

Trustee's Annual Report for the period from: - 1st October 2024 - 31st September 2025

Charity Name: - Heart of Oldbury Community Centre (CIO)

Charity Registration number: - 119226

Structure, Governance and management Governing document

Heart of Oldbury Community Centre (CIO) is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission in November 2020. Charity Number – 119226

The Heart of Oldbury trustees are responsible for the general control and management of the charity. The trustees give their time freely and receive no remuneration or other financial benefits. The trustees meet bodily bi-monthly and are responsible for all decisions taken in relation to running the facilities activities provided by the Heart of Oldbury. The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment of new trustees,

Directors and Trustees

The Trustees serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Mrs Pamela Hepburn - Chair/Manager

- Appointed April 2019
- Resignation 31 December 2025

Ms Ruby Dubidat -Assistant secretary/finance

- Appointed April 2019 to date

Mrs Julie Smith-Jones

- Appointed 13 May 2024
- Resignation 31December 2025

Mrs Jacqueline Johnson - secretary/finance

- Appointed 13 May 2025
- Resignation 31 December 2025

Objectives and Activities

Our activities and services aim to support our local community around a range

of community concerns and needs identified in partnership with our community and other community organisations.

By building upon, enhancing, and establishing better community cohesion through encouraging individuals to work together, to achieve a shared vision, we'll be providing opportunities for our community, to regularly meet on a common ground, whilst encouraging people of all ages to work together, share experiences and learn via participation

Our Aims

Our Centre is used to provide social and community activities that are of benefit to our community (e.g., foodbank, children's and senior clubs, exercise sessions, etc.) with the aim of increasing community provision, reducing isolation and exclusion, improving the conditions of resident's lives

As our centre continues to develop and grows, we are working in partnership more with other community organisations and residents to be able to provide community rooms, local surgeries with the Police and Councillors where residents can air their views or concerns and provide space for smaller community organisations to use for hot desking

We'll also look to develop our community and social events such as trips, coffee mornings, mother and toddler clubs, homework club/after school club, supporting dementia services, etc. healthy eating activities, community café, soup kitchen in partnership with the foodbank, uniform exchange, etc. to be able to address a wider range of support needs of our community regardless of age, ability, or financial circumstance.

Objectives

To set up and run open Community Hub that benefits residents of Oldbury and the surrounding area of Sandwell and is available to all

Provide a warm safe, welcoming, and hospitable environment to meet the holistic needs of Oldbury people to support, friendship and signposting and partnering with other agencies

Provide facilities, activities and events that prevent and reduce social isolation and promote health living for vulnerable people and quality of life for all

Activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular the activities

We are a newly formed community organisation that is in the process of

developing a range of community and social activities that will be of benefit to our community. We sort the views of our local community, service providers and other support organisations to ascertain what is needed here in Oldbury and the surrounding areas

Following this consultation, we established our current programme which we intend to build upon moving forward following on from the pandemic restrictions and guidance

Our current activities support children and young people by providing them with a safe space to meet up with other young people enabling them to make new friends and support networks outside of school and their family circle. We're helping to keep them occupied, building, and promoting strong positive relationships with their peers via learning and recreational activities. This is also beneficial for parents who work and need a safe place for their children to go after school

Our Foodbank supports vulnerable members of our community who may be experiencing a hard time and need a small helping hand to see them and/or their family through this difficult period

We plan on building upon the Foodbank with a soup kitchen and community café to help build social relationships and connect our community together. Participants of our senior club are given an opportunity to connect with their peers and undertake age-appropriate activities that support their physical and mental health. Where possible we encourage the more active and able members to volunteer so the skills and expertise they have can be passed down to a new generation of volunteers via peer mentoring

We are looking to work in collaboration with other community organisations, service providers and faith-based groups to ensure we can deliver activities that are people-led and meeting the needs of our community. We aim to shape community services and activities delivered for our diverse community with a view of improving their condition of life

We facilitate the development of our residents by bringing people of all ages together to build strong relationships within our community. Supporting the development of a more cohesive, joined up and selfreliant neighbourhood that works together to address local concerns that many of our residents regardless of their age, ability or nationality may be experiencing.

We are assisting in the establishment of a vibrant community hub primarily for Oldbury, for community activities that nurture and encourage like-minded

individuals of all ages to come together to share/learn new skills and develop their capacity to address our community's prominent social and health concerns

Our community hall and rooms provide a valuable educational and recreational resource to all in our local community. A wide variety of activities are organised and takes place from our community centre. The facilities have been used by groups as varied as youth creative networks, building bridges to the future (Vulnerable adult group), Single Point Plus Family Support Hub. The hall has also been used over 20 times from the facilities we offer the local community

Use of Volunteers

Volunteers are an important respite in our community work, volunteers are involved in most areas of our community activities, and we have 10 people who regularly give their time. All the trustees also give their time freely. All those volunteers working with projects involving children or other vulnerable groups are DBS checked

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Strategic Report, the Annual Report, and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the situation of the group and charity and of application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the group for that period

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2013. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Financial statements are published on the charity's website in accordance with legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements, which may vary from legislation in other jurisdictions. The maintenance and integrity of the charity's website is the responsibility of the trustees. The trustees' responsibility also extends to the ongoing integrity of the financial statements contained therein

Approved by the trustees and signed on its behalf by: Ms Ruby Stone (Chair of Trustees) Thursday 30th July 2026

Statement of Financial Activities

For the following period: 1st October 2024 - 31st September 2025

Incoming Resources	Amount (£)
Balance B/F	£4,980.55
Grants	0
Room Hirings	£2,550.00
Other Income	
Total Income	£7,530.55
Expenses	
Hep Solutions on 17 th October 2024	£3,500.00
Pamela Hepburn on 4th October 2024	£250.00
Pamela Hepburn paid on 23 rd June 2025	£500.00
Utility Bill (E On)	£2,424.06
Other Expenses	
Other Expenses	
Total Expenses	£6,674.06
Surplus / (Deficit)	£856.49