



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 11/05/2021 Period start date To 30/04/2022 Period end date

Charity name: Our Community Foundation (CIO)

Charity registration number: 1189425

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>1) To further or benefit the residents of Birmingham, 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.</p> <p>2) To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:</p> <p>(a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;</p> <p>(b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.</p>

		<p>Our Mission</p> <p>Our mission is to make a positive difference by engaging, empowering and enriching the lives of young people.</p> <p>Our Objectives</p> <p>To advance in life and relieve needs of young people through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life; - Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities, and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals. - To act as a resource for young people by providing advice, assistance, services, training and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of advancing education and relieving unemployment. <p>Our Vision</p> <p>A society where all young people are able to reach their own potential.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Note: A full version of our annual report, along with photos, videos, vlogs, blogs and documentaries can be found on our website;</p> <p><u>www.ourcommunity.org.uk</u></p> <p>From here you can also click into our social media pages, where content has been put together and presented by young people for young people. Thank you.</p> <p>I am pleased to present this year's report detailing the work carried out by Our Community Foundation to our members, volunteers and all our stakeholders for 2021/22. Our first year 2020/21 was truly challenging and was indeed a year to set all other years apart and will go down in history as a time when social interaction became remote, face masks became the norm, and online meetings entered our households. All celebrations took place without the usual joy and festivities in socially distanced online gatherings away from our loved ones.</p>

		<p>However, despite these 'new normal', the community rose above all odds to find out who our neighbours are and how they were doing. We realised how indebted we are to our public services, especially those who work for the NHS. Therefore, circumstances made it difficult for us for our 2nd year (May2021/Apr2022), as despite being successful in obtaining funding to deliver our sport based personal development programme. We had a real challenge in booking local facilities such as football pitches and community halls as coming out the lock down this was a sensitive issue for many organisations. With staff coming out and working in the community after 2 years, with many still being off, organisations were stretched, unable to put together a staff team and booking system to commence regular services. Along with this, schools also had a staggered approach, where we also had difficulty in arranging meetings and then working collaboratively with schools to support young people with varying needs. It took us a lot longer to breakdown those barriers, have those meetings and setup those partnerships to allow us to go into and work with young people who were not engaging with the regular school curriculum.</p> <p>On a positive note, we managed to secure further funding to develop the work of Our Community Foundation, especially working on projects being co-designed, co-created and led by young people. We delivered our sports themed personal development programme engaging just over 100 young people a week in sports and mentoring workshops. We delivered workshops around motivation, empowerment, career advice, county lines, drugs, knife crime, mental health, and suicide prevention to name a few. All delivered by professional and qualified youth workers/ mentors and professionals. We are now working with schools in East Birmingham and the programme continues to be a huge success. Our aim in year 3 is increase the work we are doing with schools along with extra-curricular activities/ after school and weekend youth provision.</p> <p>Project Manager (PM) has led the work on DBS checks, risk assessments and setting up and delivering projects. The PM has also developed a fundraising strategy working with consultants to bring in much needed funds as well a marketing strategy, working with Sported and external support organisations. Our aim in year</p>
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		<p>3 is to bring in funding to employ our PM full time, along with a part time admin worker and sessional workers.</p> <p>The PM has also setup the following;</p> <p>DBS ELIGIBILITY CHECKS Our Community Foundation registered to be able to processes applications to check eligibility for DBS check, to help those that were required by law to verify they were able to work or volunteer with children and/or vulnerable adults.</p> <p>EASYFUNDRAISING Our Community Foundation registered for easy fundraising to get a donation every time somebody registered on the scheme did online shopping. We will be sending out our links to supporters and service users as this will be another way for generating income for our charity.</p> <p>The PM has also established new partnerships with Birmingham Youth Service (The Naseby Youth Centre in East Birmingham), Aston Villa Football Club Foundation, Sport4Life as well as the local Police teams and many smaller community organisations. The PM has put together a steering group made up of young people who are helping to co-design and shape future projects. The group are putting together projects around social action and to address digital poverty, the PM will work with organisations to raise funding and collaborate to develop, implement, and deliver some pioneering projects. Due to the current funding success, we have now signed up to new premises in Digbeth at the Custard Factory. Here, we are in the process of setting up a studio to begin delivery of our digital project. Not only will we have a central address for Our Community Foundation. It also gives us an opportunity to be in the social enterprise quarter of Birmingham in the midst of some pioneering organisations, giving us an opportunity of further collaboration and to work on building further on our legacy. Despite the delays, challenges, and struggles, we persevered with our aims and objectives. It is with huge thanks to our Trustees, Project Manager, sessional staff, volunteers, partners, funders, stakeholders and service users we were able to deliver some ground-breaking projects and build a good foundation for our charity going into year 3.</p>
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Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees confirm they have referred to and had regard to the guidance contained in the charity commission's general guidance with regard to public benefit when reviewing the Trusts aims and objectives and in planning activities, including grants.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>It was an honour for Our Community Foundation to welcome two new Trustees who joined our board. As part of our vision, we wanted to ensure that we had young people sitting at the heart of decision making for our charity. Our young Trustees Christel Rogers (Degree in English Literature, studying Masters, experience in working in the NHS and community work) and Maurisha Burte -Cartey (studying Psychology at Nottingham University and experience in youth led project development). Both are key members of our team who are helping to shape our future vision.</p> <p>We are proud of our diverse Board of Trustees, made up of volunteers from a wide range of backgrounds including young people and are responsible for the overall strategic direction of Our Community Foundation. Our core Trustees all live in the communities we serve, so have a thorough understanding of the local needs & wants. We have more female Trustees than male Trustees, from diverse backgrounds including young people. Overall, we have a wide range of skills & expertise in our management team with over 40 years of experience in delivering youth work, sports & mentoring (Birmingham Youth Service & voluntary sector), community/ sport development, social enterprise & speak 6 different languages.</p> <p>It was a privilege to host a student from Newman University on placement with us.</p>

		<p>Emma is in her 2nd year studying criminology and has a passion for youth crime prevention. She supported us with developing our mentoring workshops and putting together our annual report. She was keen on learning more about funding opportunities/ bid writing and is currently being given training on this, even after her placement period has commenced. She is still actively volunteering with us. Volunteering opportunities are a key driver for Our Community Foundation, especially supporting young people with opportunities to gain new skills and opportunities.</p> <p>We were pleased to have 3 community volunteers who supported our sports programme, helping with logistics, running of the football league and general assistance on a weekly basis. Kameron David aged 20, was a newly qualified referee, after a trial period, he was given a paid opportunity to referee matches. We also had 2 volunteers, helping with delivery of our mentoring workshops in schools and youth work settings and supported with filming/ photography learning new skills for life.</p>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. The main activities are as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged with over 150 young people. • Delivered Sports based personal development programme led by young people for young people • Currently working with schools and Birmingham Youth Service <p>These activities benefit young people by developing their self-confidence and social skills, life skills, support around mental health, motivation for the future, learning about new opportunities, helping to change the mindset to positive and adaptability, their practical IT skills and life skills and providing opportunities for young people to become volunteers themselves. We welcome all young people,</p>

		<p>aged between 11 and 25, regardless of personal background, faith, gender or personal circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successful with funding applications to develop CIO going forward. • Employed part-time Project Manager to develop, implement & oversee delivery of projects. • Employed part time sports coaches, youth workers, mentors to deliver our programme • Supported 6 volunteer placements, including Newman University Placement and two new Trustees • Set-up DBS facility • Engaged over 150 young people into positive activities through sports and workshops • Helped reduce anti-social behaviour within schools and local communities through our programme • Have great national & local partnerships to support our work going forward. • Social media active and website now up & running. Also set up Instagram page and uploaded photos/ films of current projects. Showcasing our work to engage more young people and future funders/ stakeholders • Set – up new office and studio at the Custard Factory, hoping to be active from June 2022
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We have been disappointed with the lack of funding brought in by our external consultancy partners. We have invested a lot of time and money but sadly did not get any return on our investment. We are currently negotiating an end to contract with them (it was a 12 months contract) and we will finish it off at 6 months. This will be carried out in a mutually agreed</p>

		way and will mean fundraising will be brought back internally again.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		We are grateful for the many hour's our Trustees, volunteers and project manager have spent listening and encouraging our young people and supporting our vision. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our main source of funds this year has been grants. We have been successful with funding from the larger funders including BBC Children In Need, (The National Lottery) Awards For All, Heart of England Community Trust, The Department of Media Culture and Sport along with smaller funders such as Made by Sport and the David East Fund. This has meant we were able to employ our part time Project Manager to oversee projects and develop our vision. Along with the delivery of our personal development programme for our young people. We have built a very good foundation and financially we are in a stable condition. However, it was disappointing that we did not meet our fundraising targets as set out with external consultants, therefore will be bringing in fundraising back to in house. Our PM is now working on a fundraising strategy for year 3, with a target of raising up to £80k, to enable Our Community Foundation to take on our PM full time and bring in admin support too. The aim is to reach our target through applying to funders, sponsorship and income generating through various activities.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Cash at bank at 30/04/2022 was £18,691 (£5,125 unrestricted funds). Our aim is to build on the 1k per month in reserves until we are able to cover the period of 4 months. This, in the event of a loss of income and to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur. Due to the lack of funding bought in by consultants, we were unable to increase in year ending 2021/ 2022.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	1k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Please see full Annual Return Report on our website. www.ourcommunity.org.uk

Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Constitution adopted 11 th May 2020
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New Trustees are nominated and elected by current trustees. Trustees re-nominate themselves or step down at the end of their term of office. The trust deed provides for a minimum of 3 trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Our Community Foundation
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1189425
Charity's principal address	314 Zellig Building, Custard Factory, Gibb St, Deritend, Birmingham B9 4AT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Abdul Ghaffar	Chair		
2	Maurisha Burte-Carty	Secretary		
3	Saddak Miah	Treasurer		
4	Nabeela Bibi			
5	Christel Rogers			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Abdul Ghaffar	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	02/06/2022	



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Our Community Foundation (CIO)

1189425

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-May-21

To

30-Apr-22

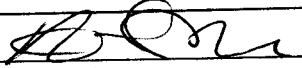
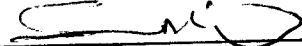
Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	5,000	37,808	-	42,808	11,000
Sundry income	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,020	37,808	-	42,828	11,000
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,020	37,808	-	42,828	11,000
A3 Payments					
	-	-	-	-	-
Staff costs	-	12,205	-	12,205	200
Administration expenses	668	-	-	668	641
Consultancy fees	6,400	-	-	6,400	1,500
Equipment	-	12,037	-	12,037	-
DBS costs	210	-	-	210	-
Marketing and publications	722	-	-	722	-
Venue hire	554	-	-	554	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	8,554	24,242	-	32,796	2,341
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,554	24,242	-	32,796	2,341
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 3,534	13,566	-	10,032	8,659
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,659	-	-	8,659	-
Cash funds this year end	5,125	13,566	-	18,691	8,659

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Bank	5,125	13,566	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	5,125	13,566	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets				
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
B5 Liabilities				
			-	
			-	
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			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	ASIM GHAFFAR	2/6/22
	SADDAK MIAN	02/06/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Our Community Foundation (CIO)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

30/04/2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

1189425

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 April 2022.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

3 June 2022

Name:

P Bowater

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

ACA

Address:

BVSC Accounting Services

138 Digbeth

Birmingham B5 6DR

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.