

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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ONE VOICE BLACKBURN
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For the period ended 31 March 2023

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Legal and administrative Information
For the period ended 31 March 2023

Trustees

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Nisbah Hussain
Ased Mahmood
Ehsen Raja
Humma Ahmed

Charity Number

1194240

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ONE VOICE BLACKBURN
Charity No. 1194240
Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the period ended 31 March 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, governance and management

The trustees who held office during the period and subsequently were as follows:

Abrar Hussain (Chair)
Nisbah Hussain
Ased Mahmood
Ehsen Raja
Humma Ahmed (from 3rd October 2022)

Objective and activities

The key activities have been to provide benefit to the disadvantaged and deprived people from all backgrounds within the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen by improving health, empowerment, leadership and cohesion of these communities.

One Voice Blackburn is a charity that aspires to create an inclusive, cohesive and vibrant community in Blackburn with Darwen. One Voice Blackburn works on award winning projects aimed at addressing health inequalities in all communities in Blackburn with Darwen, and surrounding areas. One Voice seeks to improve the social and economic wellbeing of some of the most deprived communities in Blackburn with Darwen.

The charity delivers programmes of work aimed at improving the physical and mental health of residents of the borough alongside a strong programme of activities which instil leadership skills and abilities amongst both young people and women. In addition the charity provides opportunities for children and women to thrive and flourish through our provision of inclusive sports, arts and wellbeing activities on offer every week of the year. The activities benefit primarily residents from some of the most deprived wards in the borough and predominantly from South Asian backgrounds.

One Voice Blackburn works with the community in which the charity is based, mainly in Bastwell ward which was recently identified as experiencing the highest levels of child poverty in England.. The charity's health programmes engage residents of all ages, particularly those with long term conditions and mental health issues. The charity's social cohesion and leadership activities engage young people from 5 upwards and women of all ages.

Achievements and performance

The charity was originally established as a community organisation in 2011, and subsequently set up as a Community Interest Company in 2015, and registered with the Charity Commission on 27th April 2021.

The governing document is the Articles of Association.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance, management and control of the charity. The operational management is delegated to the Chief Executive. The Chief Executive reports to the board.

The Charitable objects are:

1. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in the Borough of Blackburn with Darwen 'the area of benefit' by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
 - Advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
 - Advancing education;
 - Relieving unemployment;
 - Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.
- 2 To promote and protect the physical and mental health of people living in the area of benefit through the provision of support, education and practical advice.

3. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the area of benefit in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The Charitable objectives are delivered through four Primary Objectives

Health

Raising awareness of key health issues affecting our communities and supporting the strategies to deliver improvement in our health and well-being

Empowerment

Raising aspirations and opportunities for all within our communities to ensure that they fulfil their true potential

Leadership

Creating and developing pathways for those aspiring to become leaders now, and in the future

Cohesion

Working with key partners to develop both harmonious and cohesive local communities

Our values are engaging, passionate, warm and inclusive

The key achievements for One Voice Blackburn are highlighted in the attached Annual Report.

Financial review

The charity is reporting total income of £425,074 (2022: £431,686 including £137,793 transferred from the conversion of One Voice Blackburn CiC on incorporation of the charity). Total expenditure for the year was £353,774 (2022: £208,359) resulting in an in-year surplus of £71,300 (2022: £223,417).

The reserves show a total of £294,717 (2022: £223,417) at 31 March 2023. The trustees are of the opinion that to maintain unrestricted reserves at this level appears to be a prudent course of action.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the policies followed are in accordance with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it's appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose the reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. 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. The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Independent Examiner

A resolution proposing that Durhams Accountants Limited be reappointed as Independent Examiner of the charity will be put to members.

On behalf of the board of trustees



Abrar Hussain (Chair)

Dated: 25 July 2023

ONE VOICE BLACKBURN
Independent Examiner's Report
For the period ended 31 March 2023

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 13 December 2020, we report on the financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31 March 2023, which are set out herein.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied ourselves that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is our responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements 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 financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's report

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) have not been met; or

(2) to which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

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Statement of Financial Activities
For the period ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 Unrestricted £	2023 Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Incoming and Endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	137,793
Charitable activities		394,478	30,596	425,074	293,983
Total incoming resources		394,478	30,596	425,074	431,776
 <u>Expenditure</u>					
Charitable activities	3	(321,867)	(31,907)	(353,774)	(208,359)
Total resources expended		(321,867)	(31,907)	(353,774)	(208,359)
 Net income/(expenditure)				71,300	223,417
 Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward				223,417	-
Funds at the end of the year	4			294,717	223,417

The notes on page 7-8 form part of these financial statements.

ONE VOICE BLACKBURN
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Fixed assets	5	11,113		7,382	
			11,113		7,382
CURRENT ASSETS					
Prepayments and other debtors		5,081		5,829	
Cash at bank and in hand		334,239		287,017	
			339,320		292,846
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Deferred income		(47,090)		(48,287)	
Accruals		(8,626)		(28,524)	
			(55,716)		(76,811)
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>283,604</u>		<u>216,035</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>294,717</u>		<u>223,417</u>
NET ASSETS			<u>294,717</u>		<u>223,417</u>
Unrestricted funds	4		279,034		223,233
Restricted Funds	4		<u>15,683</u>		<u>184</u>
MEMBERS' FUNDS			<u>294,717</u>		<u>223,417</u>

On behalf of the board



Abrar Hussain (Chair)

Dated: 25th July 2023

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the period ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

1.1. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

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1.2. Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. Income from government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

1.3. Taxation

Corporation Taxation The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

1.4. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity. Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the Trust's work or for specific artistic projects being undertaken by the Trust.

1.5. Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

ICT Equipment	3 Years
Fixtures & Fittings	3 Years

2. Donations and Legacies

In the prior period, on incorporation of the charity, reserves of £137,793 were transferred from One Voice Blackburn CiC as the CiC converted to a charity. Of these £136,847 were Unrestricted and £946 were Restricted.

3. Total resources expended

	2023	2022
	£	£
Charitable activities undertaken directly	353,234	207,819
Governance costs	540	540
Total resources expended	353,774	208,359

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3. Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected) received any remuneration during the period (2022: None).

4. Analysis of restricted funds

	Income Received £	Spent Prepayments £	Deferred Income £
Restricted funds at the balance sheet date are represented by:			
BBC Children in Need	14,500	(14,500)	-
Scouts	16,096	(17,407)	1,403
	30,596	(31,907)	1,403
			(17,086)

5. Fixed Assets

	ICT & Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost:		
At the start of the year	13,795	13,795
Additions	9,479	9,479
At the end of the year	23,275	23,275
Accumulated depreciation:		
At the start of the year	6,413	6,413
Charge for the year	5,749	5,749
At the end of the year	12,162	12,162
Net book value		
At the end of the year	11,113	11,113
At the start of the year	7,382	7,382