

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY

England & Wales · Charity number 1195791

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-09-10

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO, WHICH ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT IN SANDWELL, WEST MIDLANDS, ARE:1) TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).2) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.3) THE PREVENTION OR RELIEF OF POVERTY FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AMONG SOCIALLY AND/OR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE BASIC EQUIPMENT, CONSUMABLES AND CLOTHING FOR BABIES BY SUPPLYING THEM WITH SUCH ITEMS FREE OF CHARGE.

Activities: We are a community development charity based in Smethwick, Sandwell. We work with the looking community to alleviate the effects of poverty and isolation by providing groups and signposting services which help the community and the individual.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Sandwell

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£107,116	£74,502	-	-
2023-12-31	£54,987	£50,261	-	-
2022-12-31	£74,650	£45,965	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Peter Spence	Chair	2021-09-10
Esther Spence		2021-09-10
Gail Sault		2023-03-14
John Pearson		2021-09-10
Pamela Hancox		2022-01-01

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NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY

REGISTERED CHARABLE NO: 1195791

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

R & A BURNS LIMITED
CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS Report

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NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYINCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	£	£	£	£
Rental Income		10,048		32,689
Donations		15,932		9,780
Grants		74,750		10,000
Other Income		6,242		2,474
Bank Interest Received		144		44
		107,116		54,987

COST OF SALES

Food	-		2,362	
Cleaning	601		1,679	
Kitchen Equipment	714		651	
		1,315		4,692
		105,801		50,295

LESS OVERHEADS

Salaries and Wages	23,246		25,904	
Baby Equipment	-		1,753	
Staff Training	-		75	
Safeguarding	-		145	
Building Repairs	13,639		43	
Telephone Charges	192		34	
Website Subscription	452		120	
Printing and Stationery	2,842		736	
Gardening Materials	-		184	
Travel Expenses	426		20	
General Expenses	1,282		1,254	
Ring Doorbell Subscription	-		35	
ICO	-		35	
Waste	2,158		1,813	
Insurances	521		517	
Rent	12,283		12,081	
Baby & Toddler Group Expenses	9,188		3,546	
Event Expenses	5,073		1,204	
Family Hub Expenses	1,440		-	
Donations	1,112		-	
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	391		460	
Depreciation - Fixtures & Fittings	257		302	
		74,502		50,261
<u>SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR</u>		£ 31,299		£ 34

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYBALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Depreciating Assets	3,671	4,318
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Bank Treasures Account	40,755	19,121
Bank Instant Online Account	15,593	5,281
	<u>56,348</u>	<u>24,402</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	56,348	24,402
	<u>£ 60,019</u>	<u>£ 28,720</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>		
Opening Funds	28,720	28,686
Net Surplus for the year	31,299	34
	<u>£ 60,019</u>	<u>£ 28,720</u>
Approved _____		
Mr.P.Spence		
Chair of Trustees		

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY
SCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

DEPRECIATING ASSETS

<u>COST</u>	<u>Plant & Equipment</u> £	<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> £
At 1st January 2024 and At 31st December 2024	3,606	2,371	5,977
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>			
At 1st January 2024	1,001	658	1,659
Charge for the Year	390	257	647
At 31st December 2024	1,391	915	2,306
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>			
At 31st December 2024	2,215	1,456	3,671
At 31st December 2023	2,605	1,713	4,318

Trustees Report 2024

As I sit to write this report I am once again struck by the incredible amount of work that Carrie and her committed team of staff and volunteers do, and do to such a high standard.

Once again we have seen a year where the demand for our services has increased exponentially and this has brought further strain on our small team and limited resources and yet we still grasp every opportunity to show people that they are valued and cared for, unconditionally.

Our partnership with Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council, Changes Programme has continued to develop and we are still running Sensory Play, Messy Play and Little Chefs sessions throughout the week. These are free at the point of use to Sandwell residents and provide a vital point of consistent contact for parents as well as providing a space for babies and toddlers to learn some vital key skills. Our involvement in the Family Hub network has grown over the year and Carrie has been busy building connections and helping other partners see the difference New Beginnings makes in our community, whilst inspiring them to try some new ideas in their areas.

Little Fish has been a constant as it has been for every year we have had it. It is again a vital space for community to grow and strengthen, all whilst the kids can play and create in a safe and stimulating environment.

Baby Bundles demand has soared in the last year and whilst at times this has been challenging, our team has risen to this challenge and ensured that these most vulnerable people in our community have the essential they need.

No reflection on the past year could be complete without a mention of our visit to the garden party at Buckingham Palace when Carrie and I had a brief chat with His Majesty the King. It was an amazing day in a place I never dreamed I would be. As I think about our New Beginnings family and the amazing things we do I must admit to a sense of pride in what we have created and I am forever thankful that we have Carrie and her amazing team of staff and committed volunteers to show our community what belonging and being truly valued looks like.

I commend this report to you and hope as you read it you get a sense of how special this community is.

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Trustees Report 2023

As I sit to try to find the words that sum up the last twelve months it is not only difficult, it becomes even clearer how much of a challenge the last year has been for us at New Beginnings Community.

The engagement with the hub has increased and we have seen our operating hours extend over the course of the year as we assist more and more families. It cannot be ignored that the demand for our services in general and for our Baby Bundles project in particular has grown at an alarming rate during 2023. It brought us to a point with the Baby Bundles project when we were forced, for the first time ever, to suspend referrals for a period because the demand was far outstripping our capacity. Combined with that increase in need for our services we also encountered, along with many other charities, an increasingly complex and competitive arena for grant funding. The funders, themselves faced with huge increases in demand, had to make the grant process more rigorous and this meant it was taking more hours of my time to obtain even smaller pots of money.

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of the trustees, to express our thanks to our CEO, Carrie and her absolutely incredible team of staff and volunteers who rose admirably to the challenges of 2023. By the end of the year, we had not only managed to meet the demands of our community in terms of service provision, we had also found ways of delivering the services costing less money. Meaning, as you will see later in this report, that despite the reduction in income we still covered our costs in the year.

Any review of 2023 cannot be complete without mention of that moment in November when it was announced that New Beginnings Community had been awarded the Kings Award for Voluntary Service. This is the highest award a charity can receive and is the equivalent of an MBE. Given the relatively young age of our organisation it makes this honour all the more outstanding. This award is a recognition of the tireless hard work of our volunteers to serve the community we are part of, and I can honestly say that I have never been prouder of something I have been part of.

In summary 2023 brought us bigger challenges, less money, stronger partnerships, and high rewards. I want to thank all who made this journey with us, and I look forward to even more in the year to come.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Spence', written in a cursive style.

Peter Spence
Chair of Trustees

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYSCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS
FOR THE ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023DEPRECIATING ASSETS

<u>COST</u>	<u>Plant & Equipment</u> £	<u>Fixtures and Fittings</u> £	<u>TOTAL</u> £
At 1st January 2023			
and			
At 31st December 2023	3,606	2,371	5,977
<u>DEPRECIATION</u>			
At 1st January 2023	541	356	897
Charge for the	460	302	762
At 31st December 2023	1,001	658	1,659
<u>NET BOOK VALUE</u>			
At 31st December 2023	2,605	1,713	4,318
At 31st December 2022	3,065	2,015	5,080

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYBALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Depreciating Assets	4,318	5,080
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Bank Treasures Account	19,121	23,385
Bank Instant Online Account	5,281	220
	<u>24,402</u>	<u>23,605</u>
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>	24,402	23,605
	<u>£ 28,720</u>	<u>£ 28,685</u>
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>UNRESTRICTED CHARITY FUNDS</u>		
Opening	28,686	-
Surplus for the year	34	28,685
	<u>£ 28,720</u>	<u>£ 28,685</u>

Approved _____

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYINCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Rental Income	32,689	17,070
Donations	9,780	38,537
Grants	10,000	14,287
Other Income	2,474	4,756
Bank Interest Received	44	-
	54,987	74,650

COST OF SALES

Food	2,362	216
Decorations and Consumables	-	417
Cleaning	1,679	643
Kitchen Equipment	651	1,510
	4,692	2,786
	50,295	71,864

LESS EXPENDITURE

Salaries and Wages	25,904	10,784
Baby Equipment	1,753	2,428
Staff Training	75	-
Safeguarding	145	-
Repairs and Renewals	43	2,944
Telephone Charges	34	-
Website Subscription	120	-
Printing and Stationery	736	1,414
Gardening Materials	184	-
Travel Expenses	20	-
General Expenses	1,254	3,131
Ring Doorbell Subscription	35	-
ICO	35	-
Waste	1,813	-
Insurances	517	673
Rent	12,081	11,254
Baby & Toddler Group Expenses	3,546	4,755
Event Expenses	1,204	4,899
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	460	541
Depreciation - Fixtures & Fittings	302	356
	50,261	43,179

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR

£ 34

£ 28,685

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITY
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
FOR THE ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

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*Peter Spence,
Chair of Trustees*

Chair of Trustees Report

New Beginnings Community began as a seed of an idea in the summer of 2021. It came about as we looked at how we could continue and develop some of the things we had already been doing. And so New Beginnings Community was born officially on 10th September 2021.

We opened our family hub in the empty community hall at St Marks on Thimblemill Road in Smethwick and we are so grateful to Fred Rattley, Thrive Together Birmingham, the Diocese of Birmingham and Old Church Smethwick for their support and encouragement, not just to get us going but as we have continued to evolve and grow.

As the new hub got going I had to acclimatise to a role which saw me being the one who focused on the majority of the fundraising, thereby releasing our CEO Carrie Pearson and her wonderful team to get on and do the work with the community. Fundraising is something I had dabbled with in a small way previously, so this was a steep learning curve, and in truth still is. 🤔

*Thank
You*

I want to thank the many funders who have trusted us in this first fifteen months and I hope we can be careful stewards of your trust and funding to all our community to discover how it can become a more enriched version of itself.

Over the course of the first fifteen months, we have seen some amazing community events:

Christmas Markets



*Santa with his elves
and helpers for the
Christmas Market*

*Cllr Richard McVittie, Corey, Kelli,
Carrie, Sandwell Mayor Cllr
Richard Jones and baby Stanley
enjoying themselves at the Pride
Party!*

Jubilee Party



*The Jubilee
Party
dream
team!*



and **Pride Family Disco** to mention three.

All of these events and the ongoing and growing range of programmes which run in the hub are the output of, in my view, a world class group of incredible staff and volunteers, led and inspired by Carrie Pearson.

This venture may have been the seed of an idea that myself and a few others had but Carrie and her team are the ones who make it real. They show the community what acceptance and continual unconditional welcome look like and I am forever thankful for them.

I hope you find our first report uplifting and inspiring and I hope above all that our work together in this community can continue to evolve, reach and include even more people.

Thank you for being part of this incredible journey.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022

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	<u>2022</u>
	£ £
<u>INCOME</u>	
Rental Income	17,070
Donations	37,680
Grants	14,287
Other Income	5,613
	74,650
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Food	216
Decorations and Consumables	417
Cleaning	643
Kitchen Equipment	1,510
Salaries and Wages	10,784
Baby Equipment	2,428
Repairs and Renewals	2,944
Printing and Stationery	1,414
Sundry Expenses	3,131
Insurances	673
Rent	11,254
Baby & Toddler Group Expenses	4,755
Event Expenses	4,899
Depreciation - Plant & Equipment	541
Depreciation - Fixtures & Fittings	356
	45,965
<u>SURPLUS FOR THE PERIOD</u>	£ 28,685

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYBALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	<u>2022</u>	
	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>		
Depreciating Assets		5,080
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Bank Instant Online Account	220	
Bank Treasures Account	23,385	
	23,605	
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		23,605
		£ 28,685
<u>REPRESENTED BY:</u>		
<u>UNRESTRICTED CHARITY FUNDS</u>		
Surplus for the period		28,685
		£ 28,685

Approved by the Chair of Trustees:

Reverend Peter Spence

NEW BEGINNINGS COMMUNITYSCHEDULE OF FIXED ASSETS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022DEPRECIATING ASSETS

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