

SUDLEY AREA RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

S.A.R.A. Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ

Registered Charity No. 1190529

ANNUAL REPORT

For the period ending 31st March 2023



KEY INFORMATION

Charity Name: Sudley Area Residents' Association (SARA)

Registered Address: SARA Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ

Charity No. 1190529

Chairman: Steven Kearney

Secretary: Dot Caples

Treasurer: Grenville Jefferies

Trustees: Steven Kearney, Dot Caples, Eileen Rich, Brenda Brown, Grenville Jefferies, Margaret Sorensen, Janet Corke, Jennifer Woodcock, Jacqueline Bligh, Allan Henshall and John Beamish.

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2022-2023

It's been a very busy year at SARA! We've had two major programmes of work at SARA Hall to help future proof the building... not to mention the tidy up after each! We've reintroduced pre-covid events including the free monthly cinema and day trips, and we're now back to full capacity with our weekly calendar of activities.

It's been quite the challenge at times with the fast moving energy markets, the cost of living crisis and the new demands that a post-covid world now requires, but thankfully, we're still here!

Newsletter printing costs have doubled so instead of a four-page spread, we're printing a double-sided A4 sheet with useful information and updates of our events and activities. To raise extra funds, we've brought back table sales and are set to hold them 4 times a year.

2022-2023



The defibrillator referred to last year has been installed outside the building. At the start of 2023, someone attending one of our regular groups needed to use it; thankfully the machine was there and the person involved is doing great. One thing it's shown us is that there's quite a cost associated with consumables for the machine (£294 for a battery every 5 years and £50 for a set of pads each time the machine is used). We held a raffle across a week at the building and raised £571. These funds will be ring-fenced exclusively for costs associated with the defibrillator.

Membership numbers have increased (see overleaf) with a 59% increase in full members and a 7% increase in non-voting members.

SARA REGISTER OF MEMBERS

297 (+111) full members (permanent residents of the Sudley Area aged 18 years and over and these shall all have voting rights)

175 (+12) non-voting members (well-wishers anywhere)

1 (-) co-opted members (persons who, in the opinion of the Trustees, have special knowledge or experience to offer the Charity. Such members shall be called co-opted members and shall have the right to vote at meetings of the Charity)



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

At the start of the year, we were back to full capacity in the weekly calendar at the hall. There have been a few changes over the year including the departure of a longstanding karate group and the introduction of two new yoga sessions, a pre-school group, an additional drama session and the rebranding of our drop-in coffee mornings. Session rates were increased in November 2022 following a review of operating costs in light of the sizeable increase in energy costs.

GROUPS FOR CHILDREN

Tuesday Pre-School Yoga



Active Play

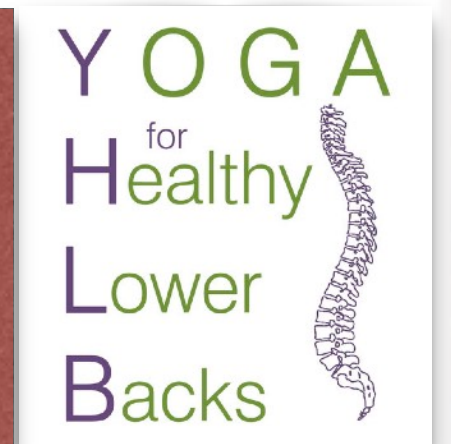
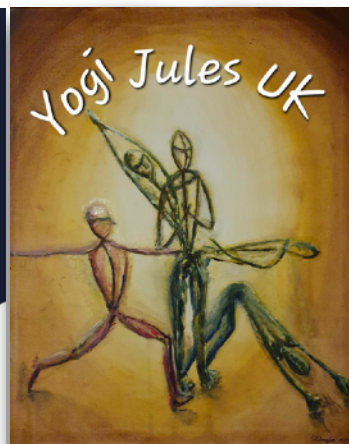
CHURCH &
MOSSLEY HILL
Children's Centre



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL



There are four independent yoga teachers at SARA Hall providing five different sessions each week. They cover many different aspects of Yoga ranging from beginner to advanced, and a variety of specialist areas including gentle years (chair yoga) and yoga for back care.



GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Adult Education Classes



We have two weekly adult education groups running at SARA Hall.

GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

We have many other weekly, monthly and ad-hoc groups running at SARA Hall:

Community
Coffee
Morning



NICOLA PARKER
PILATES



Tuesday Tea Dance



AIGBURTH METHODIST CHURCH



Angela's Tai Chi School
Taiji Kungfu Fan Workshops



Wu Shu Kwan®
Chinese kickboxing

Sudley
Sings

GROUPS, CLASSES AND SESSIONS AT SARA HALL

Surgeries, support groups and council events.



In conjunction with one of our local GP surgeries, health trainers provided a 12-week health and wellbeing programme for 30 patients.



A number of community surgeries and a bike marking event took place at SARA Hall over the year.

Our dedicated PCSO also attended one of our table sales to distribute faraday pouches for car keys and to offer advice.

MOSSLEY HILL WARD COUNCILLORS

Ward councillors held 12 advice surgeries over the year.

Councillors helped to arrange three themed craft and storytelling events for children with local author and storyteller Jude Lennon from Little Lamb Tales.



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The local school provision has already been increased due to overwhelming demand. In 2016 there were 318 applications for 90 places at Sudley Infant School. The school now has 120 places per year, but this is still not sufficient to meet the consistently high levels of demand and that's before

Steven Kearney
Chairman
Sudley Area Residents' Association



MAYORAL NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND



Last year, Sudley Sings was the recipient of a Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund award. This was used to cover initial setup costs, DBS fees, room charges and insurance.

This year, the opportunity arose to make a further

application, this time to cover the insurance renewal and 19 weeks of hall charges.

Sudley Sings has helped members to develop relationships/friendships beyond weekly meetings, helped members to combat isolation and also helped to improve their communication skills.

Thanks to this financial boost covering the last 19 weeks of 2022-23, the group now hopes to continue well into 2024.



CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Central Heating System - The central heating system was originally installed in 2000 with a replacement boiler being installed 10 years later. Having looked at various options for the hall including heat pumps and solar, the available budget and complexities of working with an old building left gas as the only viable option. In order to future proof the system, all new pipework and radiators were installed alongside remotely controlled thermostats.



Electrical Installation Upgrade - Over the years, the electrical system has had various additions and changes. During a recent periodic inspection, it was felt that a full electrical installation upgrade would be preferable to a short-term fix. This would also create a more energy efficient building a number of new light fittings would no longer have switches but would be controlled via sensor - a must for any public building reliant on many different users turning off a switch.

Total cost of both projects: £13,659.20

DAY TRIPS

This year saw the reintroduction of our popular calendar of day trips. Day trips had previously been suspended in March 2020 due to the covid pandemic. Rather than jump in with a full calendar, we opted for a more spaced out offering.

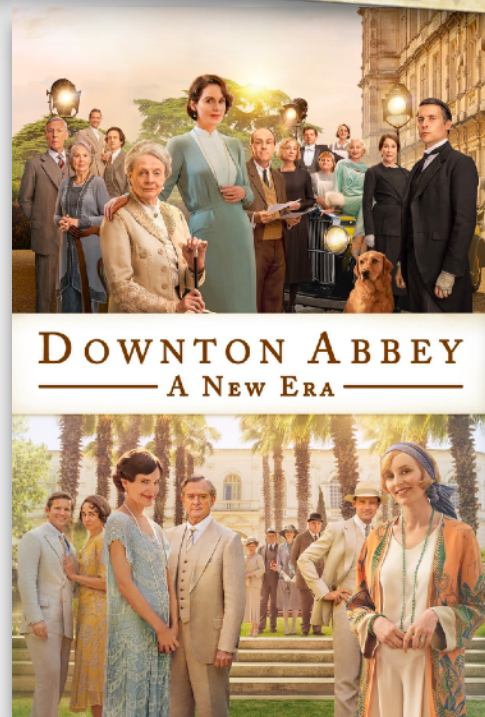
A total of 178 people enjoyed trips to Llandudno (April 2022), Keswick (July 2022), Frodsham Market & Chester (September 2022), and Bury Market (March 2023).

Given the success this year, we've arranged a full calendar of trips for 2023-24.



COMMUNITY CINEMA

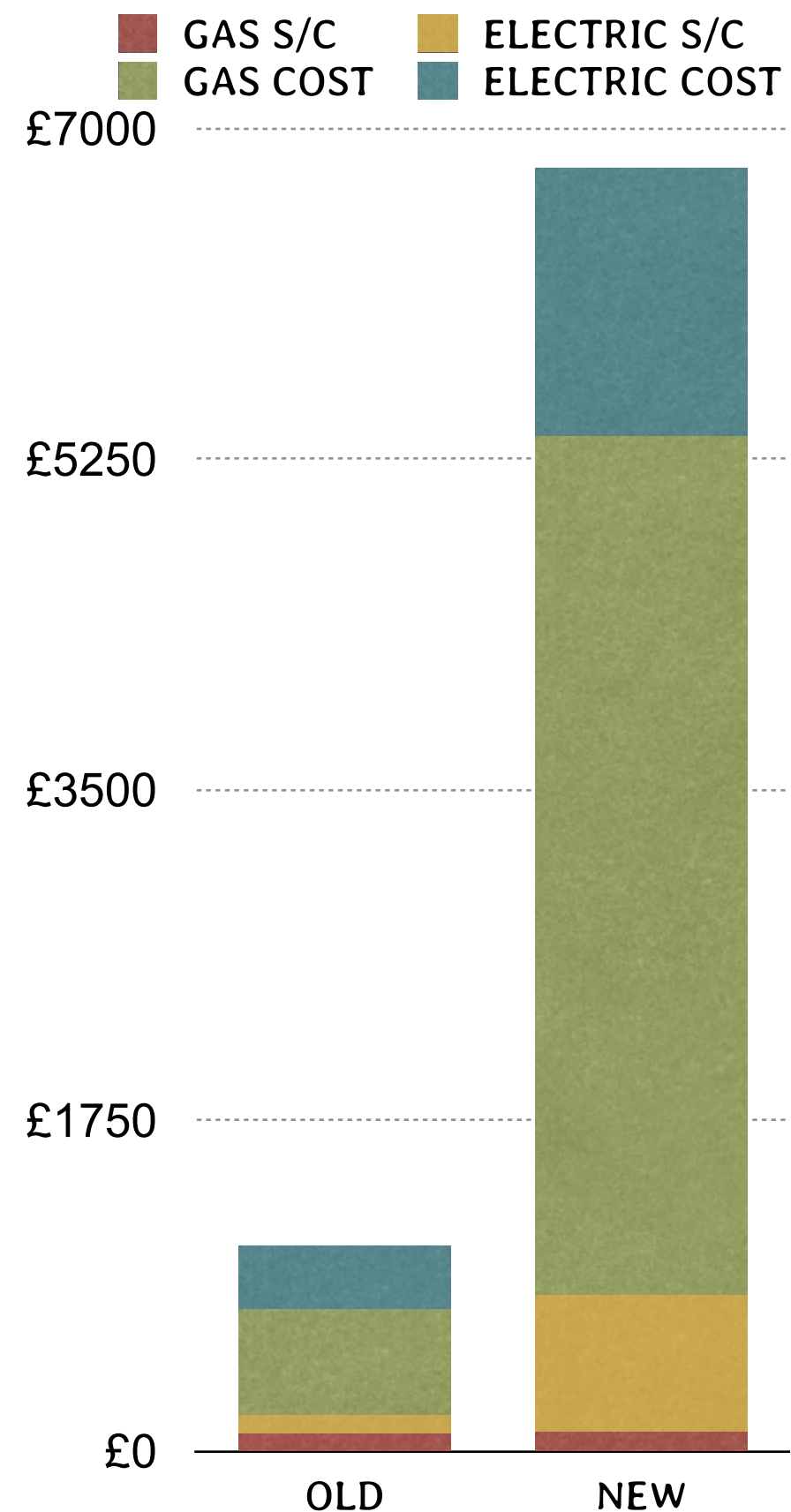
A total of 306 people enjoyed 10 films between April 2022 and March 2023.



ENERGY COSTS

Energy costs have spiralled out of control for everyone. Sadly, as with many charities and small businesses, we've been hit hard. The protections afforded to households don't follow through for us; even though we're a registered charity, for the purposes of energy contracts, we are treated as a business.

You will see from the graph, the increase between our old and new energy contracts is massive. We're in the process of revisiting these contracts with the suppliers and hopefully at the next AGM we'll have a positive outcome.



SARA INCOME & EXPENDITURE (1)

<u>INCOME</u>		2022-23 (£)	2021-22 (£)
<u>Donations, legacies and grants</u>			
	Charles Brotherton Trust	250.00	225.00
	Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	530.00	1,500.00
<u>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</u>			
	Weekday classes held at SARA Hall	15,294.00	10,489.10
	Weekend sessions held at SARA Hall	2,548.00	1,662.00
	Defibrillator Fund	571.00	-
<u>Operating activities to generate funds</u>			
	Day trips	3,457.00	-
	Other fundraising activities	1,225.10	-
<u>Bank Interest</u>		94.57	3.54
Total Income		23,969.67	13,879.64

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis

SARA INCOME & EXPENDITURE (2)

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		2022-23 (£)	2021-22 (£)
<u>Payments for generating funds</u>			
	Day trips	2,920.00	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>			
	Newsletter	550.44	716.37
	Fundraising costs	309.25	118.81
	Defibrillator fund	49.99	-
<u>Charitable donations and grants</u>			
	Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	789.00	1,327.50
	Other	30.00	845.00
<u>SARA Hall repairs, renewals and maintenance</u>		14,742.90	458.35
<u>SARA Hall running costs</u>		10,442.65	10,530.22
Total Expenditure		29,834.23	13,996.25

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis

SARA INCOME & EXPENDITURE (3)

	2022-23 (£)	2021-22 (£)
Total income	23,969.67	13,879.64
Total expenditure	29,834.23	13,996.25
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	(5,864.56)	(116.61)
Balance at 1st April	39,027.75	39,144.36
Balance at 31st March	33,163.19	39,027.75
<u>Balance Sheet as at 31st March</u>	2023 (£)	2022 (£)
Cash in hand	82.00	8.00
Current account	3,081.19	5,019.75
Reserve account	30,000.00	34,000.00
Total	33,163.19	39,027.75

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

The annual accounts show an overall loss of £5,864.45. This was an expected loss as a result of the £13,659.20 capital expenditure on SARA Hall for a full renewal of the electrical installation and a new heating system.

Income from weekday and weekend classes/sessions at SARA Hall has increased by 40% compared with 21/22 figures. This is partly due to the staggered return of classes/sessions following the covid restrictions and also a necessary increase in session charges from November 2022 to cover a sizeable increase in energy costs.

Accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis so figures for lighting and heating are not reflective of actual usage. Towards the end of the year, new energy contracts commenced but there were lengthy delays before bills were generated. The 2022/23 accounts show just 15 days of the new gas contract at a cost of £203.85. Bills for the new electricity contract had not been received by the year end.

The following two slides show a breakdown of income and expenditure specific to the running of SARA Hall and details of restricted fund income and expenditure.

Accounts Overview - SARA Hall Net Income

<u>INCOME</u>		2022-23 (£)	2021-22 (£)
	Weekday Sessions	15,294.00	10,489.10
	Weekend Sessions	2,548.00	1,662.00
	Total Income	17,842.00	12,151.10
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
	SARA Hall repairs, renewals and maintenance	14,742.90	458.35
	Lighting and Heating	970.85	904.01
	Rent and Council Tax	2,379.84	3,040.32
	Water Charges	286.51	303.71
	Insurances	1,436.63	594.41
	Caretaking	4,160.00	3,760.00
	Sundries	142.97	168.87
	Telephone and Broadband	378.72	378.72
	Total Expenditure	24,498.42	9,608.39
	Net Income / (Expenditure)	(6,656.42)	2,542.71

Accounts Overview - RESTRICTED FUND

BALANCE (including 2022-2023 Income)

(£)

Remaining balance from 2021-22 Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	259.00
Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund 2022-23 Application	530.00
Defibrillator Fund (Raised through a raffle at SARA Hall)	571.00
Total Income	830.00

EXPENDITURE

Installation of defibrillator at SARA Hall	259.00
Sudley Sings (Annual Insurance and Room Charges)	530.00
London Hearts (Defibrillator Pads)	49.99
Total Expenditure	308.99
Remaining Balance*	521.01



Liverpool
City Council

Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund

*Remaining balance of £521.01 is allocated defibrillator consumables only



2023-2024

Lease renewal: Prior to investing almost £14,000 into the fabric of the building we received a commitment from the building's owners to renew the lease. This is due to commence in November 2023.

Boundary changes: Following a Boundary Commission review, from May 2023, SARA will operate across three council wards: Aigburth, Greenbank Park and Mossley Hill. Each of the three wards will be single-councillor wards.

Energy contracts review: We hope to be able to revisit the situation regarding the energy costs for charities - the Chairman has asked our MP to make representations on our behalf to Government.

Future building maintenance: As with all older buildings, there's always something that needs doing. It is hoped that now the heating and re-wire have been completed, re-sealing of the parquet floor can be undertaken during the Christmas break.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
INCOMING				
<u>Donations, legacies and grants</u>				
Charles Brotherton Trust	250.00	-	250.00	225.00
LCC - Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	-	530.00	530.00	1,500.00
<u>Operating activities to further charity's objectives</u>				
Weekday classes held at SARA Hall	15,294.00	-	15,294.00	10,489.10
Weekend sessions at SARA Hall	2,548.00	-	2,548.00	1,662.00
Charity of the year	-	-	-	-
Defibrillator Fund	-	571.00	571.00	-
<u>Operating activities to generate funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	3,457.00	-	3,457.00	-
Other fundraising activities	1,225.10	-	1,225.10	-
<u>Investment income</u>				
Bank interest	94.57	-	94.57	3.54
	22,868.67	1,101.00	23,969.67	13,879.64
EXPENDITURE				
<u>Payments for generating funds</u>				
Holidays and day trips	2,920.00	-	2,920.00	-
<u>Charitable activities</u>				
Newsletter	550.44	-	550.44	716.37
Fundraising costs	309.25	-	309.25	118.81
Defibrillator Fund	-	49.99	49.99	-
<u>Charitable donations and grants</u>				
Charity of the year	-	-	-	-
LCC - Mayoral Neighbourhood Fund	-	789.00	789.00	1,327.50
Other	30.00	-	30.00	845.00
<u>Support costs, management and administration</u>				
Repairs and maintenance of SARA Hall	14,742.90	-	14,742.90	458.35
Lighting and heating	970.85	-	970.85	904.01
Rent and council tax	2,379.84	-	2,379.84	3,040.32
Water charges	286.51	-	286.51	303.71
Insurances	1,436.63	-	1,436.63	594.41
Miscellaneous expenses	294.99	-	294.99	1,105.47
Caretaking	4,160.00	-	4,160.00	3,760.00
Sundries	142.97	-	142.97	168.87
Telephone and stationery	710.06	-	710.06	638.03
Bank Charges	60.80	-	60.80	15.40
	28,995.24	838.99	29,834.23	13,996.25
Net income/(expenditure) for the year	(6,126.57)	262.01	(5,864.56)	(116.61)
Balances as at 1st April 2022	38,768.75	259.00	39,027.75	39,144.36
Balances as at 31st March 2023	32,642.18	521.01	33,163.19	39,027.75

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	£	£	31/03/2022 £
Cash in hand		82.00	8.00
General current account		3,081.19	5,019.75
less unpresented cheques		0.00	0.00
		3,163.19	5,027.75
General reserve account		30,000.00	34,000.00
Total		33,163.19	39,027.75

Registered Address: SARA Hall, Rundle Road, Aigburth, Liverpool L17 0AQ



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

Sudley Area Residents' Association

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1190529

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Helen Dorrington

Date:

23/6/23

Name:

HELEN DORRINGTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

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

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

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