

ALWAYS COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1189909

Details

Other names AC

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-06-11

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, IN NOTTINGHAM IN BY: (A) THE PRESERVATION, CONSERVATION AND THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PRUDENT USE OF RESOURCES;(B) THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE IN ITS SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED DIVERSE COMMUNITIES;(C) THE PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE MEANS OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND REGENERATION.SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT MEANS "DEVELOPMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET THEIR OWN NEEDS."

Activities: Community Development

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£55,290	£55,096	-	-
2024-06-30	£57,211	£48,772	-	-
2023-06-30	£37,013	£49,692	-	-
2022-06-30	£49,011	£25,733	-	-
2021-06-30	£12,981	£96	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Yancy Johana Holden	Chair	2024-06-06
Adam Baker Adam Baker		2023-07-29
Alcot Walker		2022-01-28
Colin Hyde		2023-07-28

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for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

For the year ending 31 December 2025

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Financial statements

for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

Prepared by

Trustees: Catherine Carter & David Levy, Wellington, NZ 30 2025

Trustees

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Statement of the management

The trustees, as set out in the list of trustees on page 2, have prepared these financial statements for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025.

The trustees have prepared these financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2013 and the Charities (Financial Reporting) Regulations 2014. The trustees have also prepared these financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2013 and the Charities (Financial Reporting) Regulations 2014.

Signatures and dates

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**Always Community
Trustees' annual report
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025**

Full name Always Community

Other names by which the charity is known AC

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1189909

Principal address

NBV Enterprise Centre, 6 David Lane, Nottingham, NG6 0JU

Trustees

Yancy Johana Holden

Colin Hyde

Alcot Walker

Adam Baker

Ruth Imenson, until 19/09/2025

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 11/06/2020 and most recently amended 26/02/2024.

We have looked for people who have supported the charity somehow, and talked to them about the responsibilities of becoming Trustees, after showing interest, they completed an application form, Once the Board has approved it, we have notified them and registered them at the Charity Commission.

Objectives and activities

To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, in Nottingham by: (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources; (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Connected Communities Project: we were able to deliver 22 cultural events reaching 248 participants from June 2024 until this 2025. Thanks to the feedback collected after the events, we know that the 97.1% of attendees said they learned about another culture and organisation during the event. 99.5% said they believed this kind of events help build community cohesion. 98.1% confirmed they would like to attend

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to similar events, and 99% thought that people from the community could benefit from these events. Some of the messages left by attendees were: I enjoyed the merging and interaction with a community which is very different from my own, it helps to understand other cultures; I wasn't lonely or scary meeting new people and it really felt like a sense of community. I also got to try new food I have never seen before, it was amazing; I liked it was so relaxed and informal, it allowed really organic and authentic discussion, the food was really appreciated; Food gives you a shared starting point to have conversation where you can identify commonalities between ourselves. One of the things that people enjoyed the most during our events was when artistic expressions were performed, as people felt how connected they can be through music and dance.

Cohesive Community Placements Project: this project was focused on encouraging cultural placements among diverse groups/organisations and people with different backgrounds. From June 2024 we were able to work with 13 different groups and organisations and 16 volunteers. It means we were able to impact 55 directly. From the 100% said they would recommend this experience to others. 100% asked if they could do another placement. 90% considered they learned about a different culture through the placement. 100% said they enjoyed learning from a different culture, making new friends, networking and felt their English skills improved. 84% said they gained experience and new skills after the placement.

Hand Up Project: we have served 145 (this figure is based on the average of people we plan to serve until the end of Dec 2025) refugee families since June 2024 until December 2025. From verbal and written feedback, we know 100% of users are satisfied with the support we have offered them.

Renew Crew Project: were able to reach at least 54 people, including volunteers and residents of the areas we cleaned up. Volunteers and residents expressed positive comments about this activity and said they would love to keep doing it.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Our projects seek to build a city where every person feels safe, seen, and valued, regardless of their background. We believe that meaningful change begins with human connection. By creating safe spaces where people can share cultural meals, stories, and traditions, we aim to replace fear with familiarity and break down the invisible walls that keep communities apart.

We want to foster a culture where diversity is not just accepted but truly understood and celebrated. When people get to know each other beyond stereotypes, it becomes easier to find shared values and build lasting relationships. These small acts of connection ripple outward, strengthening families, neighbourhoods, and eventually, the whole city.

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Our ultimate goal is to contribute to a more cohesive Nottingham, where rising community tensions are met with dialogue instead of division. We know from national studies that greater social cohesion directly reduces hate crime and creates safer and more resilient communities.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Through verbal and written feedback, people have expressed they have been able to feel more connected to the city they live now, and see that there are more people going through similar situations, making feel them feel less lonely. Attendees have also taken this as an opportunity to know more about different cultures and see what their commonalities are.

Our events are also a space where people can find joy and connection without the pressure of their life worries. Some attendees expressed how the events allowed them to have a nice time with other people they had just met. These events also encourage them to continue attending the classes or activities from the group/ organisation and feel more connected to the other attendees.

Several attendees mentioned that it was their first time experiencing a meal or learning about a different country.

New flavours and traditions captivated the attendees. Following the event, some participants expressed an interest in visiting the country in the future and a willingness to learn more about other cultures.

Whilst collaborating with different student's societies, they expressed they found a safe space to celebrate their diverse backgrounds and experiences. When attendees truly connect with each other they feel comfortable sharing their life experiences, challenges and insights.

The impact of events went beyond. Some attendees kept the spirit alive after the events. Our partners mentioned how they looked for a public space to continue the conversation and stay a few hours together and how one event inspired a culture celebration that included people cooking and wearing traditional clothing. Our volunteers felt a desire to share their culture but also learn about some of the cultures that surround them in Nottingham. This was an opportunity for them to learn from new cultures and life experiences, integrating them further in to their community.

The charity's policy on reserves

Always Community has a policy on reserves, however, since it started it has been difficult to comply with this as most of the grants we have received were restricted or were linked to deliver specific projects, making almost impossible to have enough funds for reserves.

Monitoring and review:

The policy and general reserve target will be reviewed upon an annual basis.

Furthermore, the calculations of the required level of reserves will be an integral part of Always Community planning, budget and forecast cycle.

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Details of the current level of general reserve and a six-month projected level will form part of the quarterly financial statement to Board members. Responsibility for the day to day monitoring and evaluation of reserves rests with the Chief Executive, with assistance from the Treasurer and Office and Treasurer.

Additional Specified Reserves may be established by the Trustees as need arises and resources permit.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Yancy J. H. Date 21-01-26
Yancy Johana Holden, Chair

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Always Community
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Always Community (the charity) for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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.

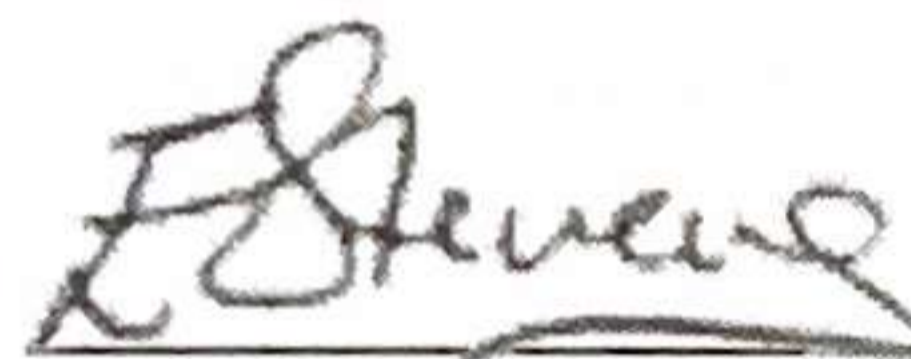
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed



Date 21/01/2026

Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Always Community
Receipts & payments account
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

For period
01/07/2023
to 30/06/2024

For period
01/07/2024
to 31/12/2025

Total Funds £		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Receipts					
57111	Grants & donations	2	1099	17300	18399
100	Sundry receipts		-	-	-
-	HMRC (SMP)		4871	-	4871
<u>57211</u>	Total receipts		<u>5970</u>	<u>17300</u>	<u>23270</u>
Payments					
75	Advertising		-	15	15
296	Computer & internet expenses		-	95	95
3250	Events		-	2289	2289
192	Insurance		-	56	56
1982	Legal & professional		60	4342	4402
14	Office supplies		-	-	-
224	Printing & stationery		-	74	74
288	Publications & subscriptions		-	-	-
858	Recruitment		-	-	-
643	Rent & room hire		-	637	637
74	Staff training		-	921	921
35	Premises maintenance		-	-	-
525	Telephone, internet & postage		-	356	356
753	Travel & subsistence		-	423	423
983	Volunteer expenses		-	578	578
38579	Wages, NI & pension		5910	39340	45250
<u>48772</u>	Total payments		<u>5970</u>	<u>49126</u>	<u>55096</u>
8440	Net receipts/(payments)		-	(31826)	(31826)
23580	Cash funds at start of this period		154	31866	32020
<u>32020</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>154</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>194</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 December 2025

2024		31/12/2025
£	Cash assets	£
32020	Bank accounts	194
<u>32020</u>		<u>194</u>
	Other monetary assets	
1517	Debtors -HMRC overpayment	3427
<u>1517</u>		<u>3427</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop purchased June 2022, Cost £1330.	
	Liabilities	
(696)	Creditors - Owed to employee	(380)
-	Creditors - pension	(257)
<u>(696)</u>		<u>(637)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Yancy J. H. Dated 21-01-26
Yancy Johana Holden, Chair

Always Community
Notes to the accounts
for the period 1 July 2024 to 31 December 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Barclays Bank	100	-	100
Refugee Roots2	999	-	999
Postcode Places Trust	-	12300	12300
The Jones 1986	-	5000	5000
	<u>1099</u>	<u>17300</u>	<u>18399</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance £
	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds				
Albert Hunt	3000	-	(3000)	-
Reaching Communities	28866	-	(28826)	40
Postcode Places Trust		12300	(12300)	-
The Jones 1986		5000	(5000)	-
	<u>31866</u>	<u>17300</u>	<u>(49126)</u>	<u>40</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	154	5970	(5970)	154
	<u>154</u>	<u>5970</u>	<u>(5970)</u>	<u>154</u>

Albert Hunt: funds for Hand Up project, related to advice of universal credit for refugees.

Reaching Communities: fund used for Connected Communities and Cohesive Community project together.

Postcode Places Trust: deliver a project to benefit the public. We agreed to use part of this funds for our Hand Up Project, a programme to support refugees with Universal Credit access.

The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust: restricted funds to be spent on our Renew Crew Project. A pilot project of a community-led clean-up effort in marginalised neighbourhoods (Radford and Hyson Green).

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4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

6. Events after reporting period

The charity ceased operations on 31/12/2025. In accordance with the charity's governing document the remaining funds and assets will be transferred to the Refugee Roots, charity number 1184098, following the settlement of all outstanding liabilities.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

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Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2024**

Full name Always Community

Other names by which the charity is known AC

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1189909

Principal address

NBV Enterprise Centre, 6 David Lane, Nottingham, NG6 0JU

Trustees

Yancy Johana Holden, from 24/07/2024

Colin Hyde

Alcot Walker

Tracey Lloyds

Ruth Imenson

Adam Baker

Jacqueline Bowen, until 23/07/24

Maureen Robinson, until 01/10/2023

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 11/06/20

When required, the Trustee roles are advertised and/or suitable prospective Trustees approached and appointed once approved by the Trustees

Objectives and activities

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Grassroots community project development. We achieve this through the introduction of innovative needs-led community projects. Projects support the local Nottingham community in cultivating, from a grassroots level, sustainable social and economic growth that will promote the ongoing development and maintenance of diverse grassroots community initiatives that advance and regenerate the social and economic wellbeing of the Nottingham community.

Always community is also keen to support fledgling grassroots community groups in the development of ground-level community enterprise initiatives. We look to facilitate this through engaging and demystifying learning that enables communities to effectively tap into the wider, and often unknown, potential that community enterprises can have in their local communities which they can readily harness.

Always Community also has a sincere interest in exploring and implementing new and innovative approaches to community cohesion that builds on the commonalities Nottingham shares as a multicultural community, rich in diversity. Always Community continues to explore new and innovative ways of enhancing and unlocking the hidden potential of the diverse strengths of the communities of Nottingham through partnership and new ways of working that build on and continue to unlock its ground level hidden strengths.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Through verbal and written feedback, people have expressed they have been able to feel more connected to the city they live now, and see that there are more people going through similar situations, making feel them less lonely. Attendees have also taken this as an opportunity to know more about different cultures and see what their commonalities are.

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So far, all the volunteers have been very committed which has been noted by many of the placement leads. How nice it is to work with volunteers who show up every week and are reliable and hard working. This has also helped create a positive experience for the groups and a trust between the two sides to share.

Volunteers and placement providers enjoy sharing their cultures and life experiences with the other. Feedback always shows the joy each side gets out of the appreciation the other shows for their culture enables more open and honest conversations to be had.

The charity's policy on reserves

Always Community's ongoing aim is to develop a general reserve to cover a minimum of 6 months running costs:

- To ensure that the Always Community can meet its obligations in the short term and in the event of late payment of grants;
- To cover any outstanding liabilities such as staff redundancy payments and remaining commitments;
- To ensure that Always Community's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Monitoring and review

The policy and general reserve target will be reviewed upon an annual basis. Furthermore, the calculations of the required level of reserves will be an integral part of Always Community planning, budget and forecast cycle.

Details of the current level of general reserve and a six month projected level will form part of the quarterly financial statement to Board members. Responsibility for the day to day monitoring and evaluation of reserves rests with the Chief Executive, with assistance from the Treasurer.

The aim of the charity is to build reserves for 6 months' operation. However, it is very difficult to build reserves when all the funding the charity receives is restricted to project delivery. Therefore, it is a long-term ongoing aim. Reserves are essentially built on unrestricted funds (Funds allocated for any use in the charity). Invariably the funds the charity receives are restricted funds (Funds restricted to the given project expenditure). Currently, Always Community doesn't have any reserves as all our funding is restricted.

Our policy is reviewed annually.

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Financial Risks

We are reliant on securing funds annually through grant applications to maintain our operations. Unfortunately, we have not yet been able to establish sufficient financial reserves to continue running our activities independently of awarded grants. The majority of our funding is restricted to specific projects, which means our ability to operate is directly tied to the funds we receive for each project.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed Yancy J.H. Date 13/11/24
Yancy Johana Holden, Chair

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Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed  Date 14/11/24
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Always Community
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 June 2024**

2023		2024
£		£
<u>23580</u>	Cash assets	
<u>23580</u>	Bank accounts	<u>32020</u>
		<u>32020</u>
	Other monetary assets	
<u>-</u>	HMRC over payment	<u>1517</u>
<u>-</u>		<u>1517</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop purchased June 2022, Cost £1330.	
	Liabilities	
636	Independent Examination	696
88	Payroll fees	-
790	HMRC	-
141	Pension	-
<u>1655</u>		<u>696</u>

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Signed Yancy J. H. Dated 13/11/24
Yancy Johana Holden, Chair

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
The National Lottery	-	52111	52111
Thomas Farr	-	2000	2000
Albert Hunt	-	3000	3000
	<u>-</u>	<u>57111</u>	<u>57111</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Albert Hunt	-	3000	-	3000
Hand Up	3438	-	(3438)	-
Connected Communities	5820	-	(5820)	-
Cost of Living Project		2000	(2000)	-
Cohesive Communities	5000	-	(5000)	-
Windrush Decision	9103	1747	(10850)	-
Reaching Communities	-	50364	(21498)	28866
	<u>23361</u>	<u>57111</u>	<u>(48606)</u>	<u>31866</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	219	100	(165)	154
	<u>219</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>(165)</u>	<u>154</u>

Albert Hunt: funds for Hand Up project, related to advice of universal credit for refugees.

Allen Lane Foundation: fund used for continuation of Hand up project

Awards for All: fund used for Connected Communities

Thomas Farr: fund used for "Cost of Living" project

Foyle Foundation: fund used for Cohesive Community pilot

Heritage Lottery Fund: fund used for Windrush Decision Project

Reaching Communities: fund used for Connected Communities and Cohesive Community project together..

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4. Trustees' remuneration

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5. Related party transactions

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Trustees

Jacqueline Bowen, Chair

Colin Hyde, Vice Chair, from 01/08/23

Ruth Imeson, Treasurer, from 01/08/23

Alcot Walker

Maureen Robinson

Tracy Lloyd, from 01/08/23

Adam Baker, from 01/08/23

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To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, in Nottingham by: (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources; (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Grassroots community project development. We achieve this through the introduction of innovative needs-led community projects. Projects support the local Nottingham community in cultivating, from a grassroots level, sustainable social and economic growth that will promote the ongoing development and maintenance of diverse grassroots community initiatives that advance and regenerate the social and economic wellbeing of the Nottingham community.

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Always community is also keen to support fledgling grassroots community groups in the development of ground-level community enterprise initiatives. We look to facilitate this through engaging and demystifying learning that enables communities to effectively tap into the wider, and often unknown, potential that community enterprises can have in their local communities which they can readily harness.

Always Community also has a sincere interest in exploring and implementing new and innovative approaches to community cohesion that builds on the commonalities Nottingham shares as a multicultural community, rich in diversity. Always Community continues to explore new and innovative ways of enhancing and unlocking the hidden potential of the diverse strengths of the communities of Nottingham through partnership and new ways of working that build on and continue to unlock its ground level hidden strengths.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

This year has seen Always Community continuing to establish our aims and objectives through two main projects "Connected Communities" and "The Windrush Decision". We have also been able to initiate the "Hand Up" project alongside a small portion on community group capacity building work. All of the above have again been supported by a variety of funders and we have been most grateful for their support and the work that it has allowed us to do. We are also pleased to have established our website this year, giving us the opportunity to share our aims and work. We are also pleased to report that we have been successful in recruiting four new Trustees form a wide variety of grassroots community focussed groups and initiatives. We are immensely grateful for the skills and experience and commitment that each of them bring to the charity.

In terms of the Connected Communities project, we have continued to expand the work of our Connected Communities project to include an even wider group of diverse communities and have held over 15 small events this year with an attendance of over 350 attendees, 120 up on last year's attendance proving the success of the project. As the project receives more and more attention and recognition as an enjoyable, positive and insightful community cohesion shared experience, the attendance continues to grow and we are also being increasingly approached by small community groups wanting to put on a small culturally insightful event. In light of the growing interest, we are now exploring other aspects (with the help of the copious feedback forms amassed) of insightful next step community cohesion opportunities that the new project may bring. At the core of this project is the informal grassroots mutual value, respect and understanding informally cultivated between the different communities in Nottingham.

We are now in the final stages of the Windrush Decision project that shares the sacrifices, joys and difficulties the Windrush Generation had in making that life changing "Windrush Decision". Over 53 oral interviews were held last year and

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alongside small presentations we were also able (following extensive research) to hold an open "Windrush Decision" event on June 22nd with the much appreciated help of Inspire Culture and Learning Nottingham Archives who supported us with the venue and contributed to Caribbean food available. The event was a great success with over 102 people attending from the diverse communities of Nottingham seeking to gain a rare and valuable insight into the 'Windrush Decision' experience. The event included calypso music, Caribbean food, a Windrush Decision Exhibition, opportunity to directly speak with Windrush generation elders and much more. The project ends October 2023.

A small amount of work has been done on Capacity Building this year supporting grassroots community groups in the development of their community projects but this has unfortunately been substantially limited due a distinct lack of funding. This has proved a difficult area to acquire funding. It is hoped that the new financial year will see us accessing suitable funding to support this important and much needed grassroots community needs led work. This would also apply to grassroots community enterprise support and development, again funding has limited the impact we would like to make in this area. However, we still continue to explore new and innovative projects that will allow us to meet the above needs and many more.

We are very pleased to have started our "Hand Up" project in June 2023 working in partnership with Refugee Roots offering valuable advice and guidance for Migrants eligible for Universal Credit. The collaboration aims to support individuals by giving them the knowledge they require to understand the benefits they are entitled to access crucial welfare assistance. Refugee Roots are committed to Migrant Community support and development and we are excited to be working in partnership with them on this project. Together we will be offering 1-to-1 advice sessions for those seeking help with Universal Credit. Individuals will be supported by two CPAG trained advisors. It is of course in its earliest stages of development and therefore further information will be provided in the next report.

Always Community aims to ensure that the benefits of our work not only impact socially on the communities we serve but also economically, as part of an integrated community development strategy. We truly want to unlock the hidden skills and talents within all the diverse communities of Nottingham. We consider it vital that we are in touch with the needs of the communities we serve and work to leave a legacy of community initiatives of impact; This, we believe, is one of the ways that we can best demonstrate or give a true reflection of being 'Always Community'. A hearty thanks goes to our Trustees and staff but most importantly to the commitment and unquestionable resilience of the diverse communities we serve.

As previously, Always Community would like to express a hearty THANK YOU to our funders who have enabled us to deliver the above work. Without their (and our previous year funders) recognition of the particular needs of grassroots communities and willingness to support our aims and objectives and provide a starting point for new and innovative approaches, none of the above could have been achieved.

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Financial review

At the end of the financial reporting period we are very pleased to report that the charity has the funds to meet its project delivery requirements for the next financial year.

Always Community has secured funding for the 2023-24 financial year and is in the process of acquiring ongoing funding to further secure the ongoing delivery of our current projects and the introduction of new grassroots community projects.

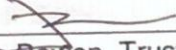
The charity's policy on reserves

Always Community's ongoing aim is to develop a general reserve to cover a minimum of 6 months running costs:

- To ensure that the Always Community can meet its obligations in the short term and in the event of late payment of grants;
- To cover any outstanding liabilities such as staff redundancy payments and remaining commitments;
- To ensure that Always Community's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Our policy is reviewed annually.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Jacqueline Bowen, Trustee

Date 28.11.23

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Always Community
for the year ended 30 June 2023**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Always Community (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Always Community
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 June 2023

2022		Note	2023
£			£
	Cash assets		
36259	Bank accounts		23580
<u>36259</u>			<u>23580</u>
	Other monetary assets		
96	Prepayments - insurance		-
<u>96</u>			<u>-</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	General equipment.		
	Laptop, purchased June 2022, cost £1,330.		
	Liabilities		
(4123)	Creditors	4	(1655)
<u>(4123)</u>			<u>(1655)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Ruth Imeson Dated 19 DEC 2023
 Ruth Imeson, Trustee

**Always Community
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2023**

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
The National Lottery Heritage Fund Awards for All	-	22023	22023
The Foyle Foundation	-	9990	9990
	-	5000	5000
	<u>-</u>	<u>37013</u>	<u>37013</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance £
		£	£	
Restricted funds				
Connected Communities	11400	9990	(15570)	5820
Hand Up Project	4600	-	(1162)	3438
The Windrush Decision	19779	22023	(32699)	9103
Cohesive Communities (CCV)	-	5000	-	5000
	<u>35779</u>	<u>37013</u>	<u>(49431)</u>	<u>23361</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	480	-	(261)	219
	<u>480</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(261)</u>	<u>219</u>

The Connected Communities fund, funded by grants from Postcode Places Trust and Awards for All, supports our Connected Communities Community cohesion initiative.

The Hand Up fund, funded by a grant from the Allen Lane Foundation, is to support our Migrant Community Universal Credit Advice Worker initiative for which we are currently awaiting match funding.

The Windrush Decision fund, funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage fund, is for the delivery of our Windrush Decision Project journaling the difficulties and sacrifices of the Windrush generation in making the decision to come to Nottingham from the Caribbean.

The Cohesive Communities (CCV) fund, funded by a grant from The Foyle Foundation, is for the delivery of diverse community exchanges and insightful volunteer placement events.

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4. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional - Independent examination	636
Legal & professional - payroll fees	88
Wages, NI & pension - HMRC	790
Wages, NI & pension - NEST	141
	<u>1655</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1189909

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**Always Community
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

Full name Always Community

Other names by which the charity is known AC

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1189909

Principal address

8 Experian Way, NG2 Business Park, Nottingham, NG2 1EP

Trustees

Jacqueline Bowen, Chair

Maureen Robinson, Treasurer

Alcot Walker, from 28/01/22

June Murray, until 07/03/22

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 11/06/20.

When required the trustee roles are advertised and/or identified suitable representatives are approached.

Objectives and activities

To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, in Nottingham by:
(a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources; (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Grassroots community project development and social enterprise development. We achieve this through the introduction of innovative needs-led community projects.

These projects support the local Nottingham community in cultivating, from a grassroots level, sustainable social and economic growth that will promote the ongoing development and maintenance of diverse grassroots community initiatives that advance and regenerate the social and economic wellbeing of the Nottingham community.

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Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

This year has seen Always Community establishing our aims and objectives through two main projects Connected Communities and The Windrush Decision. We have been fortunate to have been supported by a variety of funders who have held the aims and objectives of the charity and the innovation and community benefits of our projects in high regard. Over the last year, having been initially restricted by the COVID lockdown measures, Always Community has gradually repositioned itself to enable an ongoing, robust delivery of our community initiatives.

Our Connected Communities project has worked with a diverse range of communities. Over the last year, in the delivery of our Connected Communities new initiative, we have seen a growing interest in the informal, community transforming and bridge building, strong community relationships it generates. The informal grassroots mutual value, respect and understanding it has built between different communities in Nottingham has been a community building asset. As the project has unfolded, the wider scope of the enlightening benefits of this new initiative have also become more and more evident. To date, over 230 members of the Nottingham community have participated in our Connected Communities events. Informally cultivating and shaping positive and meaningful ground level behavioural changes and building strong community relationships of mutual respect is the asset of this project. Events have included the Caribbean, Indian, Sikh, Chinese, Kurdish, Russian, Lithuanian, Kazakhstan, Bengali and Angolan communities, and wider and various life experiences such as being hearing impaired and ADHD, the scope continues to expand. We have also worked with various voluntary organisations and community centres.

Work on our other main project, The Windrush Decision, has included the recording of over 53 Windrush Generation interviews and them each being honoured with the award of a certificate of appreciation for their valued Windrush Generation contribution to the City of Nottingham. These were signed by both the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Council and Lord Mayor of Nottingham. We have also held Windrush generation discussion groups and attended the Nottingham Annual Windrush Generation celebration event. Work continues on the research and development of the online resource. The project has been well received by the Windrush generation and the wider community of Nottingham as for the first time an important and very poignant part of Nottingham's Windrush Generation decision to come to the UK is being shared, recognised and more clearly understood.

Whilst limitations of funding have restricted the scope of our work, we still have a wide scope of needs-led projects that we are exploring, to introduce in the next financial year. We look forward to further developing our partnerships with the wider public, private and voluntary sectors of Nottingham in the delivery of our charitable aims and objectives. We also very much look forward to continuing and expanding the variety and depth of our work with the diverse grassroots communities of

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Nottingham in introducing needs-led initiatives, unlocking their hidden potential and meeting their community development needs with unique innovation as we secure and expand and demonstrate our commitment of being 'Always Community'.

Always Community aims to ensure that the benefits of our work not only impact socially on the communities we serve but also economically, as part of an integrated community development strategy. We truly want to unlock the hidden skills and talents within all the diverse communities of Nottingham. We consider it vital that we are in touch with the needs of the communities we serve and work to leave a legacy of community initiatives of impact. This, we believe, is one of the ways that we can best demonstrate or give a true reflection of being 'Always Community'. Hearty thanks goes to our funders, Trustees and staff but most importantly to the commitment and unquestionable resilience of the diverse communities we serve.

Financial review

At the end of the financial reporting period we are very pleased to report that the charity has the funds to meet its project delivery requirements for the next financial year.

Always Community has secured funding for the 2022-23 financial year and is in the process of acquiring ongoing funding to further secure the ongoing delivery of our current projects and introduction of new grassroots community projects.


The charity's policy on reserves

Always Community aims to develop a general reserve to cover a minimum of 6 months running costs:

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- To cover any outstanding liabilities such as staff redundancy payments and remaining commitments;
- To ensure that Always Community's core activities can continue during a period of unforeseen difficulty.

Our policy is reviewed annually.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed 
Alcot Walker, Trustee

Date 16/02/2023

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Always Community
for the year ended 30 June 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Always Community (the charity) for the year ended 30 June 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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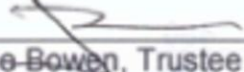
I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed  Date 17/2/23
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Always Community
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 June 2022

2021		2022
£	Note	£
<u>12981</u>	Cash assets	<u>36259</u>
<u>12981</u>	Bank accounts	<u>36259</u>
-	Other monetary assets	
-	Prepayments - insurance	<u>96</u>
-		<u>96</u>
-	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
-	General equipment.	
-	Laptop, purchased June 2022, cost £1,330.	
-	Liabilities	
-	Creditors	4 <u>(4123)</u>
-		<u>(4123)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
 Jacqueline Bowen, Trustee

Dated 11.2.23

Always Community
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 June 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Allen Lane Foundation	-	4600	4600
Near Neighbours	-	2981	2981
Postcode Places Trust	-	11400	11400
The National Lottery Community Fund	-	2500	2500
The National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	27529	27529
Sundry grants & donations	1	-	1
	<u>1</u>	<u>49010</u>	<u>49011</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance £
		£	£	
Restricted funds				
Capacity Building	1000	-	(1000)	-
Connected Communities	10496	16881	(15977)	11400
Hand Up	-	4600	-	4600
The Windrush Decision	-	27529	(7750)	19779
	<u>11496</u>	<u>49010</u>	<u>(24727)</u>	<u>35779</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General	1485	1	(1006)	480
	<u>1485</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>(1006)</u>	<u>480</u>

The Capacity Building fund, funded by a grant from Groundworks, was for organisational capacity building.

The Connected Communities fund, funded by grants from Arnold Clark Community Fund, Awards for All, the National Lottery Community Fund, Near Neighbours and Postcode Places Trust, supports our Connected Communities Community cohesion initiative.

The Hand Up fund, funded by a grant from the Allen Lane Foundation, is to support our Migrant Community Universal Credit Advice Worker initiative for which we are currently awaiting match funding.

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The Windrush Decision fund, funded by a grant from the National Lottery Heritage fund, is for the delivery of our Windrush Decision Project journaling the difficulties and sacrifices of the Windrush generation in making the decision to come to Nottingham from the Caribbean.

4. Creditors

	£
Legal & professional	589
Wages, NI & pension - wages	1803
Wages, NI & pension - HMRC	1512
Wages, NI & pension - NEST	219
	<u>4123</u>

5. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, a total of £80 (including travel expenses) was paid to a trustee as one of the 9 project sessional workers for the completion of 5 oral interviews for the Windrush Decision project.

6. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	11	06	2020		30	06	2021

Charity name Always Community

Other names charity is known by AC

Registered charity number (if any) 1189909

Charity's principal address
 8 Experian Way
 NG2 Business Park
 Nottingham
Postcode NG2 1EP

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	Jacqueline Bowen	Trustee		Trustees
2	Maureen Robinson	Chair		Trustees
3	June Murray	Trustee		Trustees
4				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NA	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
NA		

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

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by trustees in trustee meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; <input type="checkbox"/> the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; <input type="checkbox"/> relationship with any related parties; <input type="checkbox"/> trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>During this time the charity has implemented its COVID Health and Safety Policy.</p>
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<p>Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document</p>	<p>‘To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively in the East Midlands by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources; (b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities; (c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration. <p>Sustainable development means “development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”</p>
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Work undertaken for the benefit of the public this year has been stifled due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. Limited work in Nottingham has included:

- The delivery of community enterprise coaching for individuals and small groups. This has been done by ZOOM.
- Small group capacity building support and development. This has also been done by ZOOM.

All of the above work supported by Bright Ideas has been **very** limited as we have also invariably been unable to extensively promote the above or engage grassroots communities due to the COVID-19 Lockdown restrictions.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The contribution made by our volunteers has been a real asset during this time, as we could not have been able to deliver our limited lockdown services without their much appreciated support.

We thank them for their commitment to the values of the Charity and the communities and individuals they have supported.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The work of the charity this year has largely been stifled due to the COVID-19 lockdowns. As a direct result we have not been able to implement the breath of community support and partnership initiatives envisaged. Work has therefore been limited to grassroots capacity building support through ZOOM and small group organisational review and development. We have also undertaken a level of community enterprise coaching. This again has also been by ZOOM.

Again due to the lockdown, all of the above community development and support work has been very limited (stifled) as we have had to cancel face to face meetings, training sessions and our own organisational development schedules. In addition, we have also as a result, had to operate on a very limited budget and have been very grateful for the voluntary time that has been committed to the charity which has allowed us to undertake the above work in Nottingham at zero cost to the charity. This ZOOM project delivery and the late June arrival of funding accounts for the absence of expenditure.

With the increasing relaxation of the lockdown regulations we expect to be initiating the implementation of our recently funded small Connected Communities Initiative in August. The focus of this project is the opening of new doors of grassroots community partnerships, insights and Cohesion. We also intend to resume small scale work on our community enterprise coaching in August. With the ongoing relaxation of the Lockdown restrictions we expect to also increasingly resume our envisaged grassroots community development outreach and needs led assessment work in the deprived communities of Nottingham. We also expect to resume work on the capacity building of the charity.

Overall due to the COVID-19 Lockdowns it has been a difficult start for the charity in terms of community engagement development, our budget and capacity as we have not been able to engage grassroots communities, extensively deliver needs led projects and access necessary funding as originally envisaged. Therefore, further establishing the charity and our delivery of the above small initiatives on a very limited budget during this time has been an achievement in itself.

In the latter half of June 2021 we were successful in acquiring a small grant from Awards for All grant to initiate our '*Connected Communities*' Project. We expect to start delivery of this in August 2021. We were also successful in acquiring a small amount of capacity building project development support from Groundworks uk and Enterprise Coaching Development Coaching support from Arnold Clarke. We intend to implement this work in the coming months.

The support of the above looks very promising in terms of community engagement and project development and we are very confident that in the year new, despite the current Covid related restrictions we will have substantially more to report back in 2021-22 having been better positioned to demonstrate the aims and objectives and needs led innovative approaches of

Always Community.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity currently has £200 reserves. It is our intension to build our reserves as the charity grows.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

NA

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's very limited income this year has come from our limited community enterprise coaching and community development work. This work was supported by volunteers.

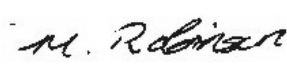
This has allowed us to make a small first step in community engagement and assist a few small groups in their exploration of community enterprise and also support community group capacity building in terms of their activities and related polices.


Having received Connected Communities funding in late June 2021 we look forward to implementing this project which underpins our community cohesion principles. We also look forward to implementing the wider scope of our Always Community key objectives in the context of new and innovative needs led community projects.



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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Maureen Robinson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	7 th July 2021	

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	
1	 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name					No (if any)				CC16a	
2		Always Community										
3		Receipts and payments accounts										
4		For the period from		Period start date		To		Period end date				
5				11th June 2020				30th June 2021				
6												
7	Section A Receipts and payments											
8		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 £						
9												
10	A1 Receipts											
11	Bright ideas	1,385		-	1,385	-						
12	Trustee Donation	100		-	100	-						
13	Arnold Clarke		500	-	500	-						
14	Groundwork UK	-	1,000	-	1,000	-						
15	Awards For All		9,996	-	9,996	-						
16		-	-	-	-	-						
17		-	-	-	-	-						
18		-	-	-	-	-						
19	Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,485	11,496	-	12,981	-						
20												
21	A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).											
22		-	-	-	-	-						
23		-	-	-	-	-						
24	Sub total	-	-	-	-	-						
25												
26	Total receipts	1,485	11,496	-	12,981	-						
27												
28	A3 Payments											
29		-	-	-	-	-						
30		-	-	-	-	-						
31		-	-	-	-	-						
32		-	-	-	-	-						
33		-	-	-	-	-						
34		-	-	-	-	-						
35		-	-	-	-	-						
36		-	-	-	-	-						
37		-	-	-	-	-						
38	Sub total	-	-	-	-	-						
39												
40	A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)											
41		-	-	-	-	-						
42		-	-	-	-	-						
43	Sub total	-	-	-	-	-						
44												
45	Total payments	-	-	-	-	-						
46												
47	Net of receipts/(payments)	1,485	11,496	-	12,981	-						
48	A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-						
49	A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-						
50	Cash funds this year end	1,485	11,496	-	12,981	-						
51												
52												
53	Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period											
54	Categories	Details			Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £					
55												
56	B1 Cash funds				-	-	-					
57					-	-	-					
58					-	-	-					
59		Total cash funds			-	-	-					
60		(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK					
61					Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £					
62		Details										
63	B2 Other monetary assets				-	-	-					
64					-	-	-					

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
65						-		-		-	
66						-		-		-	
67						-		-		-	
68						-		-		-	
69											
70		Details				Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	
71	B3 Investment assets							-		-	
72								-		-	
73								-		-	
74								-		-	
75								-		-	
76											
77		Details				Fund to which asset belongs		Cost (optional)		Current value (optional)	
78	B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use							-		-	
79								-		-	
80								-		-	
81								-		-	
82								-		-	
83								-		-	
84								-		-	
85								-		-	
86								-		-	
87											
88		Details				Fund to which liability relates		Amount due (optional)		When due (optional)	
89	B5 Liabilities							-			
90								-			
91								-			
92								-			
93								-			
94											
95	Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature			Print Name			Date of approval			
96	Chair	<i>M. Robinson</i>			Maureen Robinson			7th July 2021			
97											
98											