

Chair's Report 2021/22

I am happy to report on another twelve months that seems to have flown by; the Association has had a very quiet year since emerging from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The organisation has monthly meetings to co-ordinate and execute plans of action, whilst the Bar sub-committee meets on a more regular basis to plan events and make preparations for room bookings.

The Luncheon Club continues to provide a warm and welcoming space for the seniors and the community, with hot Caribbean cuisine served up in the kitchen for the seniors and also for the general public.

Maintenance

A considerable amount of money has been spent repairing the roof on the main part of the building along the skyline to the science lab. Emergency light fittings have been changed and made safe and taps in the children's toilets have been repaired.

General Cleaning

Members, volunteers and friends attended a "Clean-up Day" at the centre. All the weeds growing in the yard, on the side of the building and on the roof have been cleared. Rubbish and unwanted furniture were put on a pile and burnt. Cleaning of the Community Garden was carried out as well.



We are always looking to improve upon the facilities that we have; the main building at the front has been well documented as being an eyesore, hence the organisation is looking at applying for grants to refurbish and redevelop the building.

Future Plans

We need a 3-5year plan in operation. This is to help us identify and manage our priorities. Part of the plan would be looking at our committee. Currently, we have eight committee members, some of which have now reached a very senior age and it would be good to have some young “blood” to help drive our plans forward.

Financial

Despite a loss of income from reduced centre usage and cancelled events, we are able to show a cash surplus for the year ended 30th September 2021. Although we have accumulated reasonable funds over the last twelve months our financial strategy remains the same, to have sufficient funds to maintain our significance in the community and to cover our liabilities.

Thanks

I am delighted to thanks our army of volunteers, particularly those helping out in the kitchen. I am in awe of the effort put in by the Management Committee and also their support and care in making my job as Chairperson easier and enjoyable. The activities of the Committee may go largely unseen by many members, but without them the organisation would quickly grind to a halt.

Yvonne Vassell
Chairman
28th October 2022

Secretary's Report 2021/22

Welcome to the 2021/22 Annual Report of the Walsall Community Association, in which I am pleased to report on the organisation's contribution of services and benefit to the community.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused severe disruptions to our livelihoods, service delivery and way of life. However, it has also fostered a strong spirit of care and cohesion where individuals, households and the community have stepped forward to organise their own ground-up initiatives to assist those in need.

Sporting Spirit CIC ran a range of activities during the school holidays for children aged between 5-11 years old, including arts & crafts as well as multi-sports activities. These activities went on for two weeks, with nearly 40 children attending. The activities received warm positive feedback and future events are planned for the Easter and Summer holidays next year.

African Caribbean Union (ACU), whose aim is to network and engage with their communities, have been actively involved at the centre on Sundays engaging in table tennis, dominoes, board games and other activities. All ages are welcome.

Healthwatch Walsall ran a Diabetes Awareness Event in April, with information stalls and presentations taking place. It was well attended and we are looking to run similar events in the future.

Queen's Jubilee Event

Celebrating the Queen's Jubilee has been the flagship event of the year so far. With a grant of £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards, the Association staged a Jubilee Celebration and Community Lunch on Saturday 4th June 2022.

The celebration kicked off at 1:00pm with the sound of Steel Drum music playing the national anthem and music of the Caribbean. The Mayor of Walsall Rose Martin delivered the keynote speech and a toast to her Majesty.

The main event, which was the Community Free Lunch, saw more than 400 people enjoying the variety of Caribbean and Asian cuisine provided. Screens showed Her Majesty the Queen and her visits to the Commonwealth and other parts of the country. Face painting, bouncy castle and scrimmage football took place and was enough to keep the young ones involved. There was a "Royal Quiz" which saw the winner walk away with a bottle of Stones Ginger Wine.

Professor Martin Levermore, a deputy lieutenant of Her Majesty the Queen's Representative, spoke about inclusive society and how the West Indian community are a part of it.

It was good to see the community turnout and more than 400 people of different cultures and generations sharing their appreciation of the work that her Majesty had done over the last 70 years. Councillors Valerie Vaz & Gaz Ali were also in attendance.

Pictures from Queen's Jubilee Event held at the centre on Saturday 4th June 2022.



Mayoress – Rose Martin



Community Lunch



Steel Band – Playing the National Anthem

Challenges

There is no doubt that the organisation faces challenges in the months and years to come with a declining building, high energy price increases and the ageing of committee members. Ways of making the building more efficient:

- Improve the Building's Insulation where possible
- Use Energy-Efficient Lighting
- Utilize More Efficient Cooling/Heating Equipment
- Focus on Renewable Energy Sources.

The Association are always open to having new people with fresh ideas involved in any capacity, so if this is something you, or someone you know, may be interested in then please contact a committee member who would be happy to have you on board.

National Lottery

We are very grateful to our funders at the National Lottery for their ongoing support. It shows the value and importance in what we do. Our kitchen is fully updated with the purchase of a brand new industrial 9 Burner Cooker, Refrigerator and Microwave oven. The old and tired high back chairs in the dining room have been replaced with NHS recommended chairs, ideal for providing support and comfort to those who need specialist seating. The dining room floor has also had its old, laminated flooring replaced.

It is enormously important to continue to stress our sincere thanks to all those committee members who give up their time to carry out their roles within the Association. These jobs are all voluntary in nature and command a significant amount of work, all of which is for the benefit of the community.

The committee is extremely grateful to our chairperson, Ms Yvonne Vassell (her first year in the post), who works tirelessly to provide direction and maintain our relevance and effectiveness. A tribute also to our long list of volunteers and friends who continue to give their free service and support to the organisation.

On a final note, we take a moment to think of all those in our community who have sadly passed away in the last 12 months. There were a number of individuals with close ties to the organisation who will be sadly missed.

Basil Ellis
Secretary
28th October 2022

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Annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022

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Trustees	E Beaumont B Ellis L C Haye M Idowu N W Reid Y Vassell H Walker
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Registered office	Afro Caribbean Centre 36 Wolverhampton Road Walsall WS2 8PR
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Registered number	CE021996
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Accountants	Paul Anthony Wilcox Accountants Limited Chartered Certified Accountant The Barn Common Farm Luton Road Chalton LU4 9UH
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Report of the trustees

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022.

Principal activity

TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF WALSALL AND THE NEIGHBOURING AREA, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, PHYSICAL OR MENTAL DISABILITIES, LEARNING HANDICAPS OR SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND 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. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL SPECIFICALLY HAVE THE POWER TO MAINTAIN A COMMUNITY CENTRE. ALSO, TO CO-OPERATE WITH ANY TYPES OF ORGANISATIONS IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Accountants

The accountants, Paul Anthony Wilcox, will be proposed for reappointment in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

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Report of the trustees (continued)

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to :

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently ;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report was approved by the board on 21st October 2022 and signed by order of the board.

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H Walker
Trustee

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Report of the accountants to the trustees of Walsall Community Association

Registered Charity Number : 1189701

We report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 30th September 2022.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and accountants

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of report

Having satisfied ourselves that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited for this year under part 16 of the Companies Act 2006 and are eligible for independent examination, we report in respect of our examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. In carrying out our examination, we have followed the directions given by the Charities Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come our my attention which which gives us cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- 1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the companies Act 2006: or
- 2) the accounts do not accord with such records: or
- 3) the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination: or
- 4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Paul Anthony Wilcox Accountants Limited
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21st October 2022

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Income and expenditure account for the year ended 30th September 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Turnover	1,2	49,856	45,382
Cost of sales		-	-
Gross surplus		49,856	45,382
Administrative expenses		41,454	23,062
Operating surplus	3	8,402	22,320
Taxation	4	-	-
Surplus on ordinary activities after taxation	8	8,402	22,320

The notes on pages 7 to 8 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 30th September 2022

	Notes	2022	2021
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets (restricted fund)	5	-	-
Current assets			
Debtors	6	9,821	178
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>55,635</u>	<u>61,349</u>
		<u>65,456</u>	<u>61,527</u>
Creditors : amounts falling due within one year	7	<u>1,465</u>	<u>5,938</u>
Net current assets		<u>63,991</u>	<u>55,589</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>63,991</u>	<u>55,589</u>
Capital and reserves			
Revenue account	8	<u>63,991</u>	<u>55,589</u>
Shareholders' funds		<u>63,991</u>	<u>55,589</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and were approved by the board on 21st October 2022 and signed on its behalf.

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Y Vassell
Trustee

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1. Accounting policies

Limited Status

The company is registered as a Charitable incorporated organisation does not have a share capital.

Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

Turnover

Turnover comprises the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of Value Added Tax and trade discounts.

Tangible assets and depreciation

Tangible assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives.

Taxation

The provision for corporation tax is calculated on the basis that the charity is not liable to tax.

2. Turnover

In the year to 30th September 2022 all of the company's turnover was to markets within the United Kingdom .

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Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30th September 2022

3. Operating surplus

The operating surplus is stated after charging :

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	-	-
Reporting accountants remuneration	<u>420</u>	<u>360</u>

4. Taxation

UK corporation tax at 0%	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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5. Fixed Assets

Fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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6. Debtors

Other	<u>9,821</u>	<u>178</u>
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7. Creditors : amounts falling due within one year

Other creditors	<u>1,465</u>	<u>5,938</u>
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8. Revenue account

Opening balance	55,589	33,269
Surplus for the year	<u>8,402</u>	<u>22,320</u>
Closing balance	<u>63,991</u>	<u>55,589</u>

Made up as follows

Unrestricted fund	42,118	39,058
Restricted fund : Maintenance fund	<u>21,873</u>	<u>16,531</u>
	<u>63,991</u>	<u>55,589</u>

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Accounting statement for the year ended 30th September 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Last year £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Income from donors	1,556	-	-	829
Investment income	-	-	-	-
Charitable trading income	35,821	-	-	25,800
Other income	12,479	-	-	18,753
TOTAL INCOME	49,856	-	-	45,382
EXPENDITURE				
Direct expenditure	9,149	-	-	-
Fund raising and publicity	-	-	-	-
Management and administration	15,989	-	-	10,180
Repairs and maintenance	16,316	-	-	12,882
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	41,454	-	-	23,062
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	5,342	-	-
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	3,060	5,342	-	22,320
REALISED GAINS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS	-	-	-	-
UNREALISED GAINS ON INVESTMENT ASSETS	-	-	-	-
UNREALISED GAINS ON TANGIBLE ASSETS	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	3,060	5,342	-	22,320
FUNDS BALANCE: BROUGHT FORWARD	39,058	16,531	-	33,269
CARRIED FORWARD	42,118	21,873	-	55,589

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Income and expenditure account for the year ended 30th September 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income:				
School rent	24,000		24,000	
Room hire	6,481		1,440	
Project 3 donations	5,340		360	
Other and donations	1,556		829	
		37,377		26,629
Cost of sales		-		-
Gross surplus		37,377		26,629
Administrative expenses (see below)		32,305		23,062
Surplus from operations		5,072		3,567
Other Income:				
Bar				
Income	12,479		-	
Expenses	9,149		-	
		3,330		-
WMBC Covid Grants		-		18,753
Net Surplus for the year		8,402		22,320
Adminastrative Expenses				
	£	£	£	£
Wages national insurance and pensions		8,087		7,979
Job retention scheme grants	-	334	-	7,712
Rates and refuse		1,342		1,014
Heat and light	13362		20777	
Heat and light recharged	-10690	2,672	-17087	3,690
Kitchen refurbishment	-		7973	
Kitchen refurbishment	-	-	-7973	-
Jubilee and arts costs	10800		0	
Jubilee and arts grants	-10800	-	0	-
Insurance		519		516
Repairs and renewals		16,316		12,882
Telephones		2,056		1,810
Meals for all		-		1,578
Licences		1,089		945
Printing and stationery		138		-
Accountancy		420		360
		32,305		23,062

