning new Covid-19 safe ways of managing volunteers, public involvement and activities. Despite the limitations imposed, beneficiaries were still able to access services, and where we were not able to gather people together – particularly significant with the older age groups – we created means that delivered services to them.

In addition to needs already contemplated, we were also able to respond to some of the specific needs created by the pandemic. The drop-in for asylum seekers, for example, created a safe communal space for isolated individuals who found themselves with no opportunities for activities or contact with others outside their shared accommodation. The activities started with people living with dementia and their family members and/or carers helped to keep them active and social at a time when almost all other activities had been stopped. This saw the beginnings of a sense of community and mutual support that has outlasted the pandemic and is fundamental for their wellbeing today. The sense of relief amongst older or vulnerable individuals when we were able to restart the luncheon club in the autumn was a palpable reflection of both their need and the support they had received over the previous months.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

Outputs and outcomes for the Charity's beneficiaries (continued)
Specific outputs have included:

- the provision of regular hot meals for local homeless or exceptionally vulnerable individuals;
- signposting and support in accessing services for vulnerable people (Food Bank, Debt Advice, help with housing, recovery from substance abuse, Universal Credit);
- befriending service via telephone for vulnerable and lonely individuals;
- home visits (doorstep chats) to vulnerable and lonely individuals;
- provision of occasional meals for vulnerable and lonely individuals;
- preparation and delivery of Christmas meals to vulnerable or lonely individuals and vulnerable families;
- drop-in for asylum seekers and refugees, offering friendship, support with documentation and access to health care and further education, leisure activities, help with adaptation to life in the UK, cultural visits, informal English language practice;
- repurposing of donated bicycles and electronic equipment (mobile phones and laptop computers) for asylum seekers and refugees;
- signposting of ESOL services to asylum seekers and refugees;
- delivery of twice weekly Covid-19 safe activities for people with dementia and their family members and/or carers; and
- support for vulnerable children suffering the effects of the closure of schools or the delivery of classes online.

The outcomes from these activities have been seen in:

- protection of vulnerable individuals at many levels;
- better family relationships;
- better academic performance, social integration and improved self-image for vulnerable children;
- mitigation of the loneliness exacerbated through the pandemic restrictions;
- greater wellbeing through the creation of a sense of being cared for in those receiving services despite pandemic restrictions;
- better mental, physical and social health for asylum seekers and refugees, and better long-term expectations for successful transition to life in the UK;
- better mental and physical health for people with dementia; and
- respite and social contact for carers of people with dementia.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE (continued)

How the Public have benefitted

Beyond the specific outcomes listed above, the Charity has contributed to a sense within our community of care for the community as a whole. Our advice has been sought regularly and local people are glad to know that the Charity is active in caring for the needs of its most vulnerable members.

In addition, although due to the pandemic restrictions, tutoring support activities were not able to be conducted fully as hoped, we were able to establish relationships with local schools with a view to pursuing these when restrictions are lifted. This has contributed to the greater integration of the Charity with local schools and the sense of working together to meet the needs of our community.

Finally, during the year we were able to undertake a very effective tutoring project at a small school over the period April to June. This was to help children in year 5, who suffered breaks in their English education because of the pandemic. Total support toward this amounted to £425 during the year.

Contributing to activites run by other organisations

Charity services have run alongside the provision offered by Cottage Lane Mission and expertise gained and the involvement of Charity volunteers have enabled some of the church's efforts during the pandemic to continue.

We have also actively worked with other charities both to avoid duplication and for the provision of additional services within our own activities. For example, the luncheon club has received the visit of health staff and fire services. We have worked with the Orrell Trust to improve both our befriending services and networked with other groups working with asylum seekers to improve provision for local beneficiaries. Staff from Alzheimers Society have served as volunteers with our work with people living with dementia. And we have encouraged our volunteers to serve in other charities as time and energy permit.

Trustee development

Trustees are encouraged to participate in development opportunities as and when appropriate. The treasurer has undergone training in managing and presenting accounts. Those involved in fund-raising have received input and advice on presenting proposals to grant-making organisations. The chair has received training in conducting appropriate risk assessments.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The major source of income for the charity has come from grants awarded. We also ran one fund-raising activity, supporting a member of the community running the London marathon to raise money for the charity through sponsorship. All other income has been from individual donations received from beneficiaries or others connected with the charity, mainly from standing orders with some cash giving. We will be processing these gifts to receive Gift Aid where donors are eligible.

FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

Reserves policy
The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

- to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income; and
- to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 25% of its annual turnover.

As at 31 December 2021, 25% of income was calculated to be £7,345, whilst the amount held in reserves was £18,780. The trustees appreciate that this level is in excess of what is immediately needed but is deemed appropriate for this year since we are looking to take on paid staff in 2022 and have a budget of £53,000 for 2022 and draft budget of £77,000 for 2023. Some finance has also been carried over from activities that were unable to be put in place due to pandemic restrictions and this is planned to be invested in these activities in years to come. The trustees keep the balance held in reserves under review.

Remuneration of Trustees
All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

Financial review of the year
In the year to 31 December 2021 income of £29,381 was received (2020 - £15,288). Costs during the year totalled £21,455 (2020 - £4,434) which generated a surplus throughout the year of £7,926 (2020 - £10,854).

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS

General plans

The charity will continue its operations throughout the year, with a view to further its objectives. We will work with our service users to better understand their needs and how we can increase our impact and target more beneficiaries. With this in mind, we plan to recruit a project manager and developer to oversee the expansion of our services. This will be based on community engagement and research into the genuine needs experienced by members of our community. We anticipate adding services for vulnerable older people and will look additionally to engage with the needs of younger people in the community as we understand better how these are expressed. Alongside these, activities which were sadly put on hold throughout the pandemic are planned to now take place through the coming year as appropriate.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

a. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

b. observe the methods and principals in the Charities SORP;

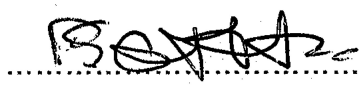
c. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

d. state whether applicable UK accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

e. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They 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.

This report was approved by the board of trustees on 5 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Paul Griffiths - trustee

Community Lives Matter

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

We report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner
The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is our responsibility to:

(i) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,

(ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and

(iii) to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

Our examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

a) which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

b) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daniel Styles (Independent examiner) **Dated:** 24 October 2022

for and on behalf of Lifestyles Accountancy Limited

Community Lives Matter

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds:					
Voluntary income:					
Donations and gifts	**2**	8,810	-	8,810	1,140
Grant income	**2**	-	18,899	18,899	14,148
Fundraising income	**2**	1,672	-	1,672	-
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		10,482	18,899	**29,381**	**15,288**
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	**3**	3,786	15,702	19,488	4,294
Raising funds	**4**	1,867	-	1,867	140
Governance	**5**	100	-	100	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		5,753	15,702	**21,455**	**4,434**
NET INCOMING RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR		4,729	3,197	**7,926**	**10,854**
Fund balances at 1 January 2021		1,000	9,854	10,854	-
Fund balances at 31 December 2021		5,729	13,051	**18,780**	**10,854**

The notes on pages 11 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

Community Lives Matter

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		18,880	10,854
		18,880	10,854
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accruals		100	-
		100	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS		18,780	10,854
TOTAL NET ASSETS		**18,780**	**10,854**
FUNDS			
Restricted funds	**7 & 8**	13,051	9,854
Unrestricted funds		5,729	1,000
TOTAL FUNDS		**18,780**	**10,854**

Approved and signed on behalf of the board on 5 October 2022 by:



Rev Paul Griffiths - trustee

The notes on pages 11 - 14 form part of these financial statements.

Community Lives Matter

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the FRSSE Statement of Recommended Practice (FRSSE SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in March 2015.

b Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements where relevant.

c Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the SOFA when the charity is legally entitled to the income and can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received. No amounts are included in the financial statements for services donated by volunteers.

d Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fund raising costs are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity and include project management costs. Management and administration costs are those incurred in connection with the administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

e Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and included at cost including and incidental expenses of acquisition.

2 VOLUNTARY INCOME

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations and gifts:				
Donations received	8,810	-	**8,810**	1,140
Grant income:				
Grants received	-	18,899	**18,899**	14,148
Fundraising income:				
Lynn Rees marathon	1,672	-	**1,672**	-
	10,482	18,899	**29,381**	**15,288**

3 COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Administration costs:				
Building hire / staff costs	2,587	7,198	**9,785**	3,284
Equipment and activity materials	-	3,607	**3,607**	396
Food costs	39	3,324	**3,363**	614
Wages and salaries	-	1,144	**1,144**	-
Gifts	247	349	**596**	-
Sundry costs	425	80	**505**	-
DBS checks	52	-	**52**	-
Support costs:				
Insurance	353	-	**353**	-
Payroll administration	80	-	**80**	-
Bank charges	3	-	**3**	-
	3,786	15,702	**19,488**	**4,294**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

4 COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Grant application fees	1,799	-	**1,799**	140
Advertising materials	68	-	**68**	-
	1,867	-	**1,867**	**140**

5 GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Independent examination	100	-	**100**	-
	100	-	**100**	**-**

6 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION

No trustee received any remuneration throughout the year.

7 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Current assets	5,829	13,051	**18,880**	10,854
Current liabilities	(100)	-	**(100)**	-
	5,729	13,051	**18,780**	**10,854**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

8 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 21 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 21 £
Albert Hunt	-	1,000	-	**1,000**
Aronld Clark Autom.	-	1,000	-	**1,000**
Asda	-	320	-	**320**
Barchester	-	2,000	(875)	**1,125**
Community Action Fund	-	3,000	-	**3,000**
Community Chest	500	-	(500)	**-**
Community Foundation	3,348	-	(3,020)	**328**
Community Fund - John Laing	-	1,000	-	**1,000**
Community Link Foundation	-	200	-	**200**
Dulverton	-	2,160	(222)	**1,938**
Dutcy of Lancaster	500	-	(500)	**-**
Edith Mary Clark	-	1,020	(734)	**286**
Eric Wright	-	450	(440)	**10**
Groundwork Tesco	-	1,000	-	**1,000**
Peter Lathom Charity	-	500	-	**500**
Red Rose Charitable Trust	-	500	(436)	**64**
Skelton Charity	-	1,000	-	**1,000**
Skipton Building Society	-	749	(469)	**280**
TNL Covid-19 Grant	5,506	-	(5,506)	**-**
W. Company of Innholders	-	1,000	(1,000)	**-**
Yorkshire Building Society	-	2,000	(2,000)	**-**
	9,854	18,899	(15,702)	**13,051**

All restricted grants received as shown above are for the furtherance of the charitable activities of the charity and are to cover the cost of building hire, staff costs and the purchase of food and equipment.

COMMUNITY LIVES MATTER

England & Wales - Charity number 1189401

Accounts

Community Lives Matter

Registered Charity, No: 1189401

Trustees' Annual Report &

Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Trustees

Roy Wynne
Elizabeth Wynne
Alan Heaton
Thomas Whitfield
Neil Rees
Luke Milner

Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity

for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Trustees Annual Report
& Statement of Financial Activity
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

1 Reference and Administration Details

1.1 Charity Name & Registration

Community Lives Matter

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registration no: 1189401, registered with the Charity Commission on 7 May 2020.

The charity is registered with HM Revenue & Customs

1.2 Charity's Address

Cottage Lane Mission, Cottage Lane, Ormskirk, Lancs. L39 3NE
e-mail: CLMOrmskirk@gmail.com
website: communitylivesmatterormskirk.wordpress.com/

1.3 Names of the Trustees who Manage the Charity

	Role	*Appointed*	*Resigned*
Neil Rees	Chair	31/7/2019	
Thomas Whitfield	Treasurer	31/7/2019	
Roy Wynne		31/7/2019	
Elizabeth Wynne		31/7/2019	
Alan Heaton		31/7/2019	
Luke Milner	Secretary	31/7/2019	

1.4 Names of Advisors & Senior Members of Staff

None

1.5 Bank

HSBC Commercial Banking, 49a Fishergate, Preston, Lancs. PR1 8BH

2 Structure, Governance & Management

2.1 Type of Governing Document

Constitution – based on the Charity Commission's model governing document for Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisations, *ie:* where the trustees are the only members of the charity.

2.2 Charitable Objects

As defined in 'Community Lives Matter' Constitution (Governing Document):
The Charity's objects are:
To further or benefit the residents of Ormskirk and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said

residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.

2.3 Trustee Selection Methods

There must be at least three charity trustees. The maximum number of trustees is 12.

In accordance with the Constitution, apart from the first charity trustees, trustees are appointed or re-appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.

In appointing trustees due consideration is given to ensuring that the trustees have, between them, the skills and experience necessary to manage the charity effectively and in accordance with charity law. In order to retain our relevance to the needs of the community, we also look to recruit trustees with active experience and first-hand involvement in the sector.

3 Activities

3.1 Statutory Declaration

The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

4 Achievements & Performance

4.1 Outputs and Outcomes for the Charity's Beneficiaries

Given the limitations imposed by the Coronavirus pandemic, we are disappointed with our inability to continue with some planned projects. One of the challenges related to how to make the best use of funds received towards projects that then could not be carried out as originally planned. We are, however, satisfied with what we have been able to achieve and have been creative in working within government restrictions in order to provide the greatest possible benefit over this difficult period.

Our charity was constituted during the pandemic and has carried out most of its activities during full lockdown or under severe restrictions. This has involved us in conducting appropriate risk assessments and learning new Covid-19 safe ways of managing public involvement and activities. Despite the limitations imposed, beneficiaries were still able to access services, and where we were not able to gather people together – particularly significant with the older age groups – we created means that delivered services to them.

Specific outputs have included:

- the provision of hot meals for local homeless or exceptionally vulnerable individuals
- signposting and support in accessing services for vulnerable people (Food Bank, Debt Advice, help with housing, substance abuse, Universal Credit)
- befriending service via telephone for vulnerable and lonely individuals
- home visits (doorstep chats) to vulnerable and lonely individuals
- provision of occasional meals for vulnerable and lonely individuals
- preparation and delivery of Christmas meals to vulnerable or lonely individuals and vulnerable families

- signposting of ESOL services to asylum seekers and refugees
- delivery of twice weekly Covid-19 safe activities for people with dementia and their carers
- support for vulnerable children suffering the effects of the closure of schools

The outcomes from these activities have been seen in:

- protection of vulnerable individuals at many levels
- better family relationships
- better academic performance for vulnerable children
- mitigation of the loneliness exacerbated through the pandemic restrictions
- better mental and physical health for people with dementia
- respite and social contact for carers of people with dementia

4.2 How the Public Have Benefitted.

Beyond the specific outcomes listed above, the Charity has contributed to a sense within our community of care for the community as a whole. Our advice has been sought regularly and local people are glad to know that the Charity is active in caring for the needs of its most vulnerable members.

In addition, although due to the pandemic restrictions tutoring support activities were not able to be conducted, we were able to establish relationships with local schools with a view to pursuing these when restrictions are lifted. This has contributed to the greater integration of the Charity with local schools and the sense of working together to meet the needs of our community.

4.3 Contributing to Activities Run by Other Organisations

Charity services have run alongside the provision offered by Cottage Lane Mission and expertise gained and the involvement of Charity volunteers have enabled some of the church's efforts during the pandemic to continue.

4.4 Trustee Development

Trustees are encouraged to participate in development opportunities as and when appropriate. The treasurer has undergone training in managing and presenting accounts. Those involved in fund-raising have received input and advice on presenting proposals to grant-making organisations. The chair has received training in conducting appropriate risk assessments.

5 Financial Review

5.1 Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Charity has no funds which are materially in deficit.

5.2 Policy on Reserves

The Charity's policy on reserves is to generate and maintain a balance which is sufficient:

a) to preserve the financial viability of the Charity in the event that unforeseen and/or unavoidable circumstance precipitate a short-term fall in its income;

b) to enable the Charity, in the interests of meeting its objectives, to undertake from time to time the setting up of new and innovative projects on a pilot basis to demonstrate the viability and potential benefits of such activities as a precursor to securing the external funding necessary to maintain such projects on an on-going basis.

For these purposes the Charity will endeavour to generate and maintain reserves which are at least 25% of its annual turnover.

5.3 Principal Sources of Funding and Outgoings

The major source of income for the charity has come from grants awarded. The only other income has been from individual donations received from beneficiaries or others connected with the charity, mainly from standing orders with some cash giving.

Outgoings have been for work with vulnerable and lonely people in the area as much as has been possible during the Coronavirus pandemic, provision of services for people with dementia, publicity for activities, hire of premises for activities, purchase of equipment and specialised protective equipment to enable activities to continue in a Covid-19 secure manner and session funding of staff for activities.

5.4 Remuneration of Trustees

All trustees act in a voluntary capacity and receive no remuneration or other material benefits from their services to the Charity.

Out-of-pocket expenses necessarily and reasonably incurred by trustees in promoting the purposes of the Charity are reimbursed at cost.

5.5 Financial Status

The Charity's sources of income in 2020 have come from grants and donations from individuals. Expenditure has been modest because of restrictions on activities during the pandemic, which has included long periods of lockdown.

5.6 Statutory Statements on Liabilities

The trustees declare that:

- ✓ The charity has given no guarantees where potential liability under the guarantee is outstanding at the date of this statement (*eg:* any outstanding/ongoing contract or legal undertaking to buy or provide specific services);
- ✓ The charity has no debt outstanding at the date of this statement which is owed by the CIO and which is secured by an express charge on any assets of the CIO (*eg:* a mortgage on property owned by the charity);

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf,

(Returned by email)

Name (& role, if applicable) Neil Rees Date: 17/6/21

6 Statement of Financial Activity

6.1 Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the Trustees/Members of Community Lives Matter on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 set out on pages 8 to 9

Responsibilities and Basis of the Report

As the charity trustees 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 Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act;

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.

Name (& qualifications where appropriate)

Peter Slater (Institute of Bankers CIB)

Date 21/5/21

Address 146 Cottage Lane, Ormskirk, Lancs. L39 3NJ

6.2 Receipts & Payments Accounts for the Financial Year Ended 31-Dec-20

6.2.1 Receipts & Payments

	Current Financial Year, Jan'20-Dec'20			*Last Year*
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
A1 - RECEIPTS				
Voluntary Income	1,140		1,140	*0*
Income Generation	0		0	*0*
Investments Income	0		0	*0*
Charitable Income	0	14,148	14,148	*0*
Other Receipts	0		0	*0*
	1,140	14,148	15,288	*0*
A2 - ASSETS & INVESTMENTS				
Sale of Investments	0		0	*0*
Sale of Assets	0		0	*0*
	0	0	0	*0*
TOTAL RECEIPTS	**1,140**	**14,148**	**15,288**	***0***
A3 - PAYMENTS				
Generating Funds	-140		-140	*0*
Charitable Activities	0	-4,294	-4,294	*0*
Support Costs	0		0	*0*
Other Payments	0		0	*0*
	-140	-4,294	-4,434	*0*
A4 - ASSETS & INVESTMENTS				
Purchase of Investments	0		0	*0*
Purchase of Assets	0		0	*0*
	0	0	0	*0*
TOTAL PAYMENTS	**-140**	**-4,294**	**-4,434**	***0***
NET OF RECEIPTS-PAYMENTS	**1,000**	**9,854**	**10,854**	***0***
A5 - Transfers Between Funds	0	0	0	***0***
NET AFTER TRANSFERS	**1,000**	**9,854**	**10,854**	***0***

6.2.2 Summary of Receipts & Payments Accounts

	Current Financial Year,			*Last Year*
	Unrestr'd Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	*Total £*
Actual Funds Brought Forward	0	-	**0**	*0*
Movement After Transfers	1,000	9,854	**10,854**	*0*
Total Funds Carried Forward	**1,000**	**9,854**	**10,854**	*0*

6.2.3 **Statement of Assets and Liabilities**

	Current Financial Year,			*Last Year*
B1 - Cash Assets	General Funds **£**	Restricted Funds £	Total **£**	*Total* ***£***
General Fund	10,854			*0*
Net Payments in Advance	0			*0*
Designated Funds	0			*0*
Total Unrestricted Funds			**10,854**	***0***
Restricted Funds				
Total Restricted Funds			**0**	***0***
Total Cash Funds			**10,854**	***0***
B2 - Money Owed to the Charity *{Other Monetary Assets}*				
Gift Aid claim			0	***0***
Other			0	***0***
			0	***0***
B5 - Money Owed by the Charity *{Liabilities}*				
Independent Examination Fee			0	***0***
Other			0	***0***
			0	***0***
Net Cash Assets			**10,854**	***0***
B3 - Investment assets	0	0	0	***0***
B4 - Assets retained for charity's own use.	0	0	0	***0***
Total Current Funds			10,854	***0***
Total Funds *(net of liabilities)*			10,854	***0***

6.2.4 **Approval of the Board of Trustees**

The trustees declare that they have approved the above Annual Report & Statement of Financial Activity.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

(Returned by email)

Name (& role, if applicable) Neil Rees Date: 7/6/21

6.3 Notes to the Accounts

a) Accounting Policies
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 Section 133, using the Receipts and Payments basis available to small charities and the charity's own Simple Accounts Spreadsheet.

b) Reimbursement of Out-of-Pocket Expenses
Out-of-pocket expenses incurred necessarily, reasonably and incidentally in the course the charity's activities are reimbursed at cost.
No trustees received any reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in the financial year.

c) Salaries & Professional Fees
No trustee receives any payments for the services they provide to the charity.
In the current financial year the charity employed no staff or external contractors;

d) Fixed Assets
The charity has not purchased or disposed of any fixed assets in the current financial year;

e) Creditors & Debtors
Cheques for goods or services purchased, or invoices for goods or services delivered, which are issued prior to the end of the financial year but not appearing in the end of financial year bank statement are reported as outstanding creditors or debtors respectively.

f) Rounding Discrepancies
All amounts are recorded to the penny, but in these accounts are shown as digitally rounded to the nearest pound. This can occasionally result in a total apparently not being the sum of its constituent amounts. All individual amounts, and their totals, are nevertheless correct.