

Always Community
Trustee's annual report
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Full name: Always Community

Other names by which the charity is known as:

Always Community
(Registered charity, number 1189909)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 June 2022

Principal address

6 Exeter Way, Mill Business Park, Nottingham, NG2 2EP

Trustees

Mr Stephen Brown, Chair

Mr Stephen Brown, Treasurer

Mr Alan Walker

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Governance and management

The charity is a limited liability company registered in England and Wales, number 1189909.

Other reports: The trustees have also received and considered the following reports:

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Objectives and activities

To provide sustainable employment for the people of the parish, in Nottingham City.

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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:

- To ensure that the Always Community can meet its obligations in the short term 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 
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').

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

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Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 30 June 2022

2021			2022
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted
Funds		Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£
	Receipts		
11596	Grants & donations	1	49010
1385	Sales & fees	-	-
<u>12981</u>	Total receipts	<u>1</u>	<u>49010</u>
	Payments		
-	Computer & internet expenses	-	2169
-	Engagement expenses	-	1207
-	Events	-	2413
-	Insurance	-	192
-	Legal & professional	-	216
-	Office supplies	-	337
-	Payroll service	-	365
-	Printing & stationery	-	444
-	Recruitment	-	175
-	Rent & room hire	-	97
-	Sessional workers	-	1498
-	Staff training	-	100
-	Teaching resources	780	-
-	Telephone, internet & postage	-	99
-	Travel & subsistence	-	33
-	Volunteer expenses	29	-
-	Wages, NI & pension	197	15382
<u>-</u>	Total payments	<u>1006</u>	<u>24727</u>
12981	Net receipts/(payments)	(1005)	24283
-	Cash funds at start of this period	1485	11496
<u>12981</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	<u>480</u>	<u>36259</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 June 2022

2021		2022
£		£
	Cash assets	
	Bank accounts	36259
12981		36259
12981		
	Other monetary assets	
	Prepayments - insurance	96
-		96
-		
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Laptop, purchased June 2022, cost £1,330.	
	Liabilities	
	Creditors	4 (4123)
-		(4123)
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These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed 
 Jacqueline Bowen, Trustee

Dated 11.2.23

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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.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

