THE POWER HOUSE (POOLE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1190962

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	11625271
Registered	2020-08-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE RESTRICTED SPECIFICALLY, IN EACH CASE ONLY FOR PUBLIC BENEFIT TO:FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF POOLE WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, THE ARTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.

Activities: We are working to build a cultural and community centre on the former Power Station site in Hamworthy to serve the immediate and surrounding local community while providing a vibrant place for visitors. Our focus is on well being, the creative arts and growing community cohesion. Our work has started with community projects underway.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£108,401	£97,069	-	-
2024-03-31	£25,516	£28,767	-	-
2023-03-31	£35,780	£29,787	-	-
2022-03-31	£22,036	£13,666	-	-
2021-03-31	£24,441	£24,041	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bridget Irvine		2025-12-17
Casey Jeffery		2026-02-12
Maureen La Frenais		2022-06-16
Simon Matthews		2025-09-09

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170 Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole, BH15 4BH

Annual General Meeting

17th December 2025

Annual Report

Written by Chair of Directors/Trustees Maureen La Frenais & Project Manager Alix Rusling

Period of this Report

This report covers the period since the December 2024 AGM.

Vision and Objectives and Vision

The purpose of The Power House (Poole) as set out in its revised Memorandum and Articles of Association is to:

"Further or benefit the residents of Poole without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political or religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of life for the residents."

These words agreed with the Charity Commission allow The Power House to pursue its longstanding vision and ambition of creating a high quality and prominent Cultural, Community and Wellbeing centre to both provide facilities and run programmes for local community benefit.

Introduction

This is the sixth Chair's report written and submitted by The Power House Board of Trustees and Project Manager Alix Rusling.

The Power House has continued to expand its ambition to become a key asset within the Hamworthy community and Poole. Our charity is now recognised as a beneficial creative and wellbeing provider, and we have been successful in obtaining additional funding from a generous and supportive mix of organisations to support our main National Community Lottery funding.

This has been a busy year as we continue to manage our hub and Cornerstone Patch community garden. The final phase of our hub fit out includes an external ramp and better

utilisation of our current Snug space. Our partnership working has increased positively, and we have a wider understanding of how to dovetail and develop our programming of future activities and projects.

Activities in the hub have been managed by our team and volunteers and as well as by freelance contractors. One of the spring workshops held was for an external project facilitating participants to contribute artwork for an atrium sculpture – now a key feature within the redeveloped Poole Museum that opened just a few weeks ago. Based at the Cornerstone Academy, our Patch community garden is thriving, and gaining quite a following. We have a very enthusiastic team of staff and volunteers and our final event this year culminated with our November 'Garden Glow' including food tastings.

It has however been a challenging year, with some reduced hours in our hub. Two of our original staff (whose work enabled us to become an established provider) have moved on, and much of the workload has been ably managed by our Project Officer, Alix Rusling. Ongoing, to enable us to be fully resourced we are currently, in the process of recruiting 3 new team members. The Power House team is extremely sad to report the loss of our long-standing and very active trustee and friend, Marie Pandolfo.

As an update, we are recruiting more trustees, specifically those with the specialist experience to support our charity and to replace those retiring. In the meantime, we thank Simon Matthews who has kindly stepped in as a trustee and been with us since October.

This is a very brief overview of the year to date, and our Project Manager and Founder Alix Rusling will continue with a fuller report.

Progress over the last year

2025 has seen The Power House as an organisation develop further as we set up a more functional and secure administration system.

Accounts Migration – the new 2025/26 financial year was a good point for us to start the migration of our accounts to Xero. This was made possible by National Lottery's grant portion for Organisational Development and has been overseen by our Treasurer Bernard and Alix Rusling with Sharon Toft of SJT Accounts providing accounting advice.

Our National Lottery Grant Manager was satisfied with our reflection of Year 1. In hindsight, it could have been better for us to delay the opening until the hub was ready. However, community engagement is a key priority for National Lottery funding, and along with public perception at the hub being closed and inaccessible, we took the decision to open

After securing £10,000 from Valentine Trust in February 2025, to enable us to focus on completing the hub set up and the wider organisational needs, National Lottery also agreed for the remainder our hub costs to be covered by some of our NL Year 1 underspend.

Tech Set Up - At the beginning of July, we purchased our new laptops and mobile phones, and had broadband installed and thanks to Alice Ellen Cooper Dean and Talbot Village Trust grants.

This included a switch to Microsoft Office, and the commencement of a migration and set up of a more functional and secure internal business administration.

Bringing forward a hub while onboarding a new team had its challenges but throughout, we have maintained connection and engagement with the community.

Staff employment and Trustee News

After a positive response to recruitment, the challenges of continuing to set up the hub whilst onboarding a team and managing volunteers and not having-stable WiFi took its toll. Sadly, this resulted in two resignations in March and April 2025. The Power House is very thankful for Avril and Penny and wish them both well in their future endeavours.

These resignations and ongoing challenges resulted in project delays with the Youth Project Lead postponed further. The re-recruitment of the Community Team was due at the end of July/beginning of August.

Marie Pandolfo Trustee: After a brave six-year fight, this May Marie had the news that cancer had spread in her liver, with her health rapidly going downhill in July. She sadly passed 11th August. Alix had grown a friendship with Marie over the years and supported her in her last months. Then had the privilege and sad task of coordinating her funeral.

Trustee Appointment – Simon Matthews: We are thankful, for Simon Matthews accepting our invitation to join the Board of Trustees following a year of engaging with him and seeing firsthand his passion for the best for Hamworthy and the power of art to bring the community together through his Hamworthy Beach Huts project. Simon is a Hamworthy resident, and already his professional expertise has added great value to our Board decisions.

Trustee Recruitment Drive – From the outset of "Love Hamworthy" the plan has been to grow and strengthen our Board of Trustees, aiming for five trustees. Our Treasurer Bernard has given six years of his voluntary time and in 2024 informed us he needs to step down at the end of this year as he is relocating. He has been a foundational, pragmatic, and calm influence over these years. Including through navigating the ever-changing horizon of the pandemic. Bringing his experience of managing local hotels to support our continued growth, we are so thankful for all Bernard has given and enabled to give The Power House has firm foundation. We shall miss him, and we wish him and his family all the very best.

Trustee recruitment commenced in November, with some positive responses.

Working with SJC Accounts we can continue to have a secure financial system in place while we take our time to appoint the right person to this key role.

Short-Term Contracts

The Community Team recruitment was delayed due to the impact of Marie's passing. National Lottery agreed for administration support to picked up through a temporary contract by our former Administrator.

We then needed to navigate Cornerstone Patch Lead Gardener's injury early September. Due to injury Bel was unable to lead community gardening and Cornerstone Academy Lunch Club and Woodwork sessions. Once agreed with National Lottery, a 3-month short-term contract was advertised, and Laura Smith was appointed.

National Lottery also approved another 3-month temporary contract. Having linked with The Power House since 2018 in an Advisory capacity, Michael Armstrong was in the position to offer two days a week working with Alix to bring forward key organisational development work, including completing our volunteer management work, trustee recruitment, and extensive budget work to enable the Community Team recruitment. Recruitment is currently underway for 3 of the 4 community roles.

As Talbot Village Trust's match funding for the Youth Project Lead needs to be drawn down by June 2026, we plan to bring forward this role in Q1 2026.

Volunteers

The hub has offered more opportunities for community members to give back to their community as a volunteer. Figures below are of volunteers registered to support and lead sessions at the hub and Cornerstone Patch. (Cornerstone Patch volunteers numbers include session participants who are classed as volunteers. See p.12 for full Patch numbers)

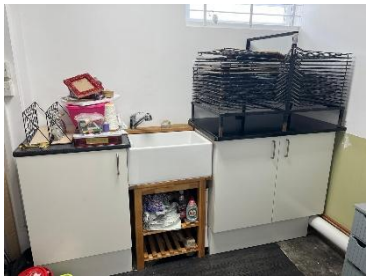
For the 2024-2025 Accounting year:
53 Volunteers:
21 Males, 32 Females
27 Adults, 15 over 65, 11 young people
5 with long-term health issues or disability
Volunteers living in Hamworthy = 27, Turlin Moor = 3, Poole = 16, Parkstone = 1, Bournemouth = 5, Devon = 1

From April 2024 to December 2025 – date of this report
67 Volunteers:
26 Males, 41 Females
34 Adults, 20 over 65, 13 young people
8 with long-term health issues or disability
Volunteers living in Hamworthy = 29, Turlin Moor = 3, Upton = 1, Poole = 25, Parkstone = 1, Bournemouth = 8, Devon = 1

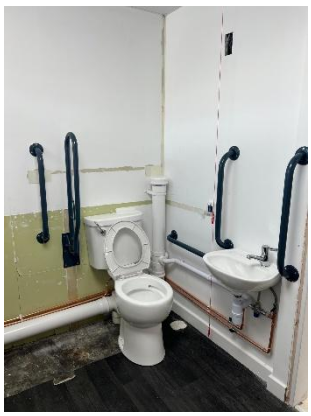
Continued Hub Set-Up

Office: This was installed by Tim of HomeWorx Dorset thanks to National Lottery's additional funding in January. As this report is written, Poole Men's Shed Edd is in the final stages of building a bespoke wrap around desk to maximise the space.

Art Studio Storage: two wonderful volunteers have worked hard to install bespoke storage to accommodate our art materials and other essential operational items. Using his furniture making training, Dave completed the first phase of the art studio storage. Mike made shelving in the new Cloakroom.



To say that volunteers have enabled so much, by giving their time and making our grants go a long way is an understatement! Thank you so much!



Disabled Toilet: Another thank you to National Lottery for approving a repurposing of our Year 1 underspend to install an accessible toilet. Together with BH Coastal Lottery funding, the kitchenette in the rear of the premises was transformed into a Cloakroom – with art sink and storage and housing the disabled toilet.

Thank you Tim of HomeWorx Dorset for your expertise and craftmanship once again.
Just the finishing touches of a curtain for the storage and decorating to go.

At the same time, Tim installed the Art Studio making it usable by the installation of a wheelchair accessible door as well enabling the studio to be made warm.

Hub Kitchen: Thanks to BCP Thriving Communities, our kitchen now has shelving put up by volunteer Mike and soon to be decorated by Upcycling Café participants.

Hub Ramp: We have now progressed an architect's drawings for a ramp to the premises to make the hub fully accessible. To ensure a fully compliant ramp can be installed, we need to progress with the larger plan of installing decking for outdoor seating also. BCP Thriving Communities have also awarded part-funding for the ramp, and we are about to submit our planning application before Christmas to ensure the hub ramp is installed by 31st March.

The Snug: Thanks to BCP Thriving Communities fund, this private room for counselling, therapeutic treatments, and 1:1 meetings will be installed the first week of January 2026. We are waiting the outcome an application to a national grant funder to provide a bursary for low-cost counselling and Sports Therapy.

2025 Activities

The Power House's activities can be divided into operational and strategic.

1. Operational Activities – Community Projects

The Power House Hub

2024/25 Winter Warm Hub - funded by BCP Council's Food & Energy Support Fund started later than planned due to a delayed installation of our office.
While this made a significant improvement to heating the hub, we are also thankful to BH Coastal Lottery who approved our request to use some of their grant underspend to install a door to the studio to enable us to ensure the studio was warm. achieved through volunteers' construction of storage spaces.

Warm Hub volunteer Paula and husband Roger supplying matching tiles and fitting tiles from their garden to fix our outdoor step. Photo Credit: TPH

In turn enabling Rachel Huggett's Creative Wellbeing Sessions to go ahead, thanks to our 2024 Community Wellbeing and Mental Health Fund from Dorset Community Foundation.

Kitchen equipment was purchased thanks to funding from BCP Council's Grassroots Fund,

Creative Wellbeing Session participants enjoyed hot, soup, homemade by Hamworthy resident and volunteer Jill, and staying in the hub for the rest of day – telling us the hub is warmer than home.

Above: Warm Hub volunteers Paula and Mim with visitors Josh (3) and John (Dad) Below: Warm Hub Visitors Photo Credits: TPH

Since May, work has continued with the Studio kitchenette being turned into a Cloakroom with an accessible toilet funded by National Lottery's additional funding, installed by our trusted contractor HomeWorx Dorset. New cupboards and a Belfast sink were installed, with bespoke art storage shelving constructed by volunteer Mike - funded by BH Coastal Lottery.

Volunteer Dave completed the first phase of the Art Studio bespoke storage, with the second phase due for completion early 2026.

INSTAR – INSTAR are artists from Nottingham commissioned to create a sculpture for Poole Museum's atrium as part of their refurbishment. INSTAR asked to work with The Power House as one of their community organisations to hold community participation workshops.

INSTAR's Trish with participant Carolyn
Photo Credit: TPH

INSTAR Participants Photo Credit: TPH

Creative Wellbeing Sessions: Thanks to NHS Dorset's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, Rachel Huggett, has delivered Creative Wellbeing Sessions from January to November 2025. A number of women signed up in April and May but did not attend, potentially due to the nicer weather.

15 women have attended across 4 courses, with another two courses in January 2026 being held, thanks to a project extension granted by Dorset Community Foundation.

Rachel says: "In this course I have drawn from my experience as a qualified counsellor and mindfulness practitioner to put together a comprehensive course to tackle – through discussion, exercises and art activities – mental health issues experienced by the participants. I have had very good feedback from this course. Participants say they feel what they have been offered is unique and most of all, helpful to their daily lives. Many of the participants initially struggled to come to the class but now say they look forward to coming. They say they feel less isolated and have built up friendships with the other participants."

Participant EH: "The warm hub has been vital to me as I am new to the area after fleeing domestic abuse. I have been at the warm hub and have increased my social circle, reduced feelings of loneliness and isolation which has improved my mental health immensely.

Community colleagues, ***CoCreate CIC*** is hiring the studio to run weekly sessions with **24 women** attending.

Weekly Drop-In Sessions

Thrive has continued throughout and welcomed new participants, both from the community and participants of Rachel's Creative Wellbeing Sessions. Frances a keen knitter joined in April, and donating lots of needles and wool to grow our supply and agreed to enable a second drop-in session, to host **Knit & Natter** on Thursdays. From the first session Pauline resettling in Hamworthy after living away, has attended every week. Both ladies joined by others each week. Frances having her own health issues, has had such joy teaching others how to knit, and tells us we are her lifeline. Pauline wanted to hold a Macmillan Coffee Morning, which we facilitated; promoting it as part of our week's activities for International Day of Older People on 2nd October.

Macmillan Coffee Morning held by Knit & Natterers
Photo Credit: TPH

Both Knit & Natterers and Thrivers made a floral tribute for Marie's coffin. Our hub is now decorated with knitted Christmas decorations. Thank you so much!

At the end of September, Woodwork Sessions and hub volunteer Mike linked us with Uptown Junk to facilitate two upcycling sessions to launch our weekly ***Upcycling Café Sessions***. Mike hosts these sessions, and we are delighted to have secured further funding from Wessex Water to hold more facilitated sessions and Community Woodwork Sessions in 2026.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have made these sessions happen. And to Jill for your delicious Patch Soup!

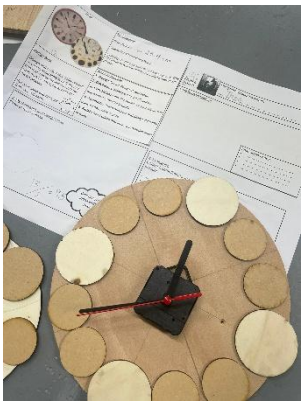
Youth Project

Other than our engagement with young people volunteering at Cornerstone Patch and our After-School Woodwork Sessions and attending Cornerstone Academy Student Council this remains on hold.

Woodwork Sessions at Cornerstone Academy - from April 2025 these now continue thanks to National Lottery's funding for Bel's hours and volunteer Mike, with £500 2024 Neighbourhood Fund underspend being carried over for materials. Students are linking their projects to Cornerstone Patch. Kupa (14) has made a Cornerstone Patch sign with QR code that takes people to sessions on our website.

Due to Bel's injury, Laura picked up these sessions, and her Design Technology Assistant experience came into its own. While students have missed Bel, Laura has been able to connect well with students, supporting some with their engagement in activities.

Together, Bel and Laura have brought forward woodwork programme plan with skills progression to help with participants' sense of achievement and to line up with the school's house point system.



8 boys and **13 girls** have attended woodwork sessions in 2025.

Hamworthy Growing Together & Cornerstone Patch

Cornerstone Patch has gone from strength to strength under the leadership of Bel whose role was funded through Reaching Communities and extended through Dorset Community Foundation.

Our 2024 Annual Report stated we needed several aspects brought forward. This year, thanks to Bel's dedication and several volunteers, we have achieved:

BCP COAST Volunteer Daniel having the joy of opening the ramp and having access to the Edible Eden. Photo Credit: TPH

- Installed an accessible ramp up to the pool/Edible Eden
- Laid accessible paths around the raised beds
- Laid Woodchip throughout the Patch
- Landscaped the front/footbath end and created a seating area
- Created flowerbeds, compost bins, and an Apothecary Patch with a second seating area.
- We are scheduling the fencing to be installed

Bel Babbington says:
Over the last eight months, the community garden has continued to grow as a vibrant, inclusive, and productive space. Between April and November 2025, **161 active volunteers** contributed an impressive **1,671.5 hours** of volunteering time. Across **77 sessions**, including lunch clubs, after-school clubs, Saturday socials and a range of pop-up community activities, we welcomed **428 visitors, volunteers, and participants** into the garden.

Our programme of activities has expanded significantly this year. We have established regular **Nature Makers**, **BioBlasts**, **Grow & Know sessions**, and **volunteer celebration events**, alongside ongoing **community cooking sessions and seasonal feasts**. During these events, volunteers harvested fresh produce from the garden and cooked meals at The Power House Hub. We hosted **three seasonal cook-ups and feasts**, providing nutritious meals for **120 community members**. Additionally, garden produce has been used to prepare soup served weekly at The Power House, regularly feeding **8-10** people on a weekly basis.

Partnership working has strengthened our impact. We have built strong links with local access-to-food organisations, including **Grounded Community**, **St Gabriel's Community Fridge**, **Waste Not Want Not**, **Poole Food Bank**, **Winton and Parkstone Community Fridge**, **Poole Community Trust Community Cook Up**, as well as local growers from **The Parks Foundation**, **Upton in Bloom, Deans Court**, and individuals within the Hamworthy area. These connections have enabled us to share surplus produce widely, helping to feed people beyond The Power House and further reducing food waste.

We have also continued working with partners such as **Friends of Hamworthy Park**, **Allianz**, **GoodGym**, **Scouts**, **Muddy Boots**, **Cornerstone Academy**, and **Poole Men's Shed**, supporting intergenerational learning, skills sharing and community resilience.

This year, we welcomed new collaborations with **AIM Community** and **COAST (TRICURO Care)**. These groups alone contributed an additional **532 hours** of volunteering, with **10 regular volunteers** attending weekly. Two participants have since transitioned into **Patch Volunteers**, continuing their involvement after completing their time with COAST.

In addition to supporting our community, the garden's produce has also been **recognised for its quality**. For the **second year in a row**, we received **RHS horticultural awards** at the *Upton in Bloom Horticultural Show*. Our onions were awarded a **trophy**, with further prizes for our **onions, beans, and potatoes**, and **highly commended** recognition for the rest of our general produce. These awards highlight the skill, care, and collective effort of our volunteers and celebrate the growing success of the garden.

Neil Duncan Jordan MP joins our Cornerstone Patch volunteers celebration, May 2025. Photo Credit: TPH

Bel Babbington talking about the Patch with the Mayor of Poole Cllr Mark Howell at our Cornerstone Patch Volunteer Celebration, May 2025 Photo Credit: TPH

Overall, this year has been a period of meaningful growth, deeper community connection, and increased access to healthy, locally grown food. The continued engagement and support from volunteers, partners, and participants have made the community garden a thriving hub for wellbeing, learning, and shared purpose.

2025-2026	Volunteer hours	Active volunteers	Total Garden Visitors + participants	extra COAST hours
Apr 25	152.5	26	55	9
May 25	322.5	72	82	112.5
June 25	190	30	82	112.5
July 25	218.5	30	46	61
August 25	265.5	43	49	64
September 25	154.5	17	21	64
October 25	171	12	18	64
November 25	197	27	75	45
TOTAL	**1671.5**	**257**	**428**	**532**

Cornerstone Academy Woodwork students and Cornerstone Patch Youth Volunteers creating the Apothecary Patch, with pond in the old swimming pool footbath.
Photo Credit: TPH

After joining us for the Cornerstone Patch Volunteers Celebration, MP, Neil Duncan-Jordan invited Alix Rusling to speak at his Positive About Poole event held in September 2025.

Stories of how the Patch has impacted individuals' lives can be found on in our [Positive About Poole News Article.]

"Positive About Poole" Photo Credit: Elisha Boothman

2. Strategic Activities

Our focus has been ensuring community engagement, while continuing hub set-up, managing the organisational development, and governance needs while planning next steps for The Power House Hub development.

Holes Bay Site

There is still no progress with the Holes Bay site (former power station site), while BCP Council engages with Homes England, and turning their attention to looking after existing assets and making four of its libraries including Hamworthy community hubs and more accessible at times convenient to the public. From the outset of The Power House we have sought to work with the library service to enhance provision for the community and will continue to do so.

Secured Funding Synopsis

A very big thank you to our funders who have made all our work possible.

Grants awarded since the 2024's AGM:

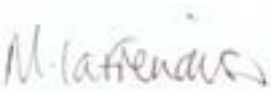
- **Valentine Trust £10,000**
- **National Lottery Reaching Communities Year 2 funding**
- **Dorset Community Foundation Neighbourhood Fund: £5,000** for to extend the Cornerstone Patch Gardening Lead hours to offer more sessions and grow partnerships to ensure project sustainability.
- **Asda Foundation Celebrating Communities Fund: £1,000** contribution towards the hub ramp.
- **BCP Thriving Communities £4,760** for a contribution to the hub ramp, installation of the Snug, and kitchen shelves, through **Dorset Community Foundation**.
- **BCP Food & Energy Support: £3,000** for Winter 2025/26 Warm Hub, through **Dorset Community Foundation**.
- **Wessex Water Community Fund: £3,917** for Upcycling Café Sessions and Community Woodwork pilot project, through **Dorset Community Foundation**.
- **LHC Community Benefit Fund in association with Locality: £5,000** for "Whole-istic Wellbeing" pilot project to deliver Creative Arts Wellbeing Sessions alongside low-cost counselling and Sports Therapeutic Massage.

Conclusion

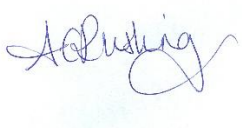
While it has been a challenging year, to see the positive impact on individuals' wellbeing also improving the lives of their families makes the difficulties worthwhile.

All the team and volunteers have given has gone a long way to make a difference in their community and for the progress made this year.

We look forward to what 2026 brings as we develop and extend our programme thanks to our upcoming team.



Maureen La Frenais
Chair of Trustees & Co-Founder



Alix Rusling
Project Manager & Co-Founder

Bernard Uzzell
Trustee & Treasurer

Annual Report and Accounts

The Power House (Poole)
For the period ended 31 March 2025

Prepared by
Bernard Uzzell

Prepared on
January 5, 2026

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Company Information

During the year there were three trustees:

- Maureen La Frennais
- Marie Pandolfo
- Bernard Uzzell

At the end of the year there were three employees.

Financial Year 2024-25:Balance Sheet - Financial Year 2024-25

As of March 31, 2025

			Total
	As of Mar 31, 2025	As of Mar 31, 2024 (PY)	Change
FIXED ASSET			
Tangible assets			
Equipment and Machinery	0	0	0
Total Tangible assets	**0**	**0**	**0**
Total Fixed Asset	**0**	**0**	**0**
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
Cash	40		40
Current Account at Lloyds Bank	92,833	29,193	63,640
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**92,873**	**29,193**	**63,680**
DEBTORS			
Debtors	200	0	200
Total Debtors	**200**	**0**	**200**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Loan to Employee	0	0	0
Pre Payments	3,000		3,000
Total Current Assets	**3,000**	**0**	**3,000**
NET CURRENT ASSETS	**96,073**	**29,193**	**66,880**
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Trade Creditors			
Creditors	180	3,987	-3,807
Total Trade Creditors	**180**	**3,987**	**-3,807**
Current Liabilities			
Accruals for Holiday Pay	5,759	3,878	1,881
Payroll Liabilities	2,305	179	2,126
Pre-Paid Income Accrual	76,717	21,369	55,348
Tax Provision	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	**84,780**	**25,426**	**59,355**
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**84,961**	**29,413**	**55,548**
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**11,112**	**-220**	**11,332**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	**11,112**	**-220**	**11,332**
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**£11,112**	**£ -220**	**£11,332**
CHARITY FUNDS			
Retained Earnings	-220	3,031	-3,250
Surplus/(Deficit)	11,332	-3,250	14,583
Total Charity funds	**£11,112**	**£ -220**	**£11,332**

Financial Year 2024-25:Financial Activities 2024-25 (Summary)

April 2024 - March 2025

	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PY)	Change	Total % Change
INCOME				
Donations - Restricted	2,591	1,575	1,016	65%
Donations - Unrestricted	2,177	1,091	1,086	100%
Gift Aid Tax Refund	62		62	
Grants - Restricted	102,052	22,132	79,920	361%
Membership Fees	15	100	-85	-85%
Sales	1,503	618	886	143%
Total Income	**108,401**	**25,516**	**82,885**	**325%**
COST OF SALES				
Card Processing Fees	6	42	-36	-85%
Consumables	708	14	694	5,085%
Direct Employment Costs		530	-530	-100%
Direct Expenses	1,212	4,707	-3,495	-74%
Equipment or Room Hire	38	362	-324	-90%
Subcontractors	6,544	4,078	2,467	60%
Total Cost of Sales	**8,508**	**9,733**	**-1,225**	**-13%**
TOTAL	**99,893**	**15,783**	**84,110**	**533%**
EXPENDITURES				
Advertising/Promotional	245		245	
General Administration & Office Expenses	3,099	2,082	1,017	49%
Indirect Employment Costs	53,763	9,235	44,528	482%
Insurances	1,478	454	1,024	226%
IT, Phone and Internet Services	136	580	-444	-77%
Overheads	29,350	6,165	23,185	376%
Recruitment Costs	86		86	
Total Expenditures	**88,156**	**18,516**	**69,640**	**376%**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**11,737**	**-2,733**	**14,469**	**529%**
OTHER EXPENDITURES				
Depreciation		470	-470	-100%
Governance Costs	405	48	357	748%
Total Other Expenditures	**405**	**518**	**-113**	**-22%**
NET OTHER INCOME	**-405**	**-518**	**113**	**22%**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**£11,332**	**£ -3,250**	**£14,583**	**449%**

Financial Year 2024-25:Financial Activities 2024-25 (Detail)

April 2024 - March 2025

	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PY)	Change	Total % Change
INCOME				
Donations - Restricted	2,591	1,575	1,016	65%
Donations - Unrestricted	2,177	1,091	1,086	100%
Gift Aid Tax Refund	62		62	
Grants - Restricted	102,052	22,132	79,920	361%
Membership Fees	15	100	-85	-85%
Sales				
Hire of Hub Facility	1,255		1,255	
Sales of Product Income	213	251	-37	-15%
Sales of Services	35	367	-332	-90%
Total Sales	**1,503**	**618**	**886**	**143%**
Total Income	**108,401**	**25,516**	**82,885**	**325%**
COST OF SALES				
Card Processing Fees	6	42	-36	-85%
Consumables	708	14	694	5,085%
Direct Employment Costs				
Gross Wages		530	-530	-100%
Total Direct Employment Costs		**530**	**-530**	**-100%**
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TOTAL	**99,893**	**15,783**	**84,110**	**533%**
EXPENDITURES				
Advertising/Promotional	245		245	
General Administration & Office Expenses	191	33	158	471%
Expense Claims & Mileage Reimbursed	1,986	108	1,877	1,732%
Printing, Postage and Stationery	794	20	774	3,918%
Purchases	128	1,920	-1,792	-93%
Total General Administration & Office Expenses	**3,099**	**2,082**	**1,017**	**49%**
Indirect Employment Costs				
Employer Pension Contributions	2,047	335	1,712	511%
Gross Salary	45,160	8,918	36,242	406%
Holiday Pay Accrual	5,481		5,481	
Taxes and NI	541	-18	559	3,057%
Training	533		533	
Total Indirect Employment Costs	**53,763**	**9,235**	**44,528**	**482%**
Insurances	1,478	454	1,024	226%
IT, Phone and Internet Services	136	580	-444	-77%

	Apr 2024 - Mar 2025	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024 (PY)	Total Change	Total % Change
Overheads	10		10	
Accounting and Bookkeeping	466	165	301	183%
Legal and Professional Fees		3,134	-3,134	-100%
Memberships and Subscription Costs	986	318	668	210%
Office Rates and Utilities	2,457	43	2,415	5,638%
Office Rental	10,775	1,121	9,654	861%
Office Set Up Costs	14,655	1,384	13,270	959%
Total Overheads	**29,350**	**6,165**	**23,185**	**376%**
Recruitment Costs	86		86	
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Financial Year 2024-25:Financial Activities 2024-25 - Restricted vs. Unrestricted

April 2024 - March 2025

	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL
INCOME			
Donations - Restricted	2,591		2,591
Donations - Unrestricted		2,177	2,177
Gift Aid Tax Refund		62	62
Grants - Restricted	102,052		102,052
Membership Fees		15	15
Sales		1,503	1,503
Total Income	**104,643**	**3,758**	**108,401**
COST OF SALES			
Card Processing Fees		6	6
Consumables	409	299	708
Direct Expenses	1,104	108	1,212
Equipment or Room Hire		38	38
Subcontractors	6,544		6,544
Total Cost of Sales	**8,057**	**451**	**8,508**
TOTAL	**96,585**	**3,307**	**99,893**
EXPENDITURES			
Advertising/Promotional		245	245
General Administration & Office Expenses	2,329	770	3,099
Indirect Employment Costs	53,707	56	53,763
Insurances	1,478		1,478
IT, Phone and Internet Services	136		136
Overheads	29,055	295	29,350
Recruitment Costs	86		86
Total Expenditures	**86,790**	**1,366**	**88,156**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**9,796**	**1,941**	**11,737**
OTHER EXPENDITURES			
Governance Costs		405	405
Total Other Expenditures	**0**	**405**	**405**
NET OTHER INCOME	**0**	**-405**	**-405**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**£9,796**	**£1,536**	**£11,332**

Financial Year 2024-25:Donor/Debtor Balance Detail

As of March 31, 2025

Date	Transaction Type	No.	Location	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance	Balance
Ian Davey							
28/02/2025	Invoice	IN250202	Interim Hub	30/03/2025	200.00	200.00	200.00
Total for Ian Davey					**£200.00**	**£200.00**	
TOTAL					**£200.00**	**£200.00**	

Financial Year 2024-25:Supplier/Creditor Balance Detail

As of March 31, 2025

Date	Transaction Type	No.	Location	Due Date	Amount	Open Balance	Balance
EDF Energy - Residential & Small Business							
20/01/2025	Supplier Credit	P25003	Interim Hub		-532.18	-426.96	-426.96
31/03/2025	Bill	P25033	Warm Hub	15/04/2025	231.83	231.83	-195.13
Total for EDF Energy - Residential & Small Business					**£ -300.35**	**£ -195.13**	
TOTAL					**£ -300.35**	**£ -195.13**	

1st October 2025

The Power House (Poole)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of The Power House (Poole), on accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner
The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
    a. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
    b. Accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed…*SueW*…… Date… 01/10/2025…..

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THE POWER HOUSE (POOLE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1190962

Accounts

The Power House (Poole)

Company Number 11625271 Registered Charity Number 1190962
170 Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole, BH15 4BH

Annual General Meeting

20th November 2024

Annual Report

Written by Chair of Directors/Trustees Maureen La Frenais & Project Manager Alix Digby-West

Period of this Report

This report covers the period since the December 2023 AGM.

Vision and Objectives and Vision

The purpose of The Power House (Poole) as set out in its revised Memorandum and Articles of Association is to:

"Further or benefit the residents of Poole without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political or religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of life for the residents."

These words agreed with the Charity Commission allow The Power House to pursue its longstanding vision and ambition of creating a high quality and prominent Cultural, Community and Wellbeing centre to both provide facilities and run programmes for local community benefit.

Introduction

This is the fifth Chair's report written and submitted by The Power House Board of Trustees and Project Manager Alix Digby-West.

Seven years after our conception in 2017, we have networked and gained support from organisations and individuals BCP Council and provided regular successful programmes of activities. Today, we are pleased to be recognised as a credible creative arts and wellbeing charity in Hamworthy and Poole, and within Dorset. All this has all been done without an office or building to operate from.

Over the years, we acquired numerous funding grants, and our projects reassured providers of our ability to deliver. Last year we progressed our longer-term aim to acquire premises, additional staff and resources and establish space to engage daily with the community. Our 'Love Hamworthy' application to the National Lottery Reaching Communities was successful and in December 2023 we were granted three years funding £273,623 and matched funding from Valentine Trust and Alice Cooper Dean.

By May our Power House Hub in Hamworthy opened, and we are pleased to report the project team have expanded to 4 very skilled and enthusiastic staff, ably supported by our trustees, advisors, and increasing team of volunteers. Nearby at Cornerstone Academy, our thriving Cornerstone Patch is managed by Bel Babbington and funded through BCP Council Thriving Communities through Dorset Community Foundation.

Project Manager and co-founder, Alix Digby-West will follow next.

Progress over the last year

A week after last year's AGM brought the news that The Power House's application to National Lottery Reaching Communities for a three-year "Love Hamworthy" Community Development project was successful. Along with this news came the panel's unexpected award of an additional £30,000 for Year 1 Match Funding. Through the application process, the panel had highlighted The Power House's need for an office and requested for the set up and running costs alongside other costs needed for the project.

Within days of the news, premises in Hamworthy came on the rental market. After two viewings over the Christmas period, and confirmation from National Lottery when they opened a proposal their additional funding could be spent on premises,

After seven years, several premises explored, and four proposals, we've done it! The Power House finally has our first home. Perfectly located, and perfectly timed.

Receiving the keys for our first premises! L-R Maureen La Frenais, Alix Digby-West, Naomi Whayman Photo Credit: TPH

A very big thank you to National Lottery Community Fund and all the players who made this possible. Along with SNG (formerly Sovereign Housing) - who have listened and walked the last few years as we navigated the ever changing Meanwhile Hub horizon – and Seedbed Charitable Trust for enabling The Power House to finally find a home after seven years. Another thank you and well done to trustees Maureen, Marie, and Bernard with input from Advisor Michael Armstrong who have worked extensively with Alix to reach this point.

The Power House now continues to develop two community spaces, The Power House Hub and Cornerstone Patch.

Our "Love Hamworthy" project commenced 1st April 2024 starting our Community Team recruitment and delivery of projects.

The appointment of Bel as our Cornerstone Patch Gardening Lead enabled us to continue the Patch installation while growing food for a third season, improve biodiversity, and increase the volunteer base.

Staff employment

The decision was taken to start the Reaching Communities "Love Hamworthy" project 1st April 2024 to be in line with our financial year. The existing Project Manager and Administrator roles maintained through match funding already sourced.

The change of Project Manager role to a full-time post thereby increasing the staff capacity, required an open recruitment process by the National Lottery Community Fund. The Power House opted to create a job share and in May 2024 we welcomed Avril Atkins as our additional Project Manager alongside Alix. Avril brings a wealth of charity sector experience as well as a passion for Hamworthy to be all it can be. With a different skillset to Alix, she increases The Power House's capacity exponentially and together they make a powerful force to take us forward.

Avril Atkins joins The Power House as our second Project Manager Photo Credit: TPH

Ben Butement needed to step away from Cornerstone Patch and Therapeutic Woodwork for personal reasons. With funding secured for Therapeutic Woodwork Sessions thanks to Dorset Community Foundation's Neighbourhood Fund, we approached a Hamworthy resident who has engaged in Youth Mentoring projects in the community and with The Power House, and he agreed to be contracted to work with us to rework the project. After School sessions started in October 2024 with Cornerstone Academy's Design Technology department and using their woodwork room. These sessions run until March 2025.

Thanks to BCP Council Thriving Communities funding through Dorset Community Foundation, we appointed Bel Babbington in May 2024 as our Cornerstone Patch Gardening Lead. This role is funded until March 2025, with further funding to extend the role being explored.

Naomi Whayman needed to step down at the end of August 2024 as our Administrator due to family illnesses. We are truly thankful for how Naomi enabled the completion of the Youth Project and Cornerstone Patch Sessions and supported Alix through the National Lottery application, securing the hub, and recruitment of Avril. As we say, never underestimate the worth of a good Administrator as they enable the smooth running of an organisation. We will miss Naomi and wish her and her family all the very best.

Penny Denyer with Thrive attendee Elizabeth Photo Credit: TPH

This coincided with the interviews for our newest Community Team role, the Community Projects Coordinator, with the Administrator hours being included in this role. We are delighted to welcome Penny Denyer to the team. Penny's previous role was at Hamworthy Library, so she comes with a wealth community knowledge and a passion for Hamworthy, as well as an incredible administration and creative skillset. To say Thriver Elizabeth was happy to see Penny again after they worked together when Elizabeth volunteered for the library for 10 years, is an understatement.

Giving The Power House a strong core team to build on.

We took the decision to delay the appointment of a Youth Project Lead, also funded by the Reaching Communities funding, to ensure we look after each new recruit as they start. Which is happening alongside our ongoing hub set up and reworking our administration processes.

The hub has also changed significantly how we can deliver our community projects, therefore the Youth Project is being reworked slightly and recruitment for this final significant role starts early 2025.

2024 Activities

The Power House's activities can be divided into operational and strategic.

1. Operational Activities – Community Projects

The Power House Hub

Since obtaining the keys to 170 Blandford Road, focus has been turned to setting up the hub and creating a delivering a programme of creative, wellbeing, and community activities.

HamWORTHY Workshop #3 in our Hub. Photo Credit: TPH

The lease signed perfectly timed so we could deliver the third and final **"HamWORTHY – Uniquely You, Beautifully Together"** session in our first premises. A joyous occasion that was!

A couple of weeks into Avril starting, we held an **"Open House"** to consult with the community while offering a taster of activities. We also asked them for suggestions for a name for the hub. Requests for a café and a list of activities and name suggestions obtained. A recommendation from National Lottery to keep the name as The Power House Hub due to our name being recognised was aligned with community members.

Having the hub has enabled us to increase the number of volunteers already. There has been a total of 33 volunteers working in The Power House Hub since May 2024, with a total of 289.25 volunteering hours. There have been 132 events, workshops, groups, or free services where volunteers have engaged.

There have been 645 visits to the hub by approximately 396 individuals since May 2024, for sessions, activities, and drop-ins. See Appendix 1 for Hub Attendance Breakdown.

The Community Team is now opening the hub one day a week with requests to open Saturday mornings. We have had two paid bookings with CoCreate running art wellbeing sessions until March 2025. CAP Money have just held their first course and are happy to have found the perfect space for them and are booking in 2025's courses with us. We also have regular free use of the hub. FAB Dorset hold a weekly breastfeeding support group and SMILE Connect have held sessions in May's Open House and through the summer holidays.

Bournemouth Repair Café at The Power House Hub Photo Credit: TPH

Bournemouth Repair Café held a successful session in September, and they have now booked two sessions with us in the first half of 2025. They are happy for The Power House Hub to be their Poole offering.

We also now host the **Hamworthy Children's Community Choir** who recently had to leave Hamworthy Library due to their closure and change of use for the community room.

A volunteer referred to the hub for his own wellbeing is holding Photography Workshops to share his skills and experience with others. These start 19th November.

We hold a **Christmas Fayre** on **7th December** which our Thrivers are being busy bees at making items for the fayre and Penny coordinates the hiring of tables for Hamworthy creatives.

In January we launch Open House Saturdays once a month, with the Community Blanket being continued and put together from February.

Youth Project

Other than inviting existing Youth Space members to The Power House Hub for a session in April 2024 to tell us what they want from the hub and young people volunteering at Cornerstone Patch, the Youth Project is currently on hold until we recruit a Youth Project Lead.

Arts Wellbeing Sessions

Rachel Huggett who delivers our Arts Wellbeing Sessions was in her final year of her Counselling qualification so unable to deliver sessions. Now this is complete and we have been awarded £10,000 Community Wellbeing and Mental Health funding from NHS Dorset through Dorset Community Foundation, we are in process of setting up weekly Creative Wellbeing sessions starting 28th November 2024 until September 2025.

Hamworthy Growing Together & Cornerstone Patch

Melinda McCheyne installing the irrigation system Photo Credit: TPH

St Michael's Church has been planning to set up a Sensory Garden on their premises for a number of years. With funding transferred from Oceans To Earth for salaries for Hamworthy Growing Together, we funded a short-term contract for this to come forward. Set up continues and we are thankful to have been able to kickstart this growing space as a thank you for all the support St Michael's has given to The Power House and Youth Space over the years.

The Cornerstone Patch Irrigation System was set up despite delays caused by difficulties with finding tradespeople to install and bad weather. Through the recruitment of the Project Manager a connection was made with a Community Gardener Coordinator Melinda McCheyne who accepted our invitation to take on a short-term contract to deliver this project. A very big thank you to Melinda and her husband, along with Marti Atkins of Jigsaw Electrical for enabling the completion of this system. Poole Men's Shed Volunteers gave their time to

Poole Men's Shed Mike worked with Ray to construct the pump house. Photo Credit: TPH

design and construct a perfect pump house. We are so thankful for their input once again. Just in time for the hot summer months. And thank you again to Wessex Water through Dorset Community Foundation and Bupa Green Communities for funding this system.

Bel's perfectly timed relocation to Hamworthy has been such a gift to Cornerstone Patch. With her Forest Schools and community gardening experience she is absolutely perfect for the role and started just in time to make this year's batch of Cornerstone Cordial: Elderflower.

Bel Babbington making Elderflower Cordial in the hub Photo Credit: TPH

Dorset Community Foundation with the High Sheriff of Dorset, The Power House team and volunteers with Cornerstone Academy students. Photo Credit: TPH

In June, we welcomed one of our main funders Dorset Community Foundation with the High Sheriff of Dorset for a Patch tour as part of their visit to the hub. Bel gave a presentation on our long-term vision for the space.

BCP Thriving Communities funding has enabled us from May to October 2024 to deliver:

13 Friday sessions including **lunch** and **afterschool**.
Between sessions we also have children who come out for horticultural therapy as needed and directed by school.
35 Cornerstone Academy students accessing these sessions, being from different ethnic groups including and not exclusively Polish, Black African, and Asian.

4 Muddy Boots 1 hr Sessions

17 Saturday Socials 27 attendees + 3 regular drop ins

End of Summer Community Meal 31/08/24: 16 attendees

Harvest Feast Community meal 19/10/24: 25 attendees, 4 of these as drop ins

1 Thanksgiving Community Meal booked for 23rd November 2024

2 GoodGym 1.5-2hrs Sessions with 9 volunteers: 1 of these a local community member child age 8

2 x 3 hrs Liverpool Victoria Volunteering Sessions with 6 volunteers

3 Beavers 1.5 hr Sessions

14 children. 7 Adults
22 children 6 adults
18 children 5 adults

As importantly as the increase in volunteers and hours voluntary hours given, we are so thankful that Bel has listened to the vision Alix had for the Patch and created a presentation. This was shared with Cornerstone Academy's Principal, Mr Phillips, and he has backed the plans for our long-term vision and given The Power House a five-year agreement for this space. Such a great step forward.

Bel has been diligently coordinating tasks for the volunteers and the Patch is slowly transforming into a quiet, beautiful, green haven. Securing funding for accessibility and safety features has been unsuccessful with one application, and with focus on the hub set up taking a priority, this funding strategy will commence, early 2025.

We need:

- Accessible ramp up to the pool/Edible Eden
- Accessible paths around the raised beds
- Fencing around the pool/Edible Eden edge
- Sides with windows on the water harvesting gazebo to create a shelter for protection against the elements
- Woodchip throughout the Patch
- Landscaping and beautification

We are very thankful to BH Coastal Lottery who agreed to carry over our 2023 grant for the raised beds and Patch installation underspend to allocate towards a portion of Phase 2 Patch installation. In September, after designing the sides and sourcing free windows, Poole Men's Shed dedicated an afternoon to install the sides and windows. Giving Bel an opportunity to fit a window. A very big thank you to Rob Kingman, Martin Bartlett, Brian Mitchell, and John for giving hours to make this happen. This perfectly timed with another project completion the next day, as volunteer Dave Rusling completed the upcycling of St. Michael's Church pew into a bench.

Shelter sides constructed by Poole Men's Shed and upcycled St Michael's Church pew by Dave Rusling
Photo Credit: TPH

Poole Men's Shed and the completed shelter, September 2024. Brian Mitchell, Rob Kingman, John, and Martin Bartlett Photo Credit: TPH

2. Strategic Activities

Our focus this year has been on our biggest strategic step. Setting up a community hub in the heart of lower Hamworthy's community. With a fabulous position it gives a large footfall and passing traffic with lots of interest looking in.

As we build our hub programme and develop our community partnerships, we will engage proactively with the community to build the groundswell and their voice for the power station site.

Holes Bay site & FuturePlaces

BCP FuturePlaces is now wound up, with only a couple of appointments within the BCP Regeneration Team taken up by the former team. Four development sites were identified by BCP to focus on, including the Holes Bay Site (former power station site). A stakeholders' meeting was held in July 2024 with more consultation required as outline masterplans are reworked.

Secured Funding Synopsis

A very big thank you to our funders who have made all our work possible.

Funding and Income since the last AGM:

- National Lottery Awards For All Youth Project 2022-23: £989 Carry Over for continued Youth Project activities
- National Lottery Reaching Communities: £273,623 over three years. £81,207 for Year 1 with an additional £30,000 for Year 1.
- BCP Youth Fund 2022-23 Extension: £1207 to fund Lunch Club and Summer Holiday Sessions September 2023 to March 2024.
- Dorset Community Foundation Neighbourhood Fund: £3000 for Woodwork Sessions in Cornerstone Academy. Project end March 2025.
- BH Coastal Lottery Small Grant 2024: £3000 for The Power House Hub Art Studio set up.
- BH Coastal Lottery Small Grant 2023: £1905 underspend carried over for Phase 2 Patch installation. To be spent by 30/09/24.
- BCP Council Thriving Communities through Dorset Community Foundation: £5000 for Cornerstone Patch Gardening Lead and to grow the Patch volunteer base.
- Dorset Community Foundation Community Wellbeing and Mental Health funding from NHS Dorset: £10,000 for Creative Wellbeing Sessions delivered by Rachel Huggett.
- £140 raised through Choons For Loos towards our Accessible Toilet and refurbishment of existing toilet.
- Three paid bookings: CAP Money Course with plans to book through 2025, CoCreate Art Wellbeing Sessions October 2024 to March 2025, and Parenting Course weekend in November.

Conclusion

The Power House trustees and team are delighted to finally have a home, and extremely thankful to National Lottery for making this possible. We are scaling up in an incredible way. Building a team while setting up the premises has been an exciting and challenging adventure.

We look forward to holding more sessions in the hub and at Cornerstone Patch that offer more support to as many people as possible through community and creative activities. Opportunities to improve personal wellbeing and skills through connection, creating, and giving back to their community.

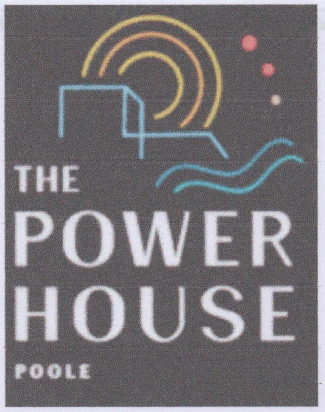
Maureen La Frenais
Acting Trustee & Co-Founder

Alix Digby-West
Project Manager & Co-Founder

Bernard Uzzell
Trustee & Treasurer

Annual Report and Accounts

The Power House (Poole)
For the period ended 31 March 2024



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Prepared on
27 November 2024

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Financial Year 2023-24:Balance Sheet - FY 2023-24

As of March 31, 2024

	As of Mar 31, 2024	As of Mar 31, 2023 (PY)	Total Change
FIXED ASSET			
Tangible assets			
Equipment and Machinery	0	470	-470
Total Tangible assets	**0**	**470**	**-470**
Total Fixed Asset	**0**	**470**	**-470**
CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND			
Current Account at Lloyds Bank	29,193	32,276	-3,083
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**29,193**	**32,276**	**-3,083**
DEBTORS			
Debtors	0	0	0
Total Debtors	**0**	**0**	**0**
CURRENT ASSETS			
Loan to Employee	0	150	-150
Total Current Assets	**0**	**150**	**-150**
NET CURRENT ASSETS	**29,193**	**32,426**	**-3,233**
CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR			
Trade Creditors			
Creditors	3,987	5,100	-1,113
Total Trade Creditors	**3,987**	**5,100**	**-1,113**
Current Liabilities			
Accrual for Harbour Ambition Shares	0	0	0
Accruals for Holiday Pay	3,878	2,986	891
Payroll Liabilities	179	56	123
Pre-Paid Income Accrual	21,369	21,723	-354
Tax Provision	0	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	**25,426**	**24,766**	**660**
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**29,413**	**29,866**	**-453**
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**-220**	**2,561**	**-2,780**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	**-220**	**3,031**	**-3,250**
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**£ -220**	**£3,031**	**£ -3,250**
CHARITY FUNDS			
Retained Earnings	3,031	1,355	1,676
Surplus/(Deficit)	-3,250	1,676	-4,926
Total Charity funds	**£ -220**	**£3,031**	**£ -3,250**

Financial Year 2023-24:Financial Activities - FY 2023-24

April 2023 - March 2024

	Apr 2023 - Mar 2024	Apr 2022 - Mar 2023 (PY)	Total Change
INCOME			
Donations - Restricted	1,575	1,496	79
Donations - Unrestricted	1,091	2,832	-1,741
Gift Aid Tax Refund		125	-125
Grants - Restricted	22,132	30,468	-8,336
Grants - Unrestricted		500	-500
Membership Fees	100	35	65
Sales	618	324	294
Total Income	**25,516**	**35,780**	**-10,264**
COST OF SALES			
Card Processing Fees	42		42
Consumables	14	2,817	-2,803
Direct Employment Costs	530	5,333	-4,803
Direct Expenses	4,707	1,114	3,593
Equipment or Room Hire	362	1,713	-1,352
Event Promotion		480	-480
Subcontractors	4,078	18,329	-14,252
Total Cost of Sales	**9,733**	**29,787**	**-20,054**
TOTAL	**15,783**	**5,994**	**9,789**
EXPENDITURES			
Advertising/Promotional		912	-912
Computer Costs	179		179
General Administration & Office Expenses	2,082	920	1,162
Indirect Employment Costs	9,235	855	8,380
Insurances	454	399	55
IT, Phone and Internet Services	401		401
Overheads	6,165	618	5,547
Room or Facilities Hire		144	-144
Total Expenditures	**18,516**	**3,848**	**14,668**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**-2,733**	**2,146**	**-4,879**
OTHER EXPENDITURES			
Depreciation	470	470	0
Governance Costs	48		48
Total Other Expenditures	**518**	**470**	**48**
NET OTHER INCOME	**-518**	**-470**	**-48**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**£ -3,250**	**£1,676**	**£ -4,926**

Financial Year 2023-24:Financial Activities - Restricted vs Unrestricted - FY 2023-24

April 2023 - March 2024

	Restricted	Unrestricted	TOTAL
INCOME			
Donations - Restricted	1,575		1,575
Donations - Unrestricted		1,091	1,091
Grants - Restricted	22,132		22,132
Membership Fees		100	100
Sales		618	618
Total Income	**23,707**	**1,809**	**25,516**
COST OF SALES			
Card Processing Fees	42		42
Consumables	14		14
Direct Employment Costs	530		530
Direct Expenses	4,608	99	4,707
Equipment or Room Hire	168	194	362
Subcontractors	4,060	18	4,078
Total Cost of Sales	**9,422**	**311**	**9,733**
TOTAL	**14,285**	**1,498**	**15,783**
EXPENDITURES			
Computer Costs	119	60	179
General Administration & Office Expenses	1,412	670	2,082
Indirect Employment Costs	8,937	298	9,235
Insurances	454		454
IT, Phone and Internet Services	401		401
Overheads	6,132	33	6,165
Total Expenditures	**17,455**	**1,061**	**18,516**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**-3,170**	**437**	**-2,733**
OTHER EXPENDITURES			
Depreciation	470		470
Governance Costs	13	34	48
Total Other Expenditures	**483**	**34**	**518**
NET OTHER INCOME	**-483**	**-34**	**-518**
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**£ -3,653**	**£402**	**£ -3,250**

The Power House - Restricted Grants and Donations - FY 2023-24

Donors and Grants	Date Grant Received	Full Amount	Financial Year 2023-24 Brought Forward at 1st April 2023	Grant received in FY 2023-24	Expenditure in FY 2023-24	Carried Forward at 31st March 2024
Core & Admin						
Seedbed (Original)	Sep-18	£3,000	£0		£0	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jun-19	£9,744	£0		£0	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jan-21	£10,000	£0		£0	£0
Valentine Trust	Aug-23	£5,000		£5,000	£4,250	£750
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean	Sep-23	£5,000		£5,000	£0	£5,000
NL Reaching Communities	Apr-24	£30,296			£3,647	-£3,647
Youth						
NL AFA Youth	May-22	£10,000	£3,743		£3,743	£0
BCP Youth Fund	Nov-22	£5,000	£4,076		£2,271	£1,805
Cornerstone						
DCF Nature Heals	Sep-22	£1,000	£0		£0	£0
AFCB Cherries	Dec-22	£1,000	£1,000		£1,000	£0
BH Coastal Lottery	Mar-23	£5,000	£4,523		£3,645	£878
BCP Oceans to Earth (HGT)	Feb-23	£3,381	£3,381		£2,285	£1,096
Spring Capital Partners	Jun-23	£3,000		£3,000	£254	£2,746
Asda Empowering Communiti	Jun-23	£782		£782	£782	£0
Wessex Water	Jun-23	£2,000		£2,000	£1,463	£537
Wessex Water	Jul-23	£500		£500	£0	£500
BUPA (Groundworks UK)	Oct-23	£2,250		£2,250	£935	£1,315
DCF Woodwork	Feb-24	£3,000		£3,000	£0	£3,000
Meanwhile/Interim Hub						
Sovereign Housing MWH	Feb-23	£4,000	£4,000		£1,258	£2,742
Seedbed Repurposed			£1,000		£0	£1,000
Landlord (Donation in Kind)				£1,121	£1,121	£0
Cultural Project/Love Hamworthy						
BCP Cultural Devt Fund	Jul-23	Initial £450 plus £50 at completion		£500	£500	£0
James Fagan-King	Feb-24	£200		£200	£200	£0
Totals			£21,723	£23,353	£27,354	£17,722

25th November 2024

The Power House (Poole)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the trustees of The Power House (Poole), on accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner
The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the Act);
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
    a. Proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
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2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed...*SueW*..... Date... 25/11/2024.....

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Accounts

The Power House (Poole)

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Annual General Meeting

13th December 2023

Chair and Project Manager Report

Introduction

This is the fourth Power House (Poole) Chair's report written and submitted by The Power House Board of Trustees and Project Manager. The Power House was conceived in 2017 by five local people, living and working in Poole, including Alix Digby-West, who has subsequently driven the project forward, raised funding, became its first employee, and employed team members.

Period of this Report

This report covers the period since the last AGM of December 2022.

Vision and Objectives and Vision

The purpose of The Power House (Poole) as set out in its revised Memorandum and Articles of Association is to:
"Further or benefit the residents of Poole without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political or religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the condition of life for the residents."
These words agreed with the Charity Commission allow The Power House to pursue its longstanding vision and ambition of creating a high quality and prominent Cultural, Community and Wellbeing centre to both provide facilities and run programmes for local community benefit.

Progress over the last year

Since December 2022 progress with community projects has continued while focusing on the National Lottery Reaching Communities application submitted a few weeks after last year's AGM.

The country and world have settled into a "new normal" since COVID-19 and the Russia - Ukraine war continues going into its second year. In October 2023, a new conflict within

Israel has caused further unrest in the UK. The 2021 and 2022 global increased cost of living has driven an increased inflation to 11% at the end of 2022 and gradually falling through 2023 to 4.6% in October and the lowest rate since October 2021. The UK sees a higher rate than comparable economies. These events continue to shape the landscape of society.
Closer to home, local elections were held in May 2023, with a new Three Towns Alliance being formed and taking on the Administration. BCP FuturePlaces is in the process of being disbanded to cease early 2024, with some staff taking up positions within the council. Personnel announcements are yet to be made. All conversations regarding our interest in the Holes Bay site (former power station location) are on hold.

Funding has continued to be secured for our new community garden, "Cornerstone Patch" at Cornerstone Academy.

The Power House submitted an application to National Lottery Reaching Communities on 22 December 2022 with further information submitted in June 2023 resulting in an invitation to the Final Stage in September. Our application is to employ a Community Team for three years for a community development project.
National Lottery is requesting a focus on Hamworthy community development, with The Power House staying able to connect with Poole Town organisations and deliver activities there. Due to the complexities surrounding delivering a community hub on the power station site, National Lottery has offered to fund 70% of the project costs. With the revised emphasis on Hamworthy, a front facing name of "Love HamWORTHY – Uniquely You, Beautifully Together" has been created, coming from conversations with a local artist working with Alix to develop a small project in January 2024 to March 2024. It focuses on certain aspects of our community development plan to deliver key community facilities that would become our Unique Selling Point and has great potential to bring residents together while being integral to a sustainable community.

£10,000 Match Funding has already been secured through The Valentine Charitable Trust and Alice Ellen Cooper Dean Charitable Foundation.

At the time of this report being written, we are in the last week of submission rework to submit to December's Panel, with a decision being given within a week of the Panel. A very big thank you and well done to trustees Maureen, Marie, and Bernard with input from Advisor Michael Armstrong who have worked extensively with Alix to reach this point. National Lottery has stated that The Power House application is a higher risk due to the large scale up involved. However, it is recognised this scale up is necessary to ensure the continuation of The Power House, and "National Lottery do fund high risk". Should we be successful, then we will hold a small celebration in January 2024.

Staff employment

Despite funding for Alix's role ending March 2022, community projects funding has been able to provide some funded hours while employing and contracting team to deliver activities. More detail about this will be included within activities In The last year section of this report.

Youth Project funding included project coordination hours for the Project Manager role, with Alix continuing to offer to continue working in a voluntary capacity for the wider project development to ensure its progress. Due to ongoing issues and stress our Youth Space leader Aimée resigned unexpectedly in May, Alix has also picked up that role alongside the Youth Project Coordination.

Cornerstone Patch funding has enabled The Power House to contract work out for delivery of the continued installation, while also bringing in some funding project management time for Alix

Both National Lottery Awards For All and BCP Youth Fund agreed to project and grant extensions which will be outlined later in this report. This in turn enabled our project manager role to be financially sustained between 10 and 16 hours a week with Cornerstone Patch funding until our hopeful success of the Reaching Communities application. Should The Power House be successful, the Reaching Communities funding will enable the continuation of the Project Manager paid role and employ a team to support with administration and project coordination for three years. These positions are The Power House Project Manager, Community Projects Coordinator, Administrator, and Youth Project Lead.

Discussions with National Lottery Grant Manager led to the decision made by The Power House Board relating to the Project Manager role. Should the Project Manager role be increased to a full-time position, it would be classed as a new role that would need to be openly recruited for. The trustees' preference was to offer the Project Manager role as a 40-hour job share. We understand that the National Lottery would accept this overall slight increase in hours.

Since the initial Reaching Communities submission, The Power House has taken on an administrator for 4 hours a week to support our project manager with funded community projects coordination and administration. Naomi Whayman is a Hamworthy resident who is passionate about giving back to the community and recently employed by St Michael's Church and Poole Missional Communities for a 20-hour post. She was appointed through an open recruitment process – the interview panel consisting of a Church Centre Manager from another local church. National Lottery agreed this was an acceptable recruitment process for The Power House and have agreed that this Administrator role can be sustained through our Reaching Communities project.

16 hours was deemed by National Lottery to be insufficient for the Youth Project Lead, so this has been increased to a full-time role.

National Lottery had originally stated that the full time Community Projects Coordinator lends itself to be a job share. With the increase in Project Manager hours and the new appointment of an Administrator, we have decreased this role to 24 hours a week.

The new Power House structure and relating Job Descriptions are acceptable to National Lottery to date.

Laura Clarke continues to work with Alix on a self-employed basis to hold sessions twice a week at Cornerstone Patch. A lunch club for Cornerstone Academy students, and an After School Community Session. This role continues to be sustained from September 2023 to Summer 2024 through the BCP Youth Fund grant extension.

The Cornerstone Patch team has recently been joined by another Hamworthy resident, Ben Butement, also on a self-employed basis at this time. Ben offers DIY skills and experience to complement Alix and Laura's skillset. He will also bring support with aiding the continuation of the Cornerstone Patch installation. Ben's personal circumstances and aspirations to extend his experience working in schools to retrain as a carpenter and deliver projects supporting the community through woodwork activities are a good fit with Cornerstone Patch and the vision to develop to set up a community workshop. Ben's role is currently funded by monies received from Oceans To Earth CIC when they ceased trading in 2023. There is potential to develop Ben's role and extend his hours in time and subject to funding.

All Cornerstone Patch roles are included in the whole Reaching Communities: Love HamWORTHY project plan and wider budget - though not to be funded by National Lottery.

2023 Activities

The Power House's activities can be divided into operational and strategic.

1. Operational Activities – Community Projects

The Power House currently has five operational activities underway. These have direct benefit to the communities that The Power House serves and are in line with its Charitable objectives.

- *Youth Project*

In January 2023 we welcomed a new volunteer to the team, M, a male Hamworthy resident with extensive volunteering experience due to long-term health issues. This was following a futile Youth Space Session Worker advertising. M was offered the paid Session Worker position, however, due to his personal circumstances he wanted to remain in a voluntary role. M complimented the team brilliantly and was brilliant at bringing games he sourced from his charity shop work to each session. M joining the team enabled Alix to step aside from some Youth Space sessions.

M started the Level 2 and Level 3 Youth Worker Training delivered by AIM Community, through our BCP Youth Fund grant and also enabled a Cherries Community Fund Cheque Presentation at AFC Bournemouth for Cornerstone Patch in February. We were able to take Cornerstone Academy students Bradley and Isobel who were both part of the setting up of Cornerstone Patch to the celebration. M also printed up photographs of AFC Bournemouth Premiership team for each of the students to have a copy signed by player Marcus Tavernier who they met as part of the presentation. Bradley especially loved this opportunity as a reward for all the time he gives to The Power House for the Patch and Bluebell Community Woodland.

In March, Alix, Aimée and Marq took nine Youth Project Members to BCP Youth Forum Celebration. Seven were given certificates in recognition of the time given as Youth Space Young Leaders and/or through Cornerstone Patch volunteering. A short presentation on how the BCP Youth Fund had been spent and what impact it had had. Then in June, we welcomed two members of the BCP Youth Forum accompanied by BCP Council's Youth Engagement Officer who heads up the BCP Youth Parliament to both Cornerstone Patch and Youth Space.

Despite being in a more settled place at Youth Space by the end of 2022, we continued to experience stressful sessions due to a group of young people that were unwilling to engage with the activities we provided, and constantly caused disruption and negative behaviours that young people who have been attending Youth Space from the outset struggled with.

With her increased Social Work Degree work Aimée had planned to step down in July, however, the constant stress resulted in her immediate resignation in May. This

coincided with M being unable to continue at Youth Space to his difficult personal circumstances. After stopping Youth Space due to lack of team, some of the parents who were desperate for it to continue offered to help volunteer.

Alix contacted National Lottery Awards for All in April 2023 to request a project and grant extension in view of these difficulties. This request included the repurposing of £1000 allocated for a Fitness Instructor at the sessions. Despite exploring several avenues, we were unable to find someone. A plan to hold an activity in the community once a month, alongside a reduction in Youth Space sessions at St Michael's Church to 2 a month.

This proposal was accepted with an extension from the end of June 2023 to 28 December 2023.

This was alongside a request to BCP Youth Fund for an extension. They decided to process our request alongside this year's round of funding. A proposal to repurpose funding to continue to deliver Lunch Club and After School Community Sessions, which a portion for Youth Panel work. This was approved by the Youth Forum with the request we present again at their March 2024 Youth Forum Celebration.

The Cornerstone Patch Lunch Club is gathering a number of students each week, with school staff introducing them. A core of eight students is attending regularly, with two of these volunteering since May 2023 and coming to our After School Community Sessions. These two have been invited to join the Youth Space Community Activities as a thank you for all their time given. More about Cornerstone Patch later in this report.

In September 2023 we launched Youth Space Autumn Term with a Watersports Session delivered by local organisations Ripple Rebels and Watersports Library. Perfect weather, ideal tide conditions and a stunning sunset, delivered a beautiful but sad last session for Watersports Library who ceased trading at the end of their season.

The Watersports Library equipment is being transferred to Ocean Church to be used in the community for a donation. We will explore a collaboration and further work with Ripple Rebels in time, and Ripple Rebels are extending their work to include inland activities, so we will look at a collaboration with Cornerstone Patch and Youth Space in due course and subject to a successful Reaching Communities application.

In October we took a group of young people to The Project Climbing Centre in Poole, with a second session booked in for December for those who were unable to make this session.

At the end of November, six young people with five parents and Alix went bowling at Hollywood Bowl for two games and a drink, thanks to a Hollywood Bowl deal. Great fun was had by all.

December sees a second Project Climbing session for those who were unable to make the first and an opportunity for a second session for others. The end of term will be a Bournemouth Escape Rooms experience with Christmas Special visiting Bournemouth Gardens to see the Christmas Wonderland and have a hot chocolate.

Alix and Naomi are going into Cornerstone Academy just before Christmas as part of our Youth Panel work. We aim to ask the same questions we have asked other cohorts of students about what is needed in Hamworthy and what activities they would want in a community hub. This work can then continue into 2024 through the BCP Youth Fund grant.

A decision is currently being made on whether we can continue Youth Space on a voluntary basis with the reduced two sessions a month at St Michael's, using our regular donation to cover utilities and refreshments.

We are in ongoing conversations with Poole Communities Trust (PCT) who have a Youth service team funded by National Lottery Reaching Communities to see how we can work together with their provision in Turlin Moor. This collaboration also forms part of our Reaching Communities application. PCT also has plans for a Youth Forum, which we could potentially work together on with our BCP Youth Fund monies for Youth Panel until we appoint a Youth Project Lead.

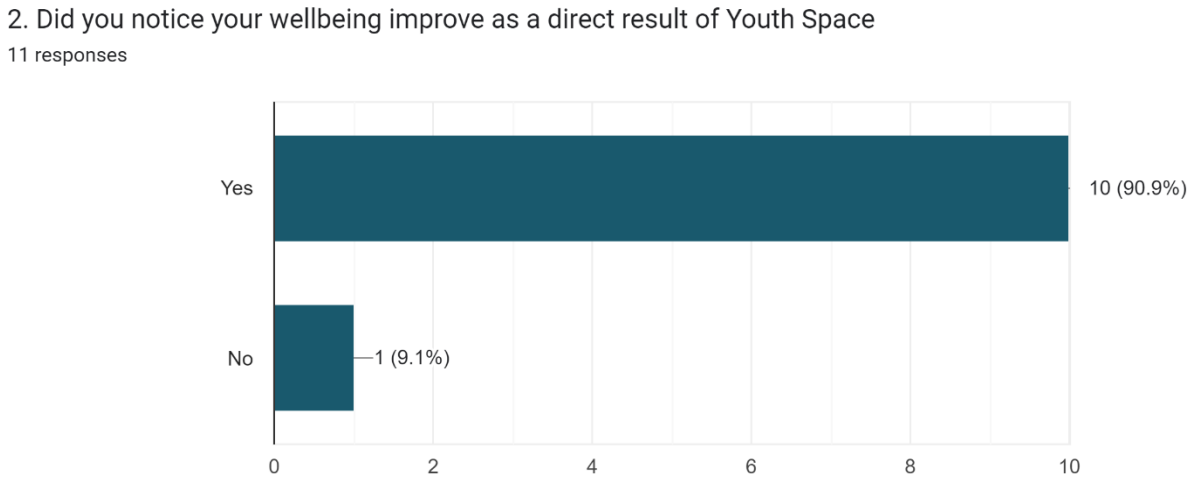
Ultimately, we need a dedicated Youth Project Lead to continue delivering and growing the Youth Project to full potential. To develop our established collaborations with Poole

Communities Trust, Poole Harbour Canoe Club, Ripple Rebels, Cornerstone Academy, and have a broader reach with other schools and organisations. Here's hoping we are successful with Reaching Communities, then lever the Matched Funding.

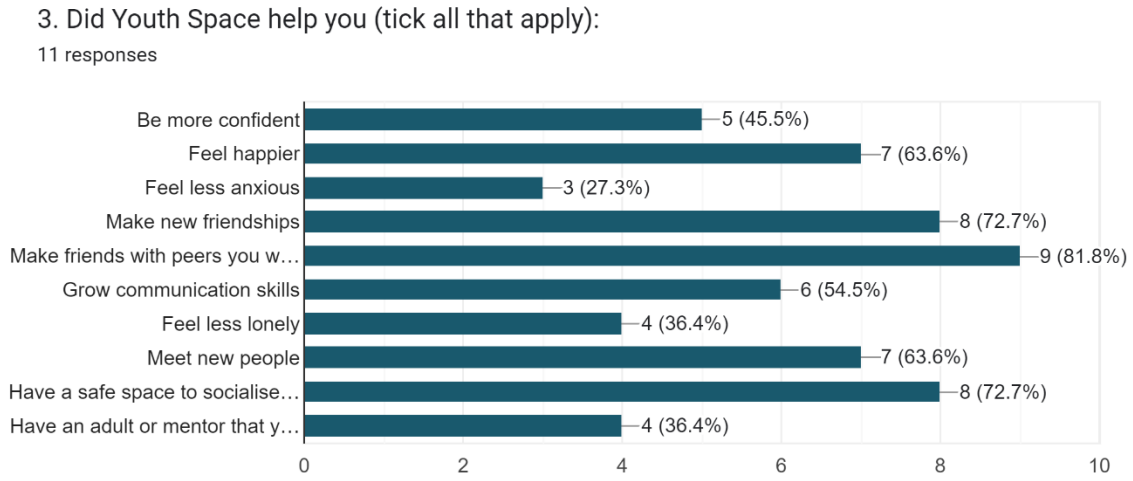
Youth Space Reach & Impact: Since June 2022 57 young people attend two or more sessions, with 25 attending regularly at various times throughout the grant period. Currently there are 15 young people attending Youth Space regularly since May 2023, with another three that stopped when they left Cornerstone Academy in July. Most of these regulars have been with 11 young people being with us since Youth Space first began in September 2021.

24 girls and 34 boys attended for two or more sessions, with six girls and nine boys now regularly attending.

For the Awards For All and BCP Youth Fund grants 11 young people completed an evaluation in July 2023. 91% said they noticed an improvement in wellbeing as a direct result of Youth Space.



This improvement in wellbeing looked like: improved confidence, feeling happier, being less anxious, feeling less lonely, growing communication skills.
Making new friendships, making friends with peers they would not normally connect with, having a safe space to socialise and having an adult/mentor to confide in were also part of the improved wellbeing.



When asked if there is anything else good about Youth Space "The staff, people", "It is fun and you can do things you won't normally do".

80% said they developed better skills and strengths through Youth space, with this improvement looking like:

"Being able to talk in public"
"Everything"
"New friends"
"Speak to more people"
"As a Youth Leader, I have had to go outside of my comfort zone and interact with new people"

Another evaluation is underway to complete the Awards For All application and relating to the new Autumn 2023 offer.

Thank you to Alan and Sam from St Michael's Church and who run the Badminton Club. They stepped in to volunteer and played badminton using their equipment with our young people who loved it.

A very big thank you to both National Lottery Awards For All and BCP Youth Fund for making all this possible. We look forward to seeing how we can take our Youth Project forward building on the foundation of the last three years of work and find the right person to fill our new Youth Project lead role and continue the Youth Project.

- *Arts Wellbeing Sessions & Impact*

The last of the BCP Living Legacy funded Arts Wellbeing was unexpectedly delivered in Hamworthy again due to a flood in the Poole Dolphin Centre, including the Gather Hub. Thankfully avoiding the art materials we had stored there! Another huge thank you to Oliver who has again helped to move the materials, and this time over the bridge – a momentous moment. We are thankful that a space has been found for us to store the materials at Hamworthy Library.

This came about through us switching the last two of our penultimate course from Hamworthy Liberal Club to Hamworthy Library due to the club being too cold. As the Gather Hub would not be available while redecorating, we held our final course at Hamworthy Library.

36 new participants from Hamworthy, Poole, Parkstone, Bournemouth, and Christchurch, with six volunteers from Hamworthy and Poole. Two of these were new as a result of the funding. This brought approximately 80 people benefitting from the funding, as the reported wellbeing of participants had a positive impact on family members.

Further funding was not sought at this time, due to our community/wellbeing artist having increased commitments to complete her final year of a Counselling qualification by Summer 2024. Considering the continued issues surrounding the Youth Project and the installation of Cornerstone Patch, it was a helpful pause.

While the funding for our Arts Wellbeing Sessions fell in our Accounting year 2021-22 with an extension until December 2022, and was still in progress at the time of writing our 2022 Annual Report

23 evaluations were completed - four of these were from volunteers – and one gave verbal feedback. Four people told us they submitted evaluations but they were not received and these had to be taken over the phone.

The number of people benefitting reported below is of the number of participants. The number of people in participants family and social circles benefitting indirectly is approximately 80: 57 family members or cared for people that we know of, with one Carer being a professional carer for multiple people. Five participants also work delivering wellbeing and community activities for others, so the secondary indirect number of people benefitting from this funding is considerably more, potentially another 200. An estimated 250 people, and potentially more, benefitted directly and indirectly from this funding.
We were disappointed by the low number of participants, however, the positive impact and value for money for each participant was excellent.

22 reported improved mental health or wellbeing
22 reported a reduction of stress, anxiety and/or symptoms of depression
20 reported increased resilience and/or self-care
35 reported increased self-esteem and confidence
3 reported reduced substance misuse and addictions
18 reported that they feel better able to maintain healthy relationships
16 reported improved social networks
11 reported that they feel an increased sense of belonging in their community
13 reported that they feel less lonely

Some comments:
“Helped me cope with all problems and I think I improved as a carer for my partner."
"Looking after a child with ADHD can be challenging. I needed some 'headspace' and the project helped with time out."
"I LOVED attending the sessions, as and when my health allowed. It was good making time for myself. I have learned that self-care is not a luxury."
"I was able to have a “me time” just being away from home and the daily caregiving in those few hours."
"Taking time out for meditation and learning really made an impact."
"More energy, wanting to do more things, so motivation for life."
"Helped me cope with all problems and I think I improved as a carer for my partner."
"I definitely felt stronger within myself. Reengaged with a much loved arts technique and grew the skills I learnt at school 30 years ago. I can see the positive impact on my home and work life."
"I am better at acknowledging that I need to make more time for myself and to be more ‘present’."
"Just to enjoy being with other Carers who understood the challenges of being a carer.”
Sylvia (81) said that "even people [her] age need a sense of belonging.

- *Thrive Sessions*

With the art materials now at Hamworthy library two community contacts expressed an interest in joining Alix to hold weekly Arts & Crafts Drop-Ins there. The community room was free of charge as these were open access sessions for the community. We have regular attendees, and one has a vision for a Repair Café which aligns with TPH's vision and ethos around sustainability.

All but two participants live in Hamworthy and Upton. Elizabeth, has a moderate Learning disability and already volunteers at Hamworthy Library. The group support her and suggest creative activities she can do. The other is an artist who connected to TPH during our COIN Open exhibition and has stayed in touch with TPH since. He is is keen for a community arts hub to overcome his own isolation.

Since our first session on 25 April eleven community members have attended making their own projects, while collaboratively coming up with ideas to make together, and invite the wider community to participate in.

The idea of a Hamworthy Community Blanket was suggested, and a theme of a Wildflower Meadow. A basket was donated, and a selection of wools and needles from TPH's art materials was put out on a table in the library inviting people to knit or crochet 10cm squares.

We have had a fantastic number of squares being knitted, which in turn inspires our "Thrivers".

One Thriver, T, made fabric brooches and this inspired the group to enlarge the patterns to make embellishments that were attached to the blanket. Offering another medium for the community to contribute through.

The blanket will include a tree, and in October Half Term we invited the community to make leaves to be stitched on together for the tree and this will continue in early 2024, inviting more to create other embellishments.

Cordelia (55) has recently moved to Hamworthy from out of the area. She is about to start a Masters in Fine Art at Arts University Bournemouth. Knitting is Cordelia's therapy, and she offered to knit batches of colours for a tree trunk and sky. Her focus for her Masters is aligned with TPH and from February 2024 she will be engaging more with us. We have invited her to lead a workshop with the core group to collate all the squares and create the finished design with us. This workshop will be part of our mini "Love HamWORTHY" project running January to March 2024 at Hamworthy Library thanks to a small grant from the BCP Cultural Development Fund. Cordelia tells us that having this task within the community has helped with her settling, and the topic for her Masters fully aligns with TPH's values and vision and is going to use her time to work more with us for her thesis. While going through our selection of wool, upon seeing our array of colours, Cordelia's idea is for a counterpart blanket with a nightime seascape. Both designs celebrate Hamworthy's natural heritage.

Alix and other Thrivers have been helping Elizabeth choose and make embellishments for the blanket. Over several weeks, 4 matching birds have been made by Elizabeth, who shared with us that she "must have her got her creativity from her Grandad", and as we chatted about this, it turns out her grandmother was a seamstress and sewed parachutes in World War II. And this explains why she is so good at sewing and remembered how to do a blanket stitch after only being shown once the week before. Elizabeth has valued feeling part of the community and having an opportunity to contribute to the community when she is unable to knit or crochet while valuing the process of creating something together and having her own creative choices. We have all enjoyed Elizabeth's creativity.

With thanks to BCP Council and the Hamworthy Library staff, especially Penny Denyer who enable us to connect with the community in this way.

- *Hamworthy Growing Together & Cornerstone Patch*

Building on AFC Bournemouth's Cherries Community Fund £1000 grant and thanks to Dorset Community Foundation and Sheriff of Dorset's Nature Heals £1000 grant and lever funding to run sessions, we were awarded £5000 by BH Coastal Lottery to enable us to complete the installation of the raised beds. Eco Sustainable Solutions gave us a charity discount for their super soil.

We held a Bake Sale coordinated by Youth Project Member and Power House Ambassador Emma Roberts. Funds raised from this bought our wheelbarrow.

From April Poole Men's Shed and community volunteered time to construct nine raised beds over a series of work parties, which Laura named 'Saturday Socials' as they proved to be perfect for building friendships. A very big thank you especially to Rob King, Martin Bartlett, Chris and Kevin Sullivan from Poole Men's Shed, with Elaine and Bryan Sullivan attending most sessions. We loved hearing from Elaine who used to swim in the pool when she attended Herbert Carter School. Elaine shared some of our fragranced sweet peas with her group of friends who also attended the school.

While continuing to install the structure for our community garden, we started to grow in the first of our completed beds.

The Nature Heals funding enabled us to deliver:

17 Lunch Sessions
14 After School Sessions
11 Work Parties including Big Help Out
3 Muddy Boots Sessions
1 Hamworthy Scouts Session
1 Values Day sessions for Cornerstone Academy

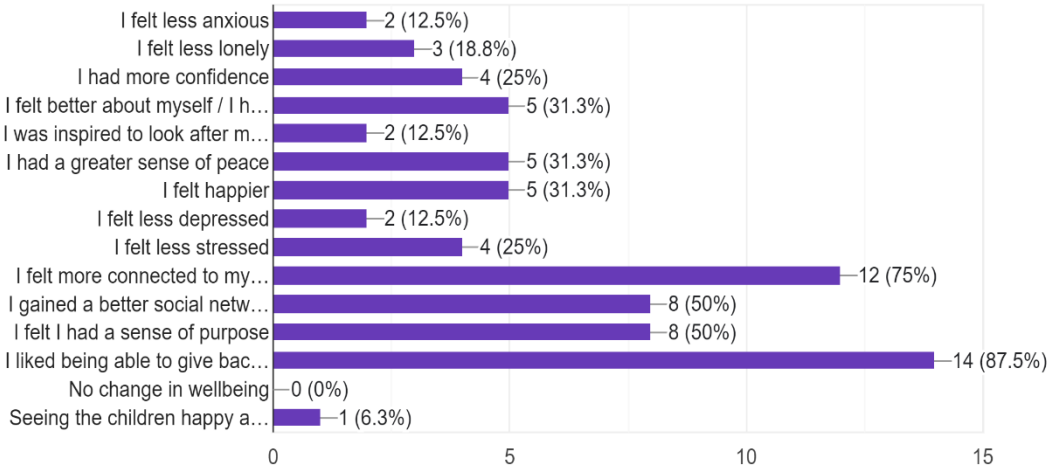
106 Beneficiaries
61.6 hours of community activity
25 volunteers across all work parties
7 regularly attending Lunch Sessions
2 regular After School Community Session adult volunteers and 2 young people.

81% of those completing an evaluation told us they experienced an improvement in their wellbeing, with 12.5% saying they may have experienced an improvement.

An improvement in wellbeing looked like:

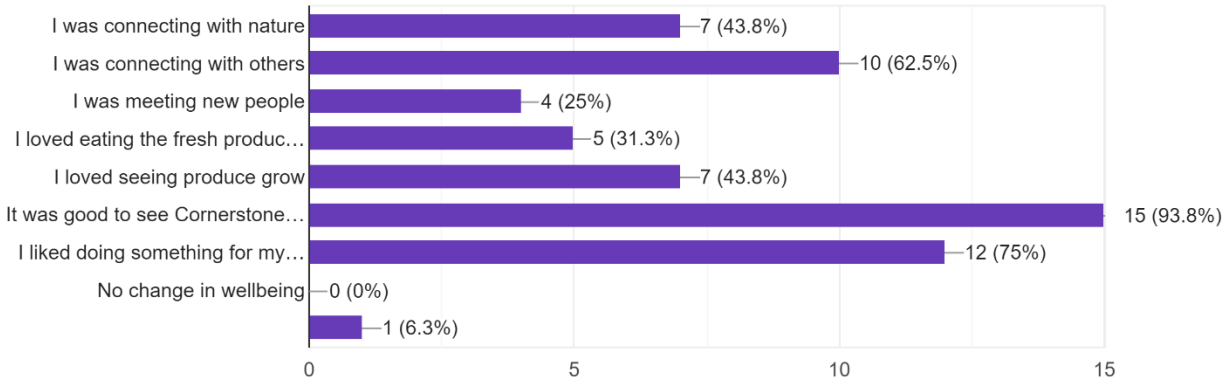
4. If you experienced an improvement in your wellbeing, what did that look like? Tick all that apply

16 responses



5. If you experienced improved wellbeing, was it because ... (Tick all that apply

16 responses



For the *King Charles III Coronation* we were joined by Muddy Boots Children's Nursery for their first session on 5 May as we held a Cornerstone Patch Coronation Tea Party. As well as enjoying Laura's homemade cupcakes and other treats Muddy Boots brought, 21 children sowed pumpkins and courgettes that were eventually to be planted out in their two lower raised beds.

On Monday 8 May, we organised a last-minute Coronation Big Help Out and registered our event, with Radio Solent who promoted us on their show. A family from Broadstone came to help and our shout gained 12 volunteers.

Cornerstone Patch has an Elderflower bush, and students enjoyed making cordial in a Lunch Club session, named Cornerstone Cordial: Elderflower.

Since May, Year 7 students Madds and Jesse attended diligently attended our weekly After-School Community Sessions, during holidays too. Jesse especially loved our Cornerstone Condiments: Chutney! Cornerstone Academy student Sophia Edwards designed an exquisite Cornerstone Patch logo.

A grant of £782 from the Asda Community Foundation was awarded by Asda Poole's Community Champion, Vikki Ekema. This funded the timber and roof for a shelter to harvest water and for a tool shed to provide regular volunteers to access tools other than those for the school's Nurture Garden.

We made an application to Kew Gardens' Grow Wild fund, and were shortlisted, but unfortunately were not one of the seven projects selected. However, we received very positive comments on the project, with Grow Wild saying they will be keeping up to date with our progress through our socials.

Through Dorset Community Foundation we were then awarded £2500 for the Patch water harvesting and irrigation system, and a further £2500 from BUPA Green Communities through Groundworks enabled installation costs. A very big thank you to Tim of HomeWorx Dorset for constructing a very sturdy structure. Poole Men's Shed have offered to help with installing sides, and Tim has suggested installing second-hand UPVC windows so the Patch can be viewed from within the shelter.

Muddy Boots with Cllr Brian Hitchcock, Madds and Jesse came to harvest the pumpkins with more squash and courgettes.

Our growing season culminated in an Autumn Celebration on 21 October. Rain didn't stop play and even stopped for the Work Party time. Tim and his family helped prepare the ground for the gazebo, and four Hamworthy residents including two lads, with Michael from Grounded Community filled the last 1 ½ raised beds to enable us to have all nine beds filled this season, ready for Winter growing.

Neighbour Tom came to connect our first water container to the one in his garden running off a shed.

Transition Town Poole's Gwyn Jones helped with their apple press we hired and we look forward to developing this element for future events.

Asda Champion Vikki joined us with Poole Men's Shed so we could say thank you to all our funders. Laura and Alix made some delicious food to be shared together. Cornerstone Courgette Soup, stuffed Patty Pans, and chutney.

In November, we then held a Shared Community Meal to share our produce. The two students came with their parents and one little brother. One mum told us "I never eats food like this, I'm very fussy, and it was scrummy!"

Cllr Brian Hitchcock popped in to try some of the food and we are delivering him a jar of Cornerstone Condiments: Chutney soonest!

Cornerstone Academy now has a new Principal Chris Phillips who has been at the school since 1997. As a keen gardener, he wants Cornerstone Patch's water harvesting and irrigation system to be an exemplar to the

community. The school has requested for specific elements to be progressed such as landscaping and fencing around the pool edge to ensure safety. This aligns with our plans and a budget is being prepared to seek funding for Phase 2 Cornerstone Patch installation to for landscaping, safety features, and accessibility ramp and paths to enable us to open up community garden sessions to local care homes and for social prescribing. A conversation with Chris Allenby of Poole Quays Forum (PQF) has highlighted a misunderstanding about community access, which changes how they would process an application to the PQF Neighbourhood CIL fund so we will apply to them for a portion of this, alongside an invitation to apply to another fund in Hamworthy.

2. Strategic Activities

Once again, due to capacity and the change in BCP Council Administration in the May elections, this year has been mostly about bringing forward the community projects, and to connect and engage to drive and shape any hub we bring forward. There is still strong support for a community centre in Hamworthy. This community development work will guide strategic development of The Power House.

Holes Bay site & FuturePlaces

It has now been decided to close BCP FuturePlaces and bring the development of the power station site and a reduced number of other development sites as council run. All FuturePlaces staff were offered jobs within the Council, and it is unknown at this point who took up this offer. There has been no further progress with the Holes Bay site, with The Power House being told the opportunity for a Meanwhile Hub on the site originally planned for the end of 2024 now potentially delayed.

BCP Council faces major financial difficulties and is on the brink of bankruptcy with much funding being cut from key services. Sadly, Hamworthy Library's opening hours are being significantly reduced.

Towards a Meanwhile Hub … and more?

Our proposal submitted for 106 High Street was not taken up and offered to a preferred applicant.

We are thankful for the opportunity to hold sessions and store our arts materials at Hamworthy Library, however, this comes with restriction and an inability to programme our own activities.

Reaching Communities have specified Hamworthy for our project. They recognise one of our key aims is to connect Hamworthy and Poole Town communities, and also support our continued work in Poole Town in collaboration with other organisations. National Lottery has stated the need for an office in order to build team relationships and efficient working, with this being ideally in Hamworthy if possible.

So we keep looking!

3. Secured Funding Synopsis

Funding since the last AGM:

- Dorset Community Foundation:

    - Wessex Water £2500 for Cornerstone Patch Water Harvesting and Irrigation System.
- Sovereign Housing:
    - Agreement to roll over £4,000 Interim Facility funding to 2022/23
- BUPA Green Community through Groundworks £2500 for Cornerstone Patch Water Harvesting and Irrigation System.
- Asda Community Foundation £782 for Water Harvesting shelter timber and tool shed
- Extension of National Lottery Awards For All: £10,000 for Youth Project and Youth Space until December 2023
- BCP Council:
    - BCP Youth Fund £3618 Extension for 2023-24 and repurposing for Cornerstone Patch Lunch Club and After School Community Session, and Youth Panel.
    - £500 BCP Cultural Development Small Grant
- Corporate donation of £3000 for Cornerstone Patch and ongoing Direct Debit of £80/month

Conclusion

Cornerstone Patch has been a key community project for us, it gives us a space to engage with the community while providing a demonstration and learning experience to set up a capital project. We receive many comments from Cornerstone Academy, members of the community, and funders on how inspiring this project is, especially to repurpose an old swimming pool,

The Reaching Communities application process has been helpful to hone our community reach and develop a plan for the next three years. It has been challenging as The Power House team needs to expand to meet the size of vision and to transition to the next level, to continue our work, and develop into an efficient community business. At our last AGM, Advisor Michael Armstrong expressed his concerns over our project manager's capacity. When applying to Dorset Community Foundation's (DCF) Neighbourhood Fund in January, our application was to employ an Administrator to support Alix's role to deliver the community projects and general Power House work. However, this was unsuccessful as DCF Trustees wanted to see a more diverse income stream and were concerned about facilitating a new role to be sustained.

The Reaching Communities application is to meet these concerns and employ a Community Team to work with our Project Manager job share roles. This will enable The Power House scale up, galvanise and develop our internal processes and procedures, including a more effective evaluation and monitoring system. We now have a good reputation created over the last 6 ½ years, and with this strong foundation can build a sustainable community business, and therefore be less dependent on grants.

While we know and accept that our work is not to focus on a building, having our own premises will also enable our ability to generate income. Should we be successful in finding an office, it would be ideal if this could include a space in which we can programme community activities. Let's see what the outcome of Reaching Communities will be and which premises open up in 2024.

We welcomed Marie Pandolfo to the Board of Trustees/Directors in April 2023. She brings a wealth of experience and skills in funding strategy and organisational risk management, and sustainability.

Trustees decided at the last board of Trustees meeting on 23 November 2023 that the Chair of Trustees position will be a rotating position until such a time as we find the right Chair.

Maureen La Frenais
Trustee & Co-Founder

Alix Digby-West
Project Manager & Co-Founder

Bernard Uzzell
Trustee & Treasurer

Registered Number 11625271

THE POWER HOUSE (POOLE)

Micro-entity Accounts

31 March 2023

THE POWER HOUSE (POOLE)

Registered Number 11625271

Micro-entity Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Notes	*2023*	*2022*
		£	£
Fixed Assets		470	940
Current Assets		32,426	21,436
Prepayments and accrued income		-	-
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		(5,156)	(340)
Net current assets (liabilities)		27,270	21,096
Total assets less current liabilities		27,740	22,036
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year		(2,986)	(2,773)
Provisions for liabilities		0	0
Accruals and deferred income		(21,723)	(17,908)
Total net assets (liabilities)		3,031	1,355
Reserves		3,031	1,355

- For the year ending 31 March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.
- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.
- The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board on 11 January 2024

And signed on their behalf by:
Bernard Uzzell, Director

THE POWER HOUSE (POOLE)

Registered Number 11625271

Notes to the Micro-entity Accounts for the period ended 31 March 2023

1 Employees

	2023	*2022*
Average number of employees during the period	2	3

The Power House (Poole)

Balance Sheet as at 31-Mar-2023

As of March 31, 2023

	TOTAL	
	AS OF MAR 31, 2023	AS OF MAR 31, 2022 (PY)
Fixed Asset		
Tangible assets		
Equipment and Machinery	470	940
Total Tangible assets	**£470**	**£940**
Total Fixed Asset	**£470**	**£940**
Cash at bank and in hand		
Current Account at Lloyds Bank	32,276	21,436
Total Cash at bank and in hand	**£32,276**	**£21,436**
Debtors		
Debtors	0	0
Total Debtors	**£0**	**£0**
Current Assets		
Loan to Employee	150	0
Total Current Assets	**£150**	**£0**
NET CURRENT ASSETS	**£32,426**	**£21,436**
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		
Trade Creditors		
Creditors	5,100	210
Total Trade Creditors	**£5,100**	**£210**
Current Liabilities		
Accrual for Harbour Ambition Shares	0	0
Accruals for Holiday Pay	2,986	2,773
Payroll Liabilities	56	130
Pre-Paid Income Accrual	21,723	17,908
Tax Provision	0	0
Total Current Liabilities	**£24,766**	**£20,811**
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**£29,866**	**£21,021**
NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**£2,561**	**£415**
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	**£3,031**	**£1,355**
TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)	**£3,031**	**£1,355**
Charity funds		
Retained Earnings	1,355	166
Surplus/(Deficit)	1,676	1,188
Total Charity funds	**£3,031**	**£1,355**

The Power House (Poole)

Financial Activities - 1-Apr-2022 to 31-Mar-2023

April 2022 - March 2023

	TOTAL	
	APR 2022 - MAR 2023	APR 2021 - MAR 2022 (PY)
Income		
Activities and Events (Fundraising)		38
Donations - Restricted	1,496	1,700
Donations - Unrestricted	2,832	1,071
Gift Aid Tax Refund	125	253
Grants - Restricted	30,468	28,023
Grants - Unrestricted	500	
Membership Fees	35	
Sales of Product Income	324	97
Total Income	**£35,780**	**£31,181**
Direct Expenses		
Consumables	2,817	2,385
Direct Employment Costs	5,333	5,443
Direct Expenses	1,114	577
Equipment or Room Hire	1,713	644
Event Promotion	480	768
Subcontractors	18,329	6,090
Total Direct Expenses	**£29,787**	**£15,907**
TOTAL	**£5,994**	**£15,275**
Expenditures		
Advertising/Promotional	912	316
General Administration & Office Expenses	920	1,283
Indirect Employment Costs	855	10,244
Insurances	399	561
Legal and Professional Fees	618	1,118
Room or Facilities Hire	144	144
Total Expenditures	**£3,848**	**£13,666**
NET OPERATING INCOME	**£2,146**	**£1,608**
Other Expenditures		
Depreciation	470	470
Provision for Taxation		-50
Total Other Expenditures	**£470**	**£420**
NET OTHER INCOME	£ -470	£ -420
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	**£1,676**	**£1,188**

TPH Restricted Grants Received	Date Grant Received	Full Amount	Previous FYs Spent on or before 31st March	Financial Year 2021-22 Brought Forward at 1st April 2021	Grant received in FY 2021-22	Expenditure in FY 2021-22	Carried Forward at 31st March 2022
Harbour Ambition							
Groundworks Grant	Apr-20	£4,000	£3,529	£471	£0	£471	£0
Membership Subscriptions		£700		£700	£0	£700	£0
COIN Project							
Arts Council COIN Grant	Dec-20	£6,750 plus £750	£2,760	£3,990	£750	£4,740	£0
BCP Council COIN Grant	Nov-20	£1,975	£1,000	£975	£0	£975	£0
Core & Admin							
Seedbed (Original)	Sep-18	£3,000	£938	£2,062		£1,647	£415
National Lottery AFA	Jun-19	£9,744	£9,194	£550		£550	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jan-21	£10,000		£10,000		£10,000	£0
Valentine Trust	Aug-23	£5,000					
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean	Sep-23	£5,000					
AWB							
DCF Covid	Sep-20	£5,000	£4,969	£31			£31
Sovereign Housing AWB	Sep-21	£3,000		£0	£3,000	£125	£2,875
DCF AWB Grant	Oct-21	£5,000		£0	£5,000	£2,000	£3,000
NL AFA Covid (AWB Portion)	Oct-20	£3,660	£3,145	£515			£515
Youth							
NL AFA Covid (Youth)	Oct-20	£4,940	£2,707	£2,233		£2,233	£0
Faithworks Wessex	Mar-21	£1,250		£1,250		£1,250	£0
DCF Youth 2021	Jun-21	£2,021			£2,021	£2,021	£0
DCF Clubs in Crisis	Apr-22	£1,402					
NL AFA Youth	May-22	£10,000					
BCP Youth Fund	Nov-22	£5,000					
Jubilee							
BCP Festival Coast Live	Jul-21	£5,033		£0	£5,033	£3,961	£1,072
DCF Jubilee	Mar-22	£10,000		£0	£10,000		£10,000
BCP Jubilee	May-22	£2,500					
Lighthouse	Sep-22	£1,000					
Cornerstone							
DCF Nature Heals	Sep-22	£1,000					
AFCB Cherries	Dec-22	£1,000					
BH Coastal Lottery	Mar-23	£5,000					
BCP Oceans to Earth (HGT)	Feb-23	£3,381					
Spring Capital Partners	Jun-23	£3,000					
Asda Empowering Communit	Jun-23	£782					
Wessex Water	Jun-23	£2,000					
Wessex Water	Jul-23	£500					
BUPA (Groundworks UK)	Oct-23	£2,250					
Meanwhile/Interim Hub							
Sovereign Housing MWH Seedbed Repurposed	Feb-23	£4,000					
Cultural Project & COIN-2024							
BCP Cultural Devt Fund	Jul-23	£450					
Totals			£28,242	£22,777	£25,804	£30,673	£17,908

TPH Restricted Grants Received	Date Grant Received	Full Amount	Financial Year 2022-23 Brought Forward at 1st April 2022	Grant received in FY 2022-23	Expenditure in FY 2022-23	Carried Forward at 31st March 2023
Harbour Ambition						
Groundworks Grant	Apr-20	£4,000				
Membership Subscriptions		£700				
COIN Project						
Arts Council COIN Grant	Dec-20	£6,750 plus £750				
BCP Council COIN Grant	Nov-20	£1,975				
Core & Admin						
Seedbed (Original)	Sep-18	£3,000	£415	-£1,000	-£585	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jun-19	£9,744	£0		£0	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jan-21	£10,000	£0		£0	£0
Valentine Trust	Aug-23	£5,000				
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean	Sep-23	£5,000				
AWB						
DCF Covid	Sep-20	£5,000	£31		£31	£0
Sovereign Housing AWB	Sep-21	£3,000	£2,875		£2,875	£0
DCF AWB Grant	Oct-21	£5,000	£3,000		£3,000	£0
NL AFA Covid (AWB Portion)	Oct-20	£3,660	£515		£515	£0
Youth						
NL AFA Covid (Youth)	Oct-20	£4,940				
Faithworks Wessex	Mar-21	£1,250				
DCF Youth 2021	Jun-21	£2,021				
DCF Clubs in Crisis	Apr-22	£1,402		£1,402	£1,402	£0
NL AFA Youth	May-22	£10,000		£10,000	£6,257	£3,743
BCP Youth Fund	Nov-22	£5,000		£5,000	£924	£4,076
Jubilee						
BCP Festival Coast Live	Jul-21	£5,033	£1,072		£1,072	£0
DCF Jubilee	Mar-22	£10,000	£10,000		£10,000	£0
BCP Jubilee	May-22	£2,500		£2,500	£2,500	£0
Lighthouse	Sep-22	£1,000		£1,000	£1,000	£0
Cornerstone						
DCF Nature Heals	Sep-22	£1,000		£1,000	£1,000	£0
AFCB Cherries	Dec-22	£1,000		£1,000	£0	£1,000
BH Coastal Lottery	Mar-23	£5,000		£5,000	£477	£4,523
BCP Oceans to Earth (HGT)	Feb-23	£3,381		£3,381	£0	£3,381
Spring Capital Partners	Jun-23	£3,000				
Asda Empowering Communit	Jun-23	£782				
Wessex Water	Jun-23	£2,000				
Wessex Water	Jul-23	£500				
BUPA (Groundworks UK)	Oct-23	£2,250				
Meanwhile/Interim Hub						
Sovereign Housing MWH	Feb-23	£4,000		£4,000	£0	£4,000
Seedbed Repurposed				£1,000		£1,000
Cultural Project & COIN-2024						
BCP Cultural Devt Fund	Jul-23	£450				
Totals			£17,908	£34,283	£30,468	£21,723

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Harbour Ambition						
Groundworks Grant	Apr-20	£4,000				
Membership Subscriptions		£700				
COIN Project						
Arts Council COIN Grant	Dec-20	£6,750 plus £750				
BCP Council COIN Grant	Nov-20	£1,975				
Core & Admin						
Seedbed (Original)	Sep-18	£3,000	£0		£0	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jun-19	£9,744	£0		£0	£0
National Lottery AFA	Jan-21	£10,000	£0		£0	£0
Valentine Trust	Aug-23	£5,000		£5,000		
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean	Sep-23	£5,000		£5,000		
AWB						
DCF Covid	Sep-20	£5,000	£0		£0	£0
Sovereign Housing AWB	Sep-21	£3,000	£0		£0	£0
DCF AWB Grant	Oct-21	£5,000	£0		£0	£0
NL AFA Covid (AWB Portion)	Oct-20	£3,660	£0		£0	£0
Youth						
NL AFA Covid (Youth)	Oct-20	£4,940				
Faithworks Wessex	Mar-21	£1,250				
DCF Youth 2021	Jun-21	£2,021				
DCF Clubs in Crisis	Apr-22	£1,402			£0	£0
NL AFA Youth	May-22	£10,000	£3,743		£0	£3,743
BCP Youth Fund	Nov-22	£5,000	£4,076		£0	£4,076
Jubilee						
BCP Festival Coast Live	Jul-21	£5,033			£0	£0
DCF Jubilee	Mar-22	£10,000			£0	£0
BCP Jubilee	May-22	£2,500			£0	£0
Lighthouse	Sep-22	£1,000			£0	£0
Cornerstone						
DCF Nature Heals	Sep-22	£1,000	£0		£0	£0
AFCB Cherries	Dec-22	£1,000	£1,000		£0	£1,000
BH Coastal Lottery	Mar-23	£5,000	£4,523		£0	£4,523
BCP Oceans to Earth (HGT)	Feb-23	£3,381	£3,381		£0	£3,381
Spring Capital Partners	Jun-23	£3,000		£3,000	£42	£2,958
Asda Empowering Communit	Jun-23	£782		£782		
Wessex Water	Jun-23	£2,000		£2,000		
Wessex Water	Jul-23	£500		£500		
BUPA (Groundworks UK)	Oct-23	£2,250		£2,250		
Meanwhile/Interim Hub						
Sovereign Housing MWH	Feb-23	£4,000	£4,000		£0	£4,000
Seedbed Repurposed			£1,000		£0	£1,000
Cultural Project & COIN-2024						
BCP Cultural Devt Fund	Jul-23	£450		£450		
Totals			£21,723	£18,982	£42	£24,681

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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