

# LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1196020

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2021-10-01

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF LAINDON & LANGDON HILLS AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, 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 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 a charity based community centre serving the needs of the local community of Laindon, Langdon Hills and surrounding areas. We are home to Laindon Activity Centre and Laindon Community Centre.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Essex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-11-30	£298,302	£265,413	-	-
2023-11-30	£202,401	£215,038	-	-
2022-11-30	£194,944	£143,030	-	-

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## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Taylor		2022-11-01
Clark Manning		2022-11-01
Maxwell Aitkins		2022-11-01

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**Trustees** Carol Taylor  
Clark Manning  
Maxwell Aitkins

**Charity registered number** 1196020

**Principal office** Laindon Community Centre  
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## LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Laindon Community Centre CIO for the year 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2024.

#### Objectives and activities

##### a. Objectives and activities

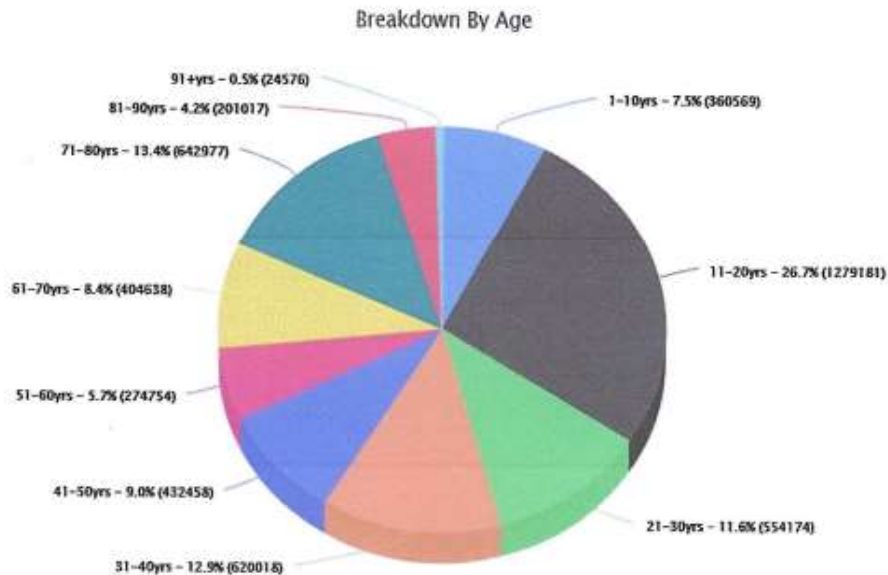
To further or benefit the residents of Laindon & Langdon Hills and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education 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.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

##### b. Public benefit statement

The CIO has provided sporting, social and structured activity to a wide cross-section of the community. The Activity centre has provided classes and recreational pastimes to the over 50's while other groups have catered for children's, young adults, teenagers and adults.



The last year has seen our study of the demographics of the local area reveal an increase in football for the upper and lower quartiles of age groups - meaning we are catering more for the needs of the ageing and for the younger members of the population.

We have continued to engage using social media and use membership data to tailor our services to be more inclusive and accommodating.

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Achievements and performance

a. Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

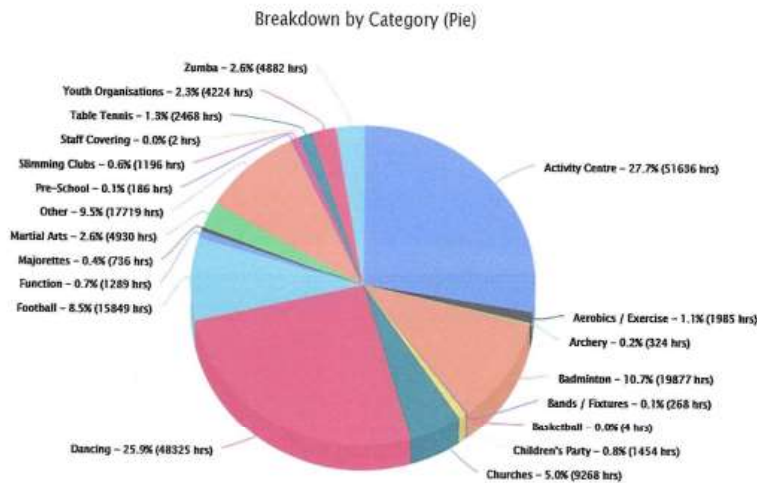
This year we have provided community events including Christmas and Summer Fetes, invested money into improving the centre and seen the usage of our gym accelerate to approximately 450 monthly members with a monthly footfall up to 2805 users per month.

We are currently working on delivery a new suite of rooms for dance and performance in what is currently an unused part of the building. On limited funds a lot of the work is being done by staff in their spare time. We expect this area to come on line before the end of the year.

We have continued to add additional classes to the centre, further enhancing our offering to residents and the local community.

Groups that have seen a decline or closed have been replaced with new vibrant groups in line with our community objectives to deliver valid and useful services to the local community.

Hall hire continues to be a strong revenue stream demonstrating a strong need for space that people can hire for events like birthdays, weddings and other family or religious occasions. Prices have remained the same as last year as we see them as a good balance between being competitive and affordable.



b. Summary of the main achievements during the period

This year we have been concentrating on pushing for the building to be finished and all services correctly working eg. the air source heat pump heating system (which has seen considerable delay). All snagging is now being pushed for resolution in the hopes we can be fully complete and out of Morgan Sindall's hair asap.

Energy prices continue to be the second most expensive outgoing apart from wages. We have locked into a 3 year commitment to help keep our energy prices fixed and are looking to get arrangements in place prior to this term ending.

Having implemented a strong compliance a governance strategy we will be looking to improving our efficiency and quality of service by upgrading our online services with the implementation of an online bookings system and by helping customers get answers faster with the implementation of smart technology.

We continue to strive in providing the much required services the local community need to prosper and thrive.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**b. Reserves policy**

The CIO has brought into place a reserves policy to ensure there are sufficient funds for emergency situations eg. Covid 2, a downturn in the economy or other such unforeseen circumstances.

Policy currently dictates that a reserve sufficient to support 3 months trading with zero income be accumulated and maintained in order to meet unforeseen events.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
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**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Laindon Community Centre CIO is a registered charity, number 1196020, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

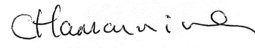
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 8 September 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



**Carol Taylor**



**Clark Manning**



**Maxwell Aitkins**

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Laindon Community Centre CIO ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of ICAEW, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed:

*Clay Ratnage Daffin & Co Ltd*

Dated: 8 September 2025

Dean Osborne FCA

**Clay Ratnage Daffin & Co Limited**

Chartered Accountants

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**


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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>				
Other trading activities	2	298,302	298,302	202,401
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	3	265,413	265,413	215,038
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>32,889</b>	<b>32,889</b>	<i>(12,637)</i>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		39,277	39,277	51,914
Net movement in funds		32,889	32,889	<i>(12,637)</i>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>72,166</b>	<b>72,166</b>	39,277

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	26,600	30,654
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	8	52,277	3,398
Cash at bank and in hand		14,881	15,338
		<u>67,158</u>	<u>18,736</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(21,592)	(10,113)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>45,566</u>	<u>8,623</u>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<u><u>72,166</u></u>	<u><u>39,277</u></u>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	10	72,166	39,277
Total unrestricted funds	10	<u>72,166</u>	<u>39,277</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<u><u>72,166</u></u>	<u><u>39,277</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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**Carol Taylor**

*Clark Manning*

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**Clark Manning**

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**Maxwell Aitkins**

Date: 8 September 2025

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**

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**1. Accounting policies****1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Laindon Community Centre CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of 12 months from the approval of the financial statements.

**1.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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**1. Accounting policies (continued)****1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
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**1.6 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.7 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.8 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

**1.9 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.10 Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

**1.11 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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**2. Income from other trading activities**

**Income from fundraising events**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Memberships and room hire	298,302	<b>298,302</b>	202,401

**3. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2024 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2024 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Community centre	265,413	<b>265,413</b>	215,038

**4. Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £2,598 (2023 - £2,520).

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**5. Staff costs**

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>£</b>	£
Wages and salaries	<b>137,078</b>	126,234
Social security costs	<b>7,148</b>	7,826
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>3,550</b>	3,618
	<b>147,776</b>	137,678

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	<b>No.</b>	No.
Employees	<b>6</b>	5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

**6. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 30 November 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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**7. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 December 2023	47,294
Additions	4,812
At 30 November 2024	<u>52,106</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 December 2023	16,640
Charge for the year	8,866
At 30 November 2024	<u>25,506</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 30 November 2024	<u>26,600</u>
<i>At 30 November 2023</i>	<u>30,654</u>

**8. Debtors**

	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	-	1,440
Other debtors	48,127	1,564
Prepayments and accrued income	4,150	394
	<u>52,277</u>	<u>3,398</u>

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**9. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2024</b>	<i>2023</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Trade creditors	<b>5,160</b>	<i>3,815</i>
Other taxation and social security	<b>2,483</b>	<i>-</i>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>13,949</b>	<i>6,298</i>
	<b>21,592</b>	<i>10,113</i>

**10. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 December 2023</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance at 30 November 2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	<b>39,277</b>	<b>298,302</b>	<b>(265,413)</b>	<b>72,166</b>

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2024**


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	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>				
Memberships and room hire	298,302		202,401	
	<u>298,302</u>		<u>202,401</u>	
		<b>298,302</b>		<b>202,401</b>
<b>Less:</b>				
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Staff salaries	137,078		126,234	
Staff national insurance	7,148		7,826	
Staff pension cost	3,550		3,618	
Donations	-		130	
Rent and rates	10,136		21,772	
Cleaning	3,592		3,590	
Insurance	7,300		6,874	
Accountancy fees	2,598		2,520	
Bank charges	-		352	
Sundry expenses	1,038		308	
Subscriptions	194		194	
Entertainment	17,526		6,030	
Equipment hire	22,035		7,874	
Repairs and renewals	11,072		84	
Training costs	-		1,452	
Light and heat	33,280		15,964	
Depreciation	8,866		10,216	
	<u>265,413</u>		<u>215,038</u>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>265,413</b>		<b>215,038</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period</b>		<u><u>32,889</u></u>		<u><u>(12,637)</u></u>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the reporting period</b>		<b>32,889</b>		<b>(12,637)</b>
<b>Surplus brought forward at 1 December 2023</b>		<b>39,277</b>		<b>51,914</b>
<b>Surplus carried forward at 30 November 2024</b>		<u><u>72,166</u></u>		<u><u>39,277</u></u>

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Laindon Community Centre CIO for the year 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

**Objectives and activities**

**a. Objectives and activities**

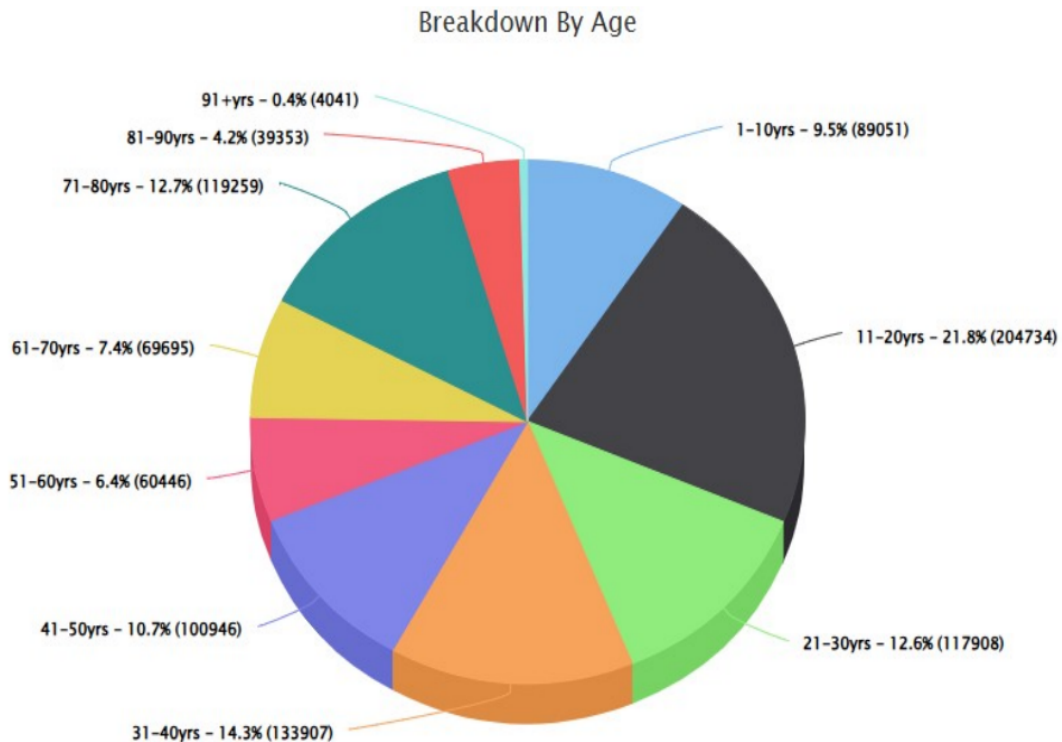
To further or benefit the residents of Laindon & Langdon Hills and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education 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.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**b. Public benefit statement**

The CIO has provided sporting, social and structured activity to a wide cross-section of the community. The Activity centre has provided classes and recreational pastimes to the over 50's while other groups have catered for children's, young adults, teenagers and adults.



We have used the last year to study the demographics of the local area to ensure that we are catering for all residents needs and requirements. We have continued to engage using social media and use membership data to tailor our services to be more inclusive and accommodating.

**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Achievements and performance**

**a. Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit**

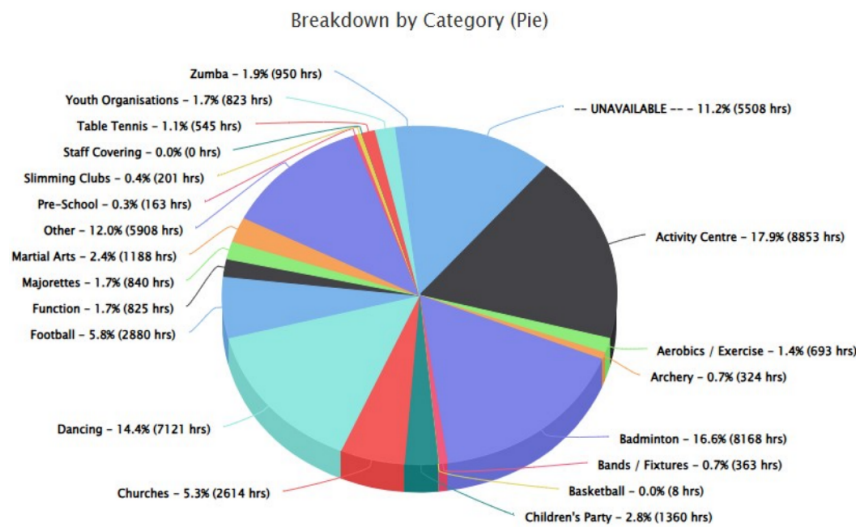
We have hosted a number events this year including a summer fete, fund raising days and support for local charities including McMillan Cancer support day, Christmas Market.

A garden area is planned for the Activity Centre between the Dining Room and the old Canteen Room. This will give the members an opportunity to do some gardening which will be therapeutic.

We have continued to add additional classes to the centre, further enhancing our offering to residents and the local community.

Some groups that were initially well attended have seen a drop off in numbers – but we’ve worked with these groups to ensure that the spaces are filled with new offerings.

Hall hire continues to be a strong revenue stream highlighting the need for hire space so people can celebrate birthdays, weddings and other family occasions. Halls remain competitively priced and occupation is high – some months are completely full on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday.



**b. Summary of the main achievements during the period**

This year we have been concentrating on further improving our financial position by moving utilities and ongoing costs with the local authority (who were simply recharging these to us) and going with utility companies directly to get the best pricing.

A review of prices was undertaken to ensure we are both affordable and competitive with other organisations in the area.

A community gym facility has proved to be highly valuable and came online in December 2023. This has proved to be invaluable to people with difficulty in reaching services in the town centre due to financial, mobility or time constraints. The gym is competitively priced and has still proved to be a good source of revenue to support us in developing.

Having implemented a strong compliance a governance strategy we will be looking to improving our efficiency and quality of service by upgrading our online services with the implementation of an online bookings system and by helping customers get answers faster with the implementation of AI technology.

We continue to strive in providing the much required services the local community need to prosper and thrive.

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**Financial review**

**a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

**b. Reserves policy**

The CIO has brought into place a reserves policy to ensure there are sufficient funds for emergency situations eg. Covid 2, a downturn in the economy or other such unforeseen circumstances.

Policy currently dictates that a reserve sufficient to support 3 months trading with zero income be accumulated and maintained in order to meet unforeseen events.

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**Structure, governance and management**

**a. Constitution**

Laindon Community Centre CIO is a registered charity, number 1196020, and is constituted under a Trust deed.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 25 February 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

*Carol Taylor*  
**Carol Taylor**

*Clark Manning*  
**Clark Manning**

*Maxwell Aitkins*  
**Maxwell Aitkins**

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Laindon Community Centre CIO ('the charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared the accounts 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Signed: *Clay Ratnage Daffin & Co Ltd*

Dated: 25 February 2025

Dean Osborne FCA

**Clay Ratnage Daffin & Co Limited**  
Chartered Accountants

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**


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	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	23,500
Other trading activities	3	202,401	202,401	171,444
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Charitable activities	4	215,038	215,038	143,030
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(12,637)</b>	<b>(12,637)</b>	<b>51,914</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward		51,914	51,914	-
Net movement in funds		(12,637)	(12,637)	51,914
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>39,277</b>	<b>39,277</b>	<b>51,914</b>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	30,654	25,695
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	9	3,398	21,079
Cash at bank and in hand		15,338	13,452
		<u>18,736</u>	<u>34,531</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(10,113)	(8,312)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>8,623</b>	<b>26,219</b>
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>39,277</b>	<b>51,914</b>
<b>Charity funds</b>			
Unrestricted funds			
General funds	11	39,277	51,914
Total unrestricted funds	11	<u>39,277</u>	<u>51,914</u>
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>39,277</b>	<b>51,914</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Carol Taylor*

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**Carol Taylor**

*Clark Manning*

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**Clark Manning**

*Maxwell Aitkins*

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**Maxwell Aitkins**

Date: 25 February 2025

The notes on pages 9 to 14 form part of these financial statements.

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**1. Accounting policies****1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - 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 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Laindon Community Centre CIO meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of 12 months from the approval of the financial statements.

**1.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

**1.4 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**


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**1. Accounting policies (continued)**
**1.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets costing £NIL or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, on a reducing balance basis.

Depreciation is provided on the following basis:

Fixtures and fittings	-	25%
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**1.6 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

**1.7 Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.8 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

**1.9 Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.10 Pensions**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the charity to the fund in respect of the year.

**1.11 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**2. Income from donations and legacies**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Grants	-	-	23,500

**3. Income from other trading activities**
**Income from fundraising events**

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Memberships and room hire	202,401	202,401	171,444

**4. Analysis of expenditure by activities**

	<b>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</b>	<b>Total funds 2023 £</b>	<i>Total funds 2022 £</i>
Community centre	215,038	215,038	143,030

**5. Independent examiner's remuneration**

The independent examiner's remuneration amounts to an independent examiner fee of £2,520 (2022 - £1,440).

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**6. Staff costs**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<b>126,234</b>	<i>115,426</i>
Social security costs	<b>7,826</b>	<i>-</i>
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	<b>3,618</b>	<i>3,253</i>
	<b>137,678</b>	<i>118,679</i>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>No.</b>	<b>No.</b>
Employees	<b>5</b>	<i>5</i>

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

**7. Trustees' remuneration and expenses**

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (*2022 - £NIL*).

During the year ended 30 November 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (*2022 - £NIL*).

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**


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**8. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Fixtures and fittings £</b>
<b>Cost or valuation</b>	
At 1 December 2022	32,119
Additions	15,175
At 30 November 2023	<u>47,294</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 December 2022	6,424
Charge for the year	10,216
At 30 November 2023	<u>16,640</u>
<b>Net book value</b>	
At 30 November 2023	<u><u>30,654</u></u>
<i>At 30 November 2022</i>	<u><u>25,695</u></u>

**9. Debtors**

	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
<b>Due within one year</b>		
Trade debtors	1,440	8,635
Other debtors	1,564	12,444
Prepayments and accrued income	394	-
	<u>3,398</u>	<u>21,079</u>
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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**

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**10. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2023</b>	<i>2022</i>
	<b>£</b>	<i>£</i>
Trade creditors	<b>3,815</b>	<i>-</i>
Pension fund loan payable	<b>-</b>	<i>796</i>
Accruals and deferred income	<b>6,298</b>	<i>7,516</i>
	<b>10,113</b>	<i>8,312</i>

**11. Statement of funds**

**Statement of funds - current year**

	<b>Balance at 1 December 2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance at 30 November 2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General Funds - all funds	<b>51,914</b>	<b>202,401</b>	<b>(215,038)</b>	<b>39,277</b>

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**


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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2023**


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	2023 £	2023 £	2022 £	2022 £
<b>Income</b>				
Memberships and room hire	202,401		171,444	
Grants received	-		23,500	
	<hr/>	202,401	<hr/>	194,944
<b>Less:</b>				
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Staff salaries	126,234		115,426	
Staff national insurance	7,826		-	
Staff pension cost	3,618		3,253	
Donations	130		-	
Rent and rates	21,772		11,821	
Cleaning	3,590		808	
Insurance	6,874		2,357	
Accountancy fees	2,520		1,440	
Bank charges	352		334	
Sundry expenses	308		1,167	
Subscriptions	194		-	
Entertainment	6,030		-	
Equipment hire	7,874		-	
Repairs and renewals	84		-	
Training costs	1,452		-	
Light and heat	15,964		-	
Depreciation	10,216		6,424	
	<hr/>	215,038	<hr/>	143,030
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		215,038		143,030
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period</b>		<hr/> <b>(12,637)</b> <hr/>		<hr/> <b>51,914</b> <hr/>
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the reporting period</b>		<b>(12,637)</b>		<b>51,914</b>
<b>Surplus brought forward at 1 December 2022</b>		<b>51,914</b>		<b>-</b>
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<b>Surplus carried forward at 30 November 2023</b>		<b>39,277</b> <hr/> <hr/>		<b>51,914</b> <hr/> <hr/>

**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

England & Wales - Charity number 1196020

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# Accounts

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**  
(Registered charity number 1196020)

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**  
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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**Full name** Laindon Community Centre CIO  
**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation  
**Principal address** Aston Road Basildon Essex SS15 6NX

**Trustees**

Carol Taylor  
Clark Manning  
Maxwell Aitkens



**Independent examiner**

Nicolena Lyon FCA of Knightlands North Benfleet Hall Road Wickford Essex SS12 9JR

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO adopted 2 October 2021.

Trustees are voted in at a committee meeting and agree to serve and adopt all policies.

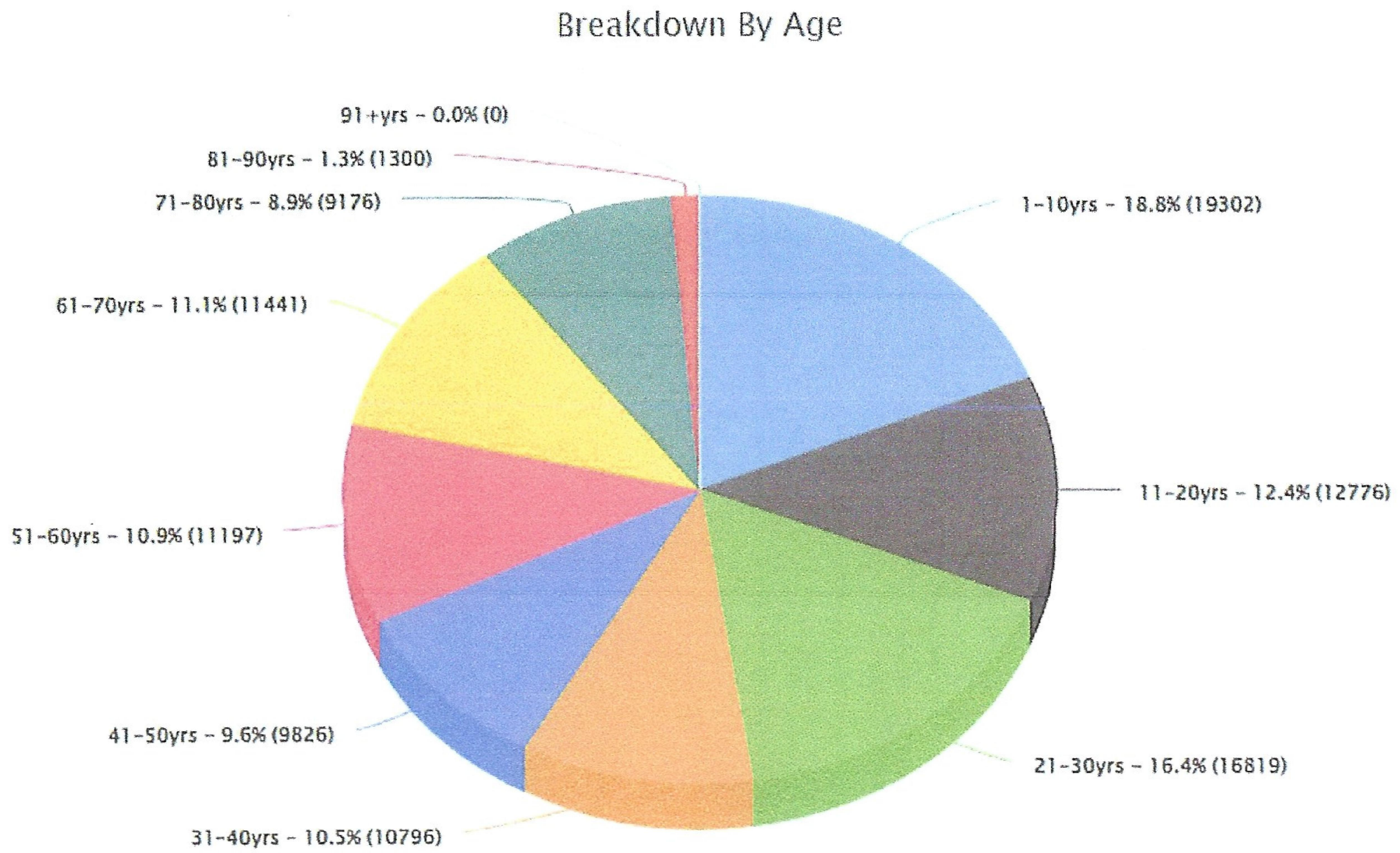
**Objectives and activities**

To further or benefit the residents of Laindon & Langdon Hills and the neighbourhood, 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 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.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

**Public benefit statement**

The CIO has provided sporting, social and structured activity to a wide cross-section of the community. The Activity centre has provided classes and recreational pastimes to the over 50's while other groups have catered for children's, young adults, teenagers and adults.



The coming year will see us appraise the demographics of the local area to ensure that we are catering for all those residents needs and requirements. By using social media and membership data we will be able to get a good feel for what we are doing right and what we can improve on for the coming year.

## Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

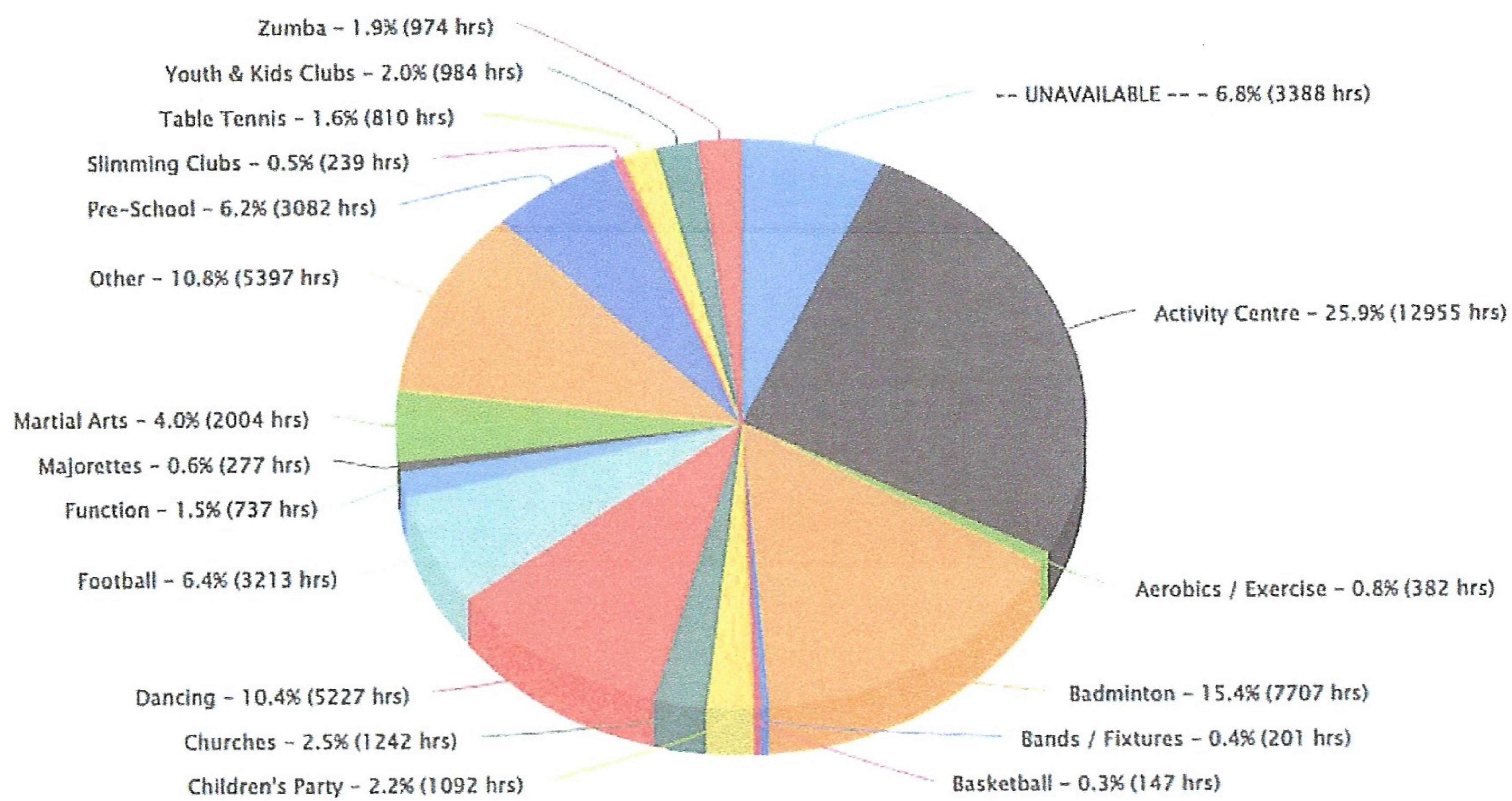
This year has seen a number of events including McMillan Cancer support day, Emergency Services Fun Day, development of a family garden and provision for a Dementia Garden.

The family garden area has been planted up this year to bring a splash of colour to the are and make it much more appealing.

Many of the classes that previously ran at the centre have returned including martial arts, football groups, exercise groups, self help clubs for mental heath, fitness and bereavement etc. The addition of a pre-school, Baby Ballers and children's badminton group have boosted the offering to the pre-school age groups and those just starting at school.

Hall hire has provided a much needed outlet for those wishing to celebrate birthdays, weddings and other family occasions. Being competitively priced has seen room occupation very high – at times we have no spaces for parties or gatherings for 3 or 4 weeks at a time...

Breakdown by Category (Pie)



**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**  
(Registered charity number 1196020)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT** continued

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**Summary of the main achievements during the period**

Financially the organisation has been working hard to build a firm foundation to ensure its longevity and allow for future projects.

As alluded to above, achievements include Family garden, refurbishment of the new Activity Centre wing will be completed early September 2023.

A community gym facility has been planned, funded and is due to open late October 2023. This has long been a sought after activity given people's difficulty in reaching services in the town centre due to financial, mobility or time constraints.

Internal systems have been bought online for tracking compliance and governance related issues – and these will be subject to a continual improvement programme to ensure the centre continues to improve and react flexibly to change

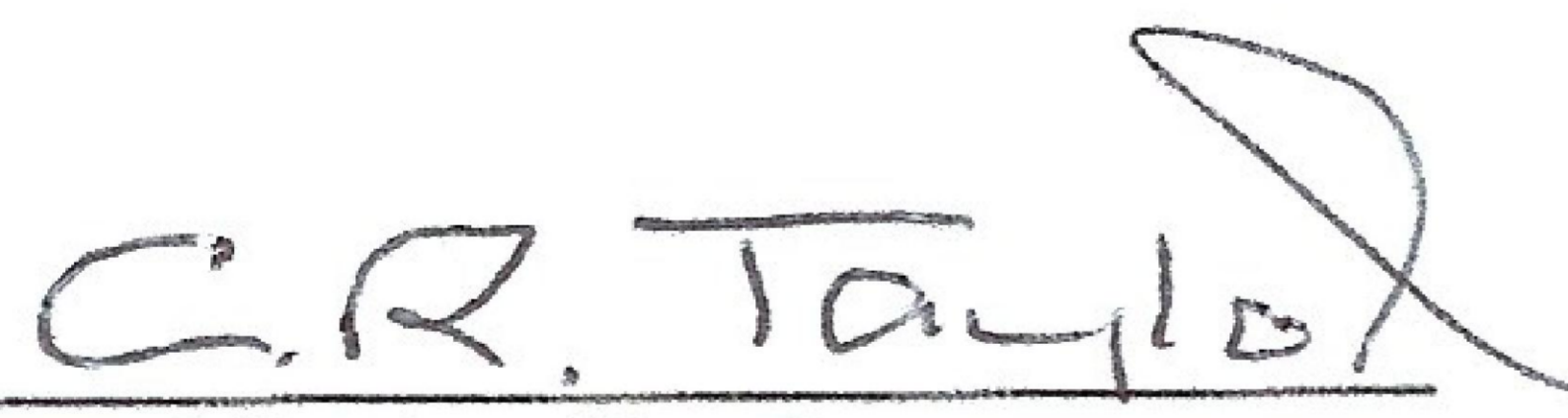
Removal of an existing children's playground was necessary for safety reasons – and a new playground are is being planned in its place. This will require significant financial input so will require advanced planning within our own restrictions on finance and reserves to ensure the business does not overreach its capabilities.

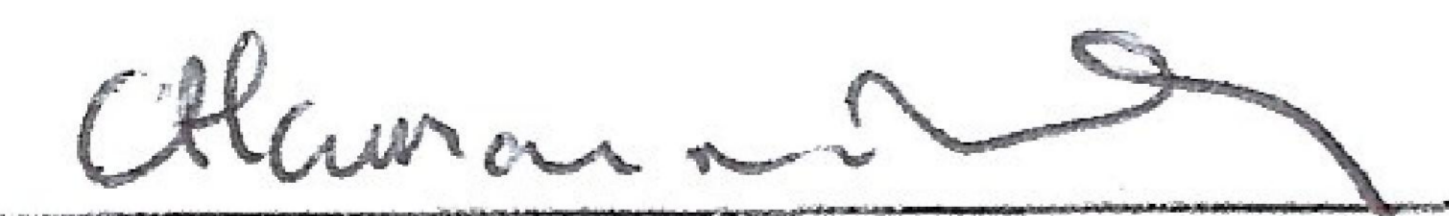
**The charity's policy on reserves**



The CIO aims to operate a reserves policy to ensure there are sufficient funds for emergency situations eg. Covid 2, a downturn in the economy or other such unforeseen circumstances.

Policy currently dictates that a reserve sufficient to support 3 months trading with zero income be accumulated and maintained in order to meet unforeseen events.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed   
Carol Taylor, Trustee

Signed   
Clark Manning, Trustee

Signed   
Maxwell Aitkens, Trustee 

Date 28.9.23

# LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022

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I report on the accounts of the charity, which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

# LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

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# LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO

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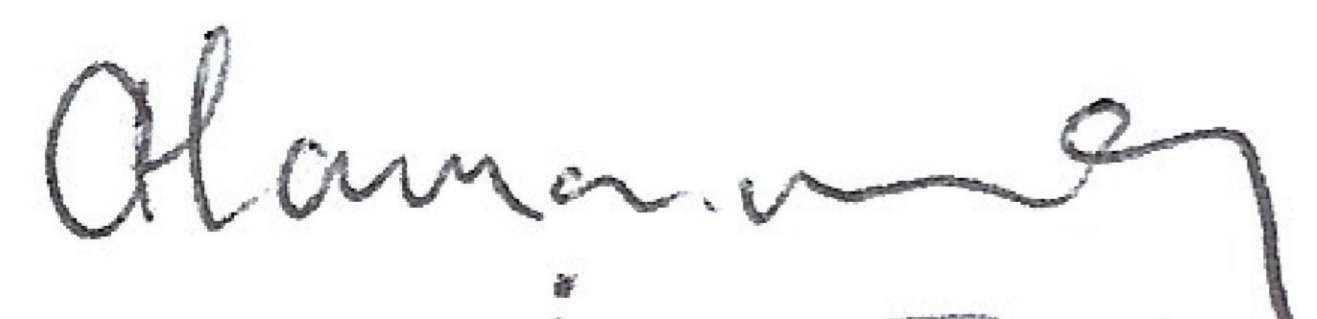
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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**  
(Registered charity number 1196020)

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**LAINDON COMMUNITY CENTRE CIO**  
(Registered charity number 1196020)

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
30 NOVEMBER 2022**

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**Full name** Laindon Community Centre CIO  
**Organisation type** Charitable incorporated organisation  
**Principal address** Aston Road Basildon Essex SS15 6NX

**Trustees**

Carol Taylor  
Clark Manning  
Maxwell Aitkens



**Independent examiner**

Nicolena Lyon FCA of Knightlands North Benfleet Hall Road Wickford Essex SS12 9JR

**Governance and management**

The charity is operated under the rules of its CIO adopted 2 October 2021.

Trustees are voted in at a committee meeting and agree to serve and adopt all policies.

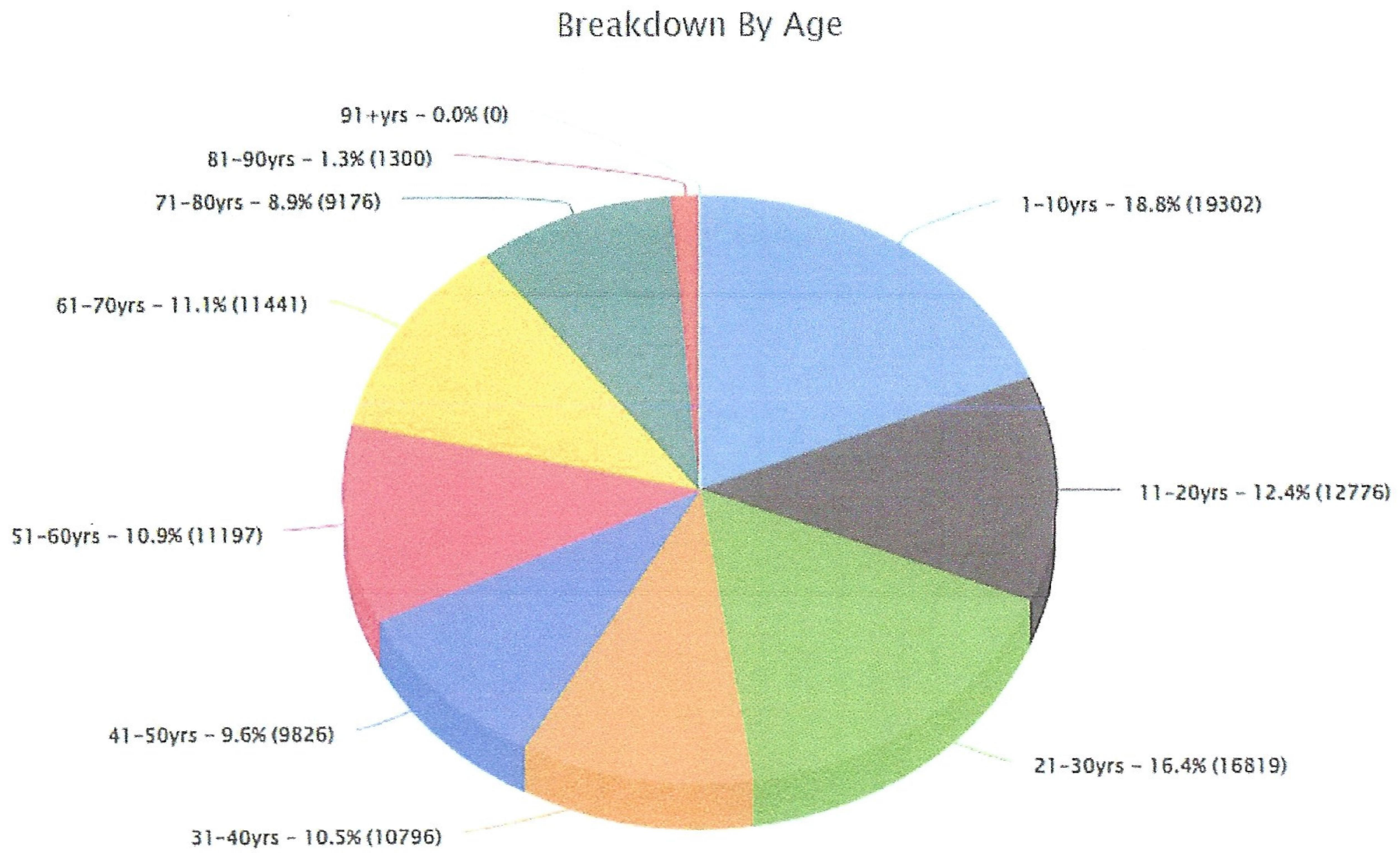
**Objectives and activities**

To further or benefit the residents of Laindon & Langdon Hills and the neighbourhood, 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 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.

In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power: To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or co-operate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above objects.

**Public benefit statement**

The CIO has provided sporting, social and structured activity to a wide cross-section of the community. The Activity centre has provided classes and recreational pastimes to the over 50's while other groups have catered for children's, young adults, teenagers and adults.



The coming year will see us appraise the demographics of the local area to ensure that we are catering for all those residents needs and requirements. By using social media and membership data we will be able to get a good feel for what we are doing right and what we can improve on for the coming year.

## Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

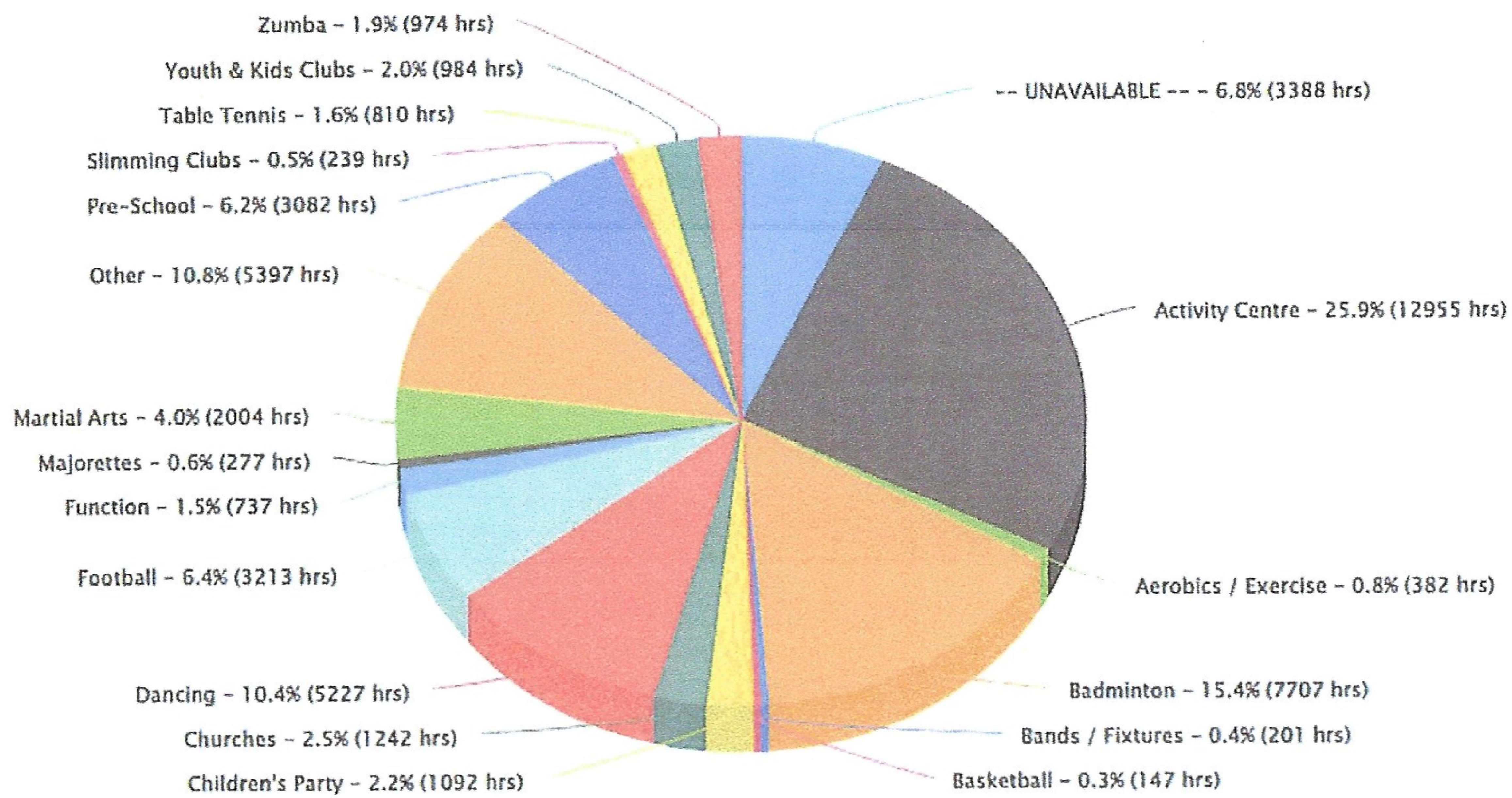
This year has seen a number of events including McMillan Cancer support day, Emergency Services Fun Day, development of a family garden and provision for a Dementia Garden.

The family garden area has been planted up this year to bring a splash of colour to the are and make it much more appealing.

Many of the classes that previously ran at the centre have returned including martial arts, football groups, exercise groups, self help clubs for mental heath, fitness and bereavement etc. The addition of a pre-school, Baby Ballers and children's badminton group have boosted the offering to the pre-school age groups and those just starting at school.

Hall hire has provided a much needed outlet for those wishing to celebrate birthdays, weddings and other family occasions. Being competitively priced has seen room occupation very high – at times we have no spaces for parties or gatherings for 3 or 4 weeks at a time...

Breakdown by Category (Pie)



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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT** continued

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**Summary of the main achievements during the period**

Financially the organisation has been working hard to build a firm foundation to ensure its longevity and allow for future projects.

As alluded to above, achievements include Family garden, refurbishment of the new Activity Centre wing will be completed early September 2023.

A community gym facility has been planned, funded and is due to open late October 2023. This has long been a sought after activity given people's difficulty in reaching services in the town centre due to financial, mobility or time constraints.

Internal systems have been bought online for tracking compliance and governance related issues – and these will be subject to a continual improvement programme to ensure the centre continues to improve and react flexibly to change

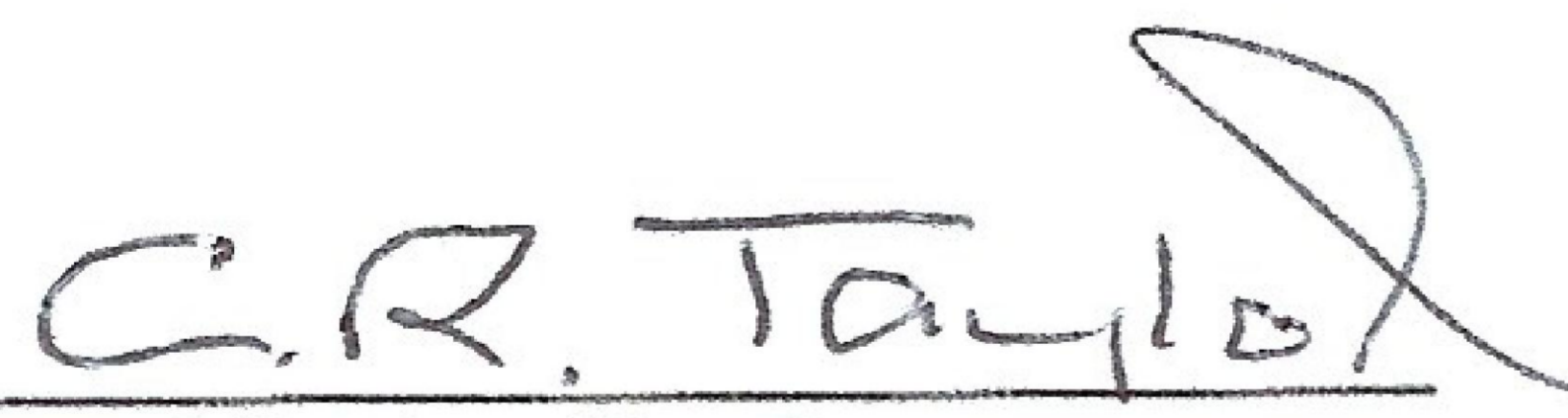
Removal of an existing children's playground was necessary for safety reasons – and a new playground are is being planned in its place. This will require significant financial input so will require advanced planning within our own restrictions on finance and reserves to ensure the business does not overreach its capabilities.

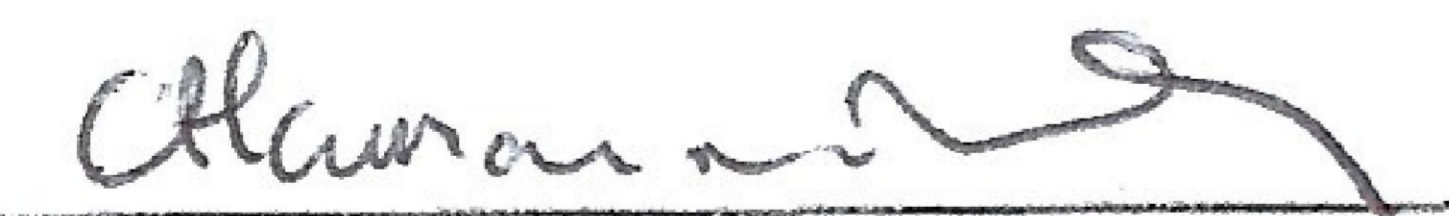
**The charity's policy on reserves**



The CIO aims to operate a reserves policy to ensure there are sufficient funds for emergency situations eg. Covid 2, a downturn in the economy or other such unforeseen circumstances.

Policy currently dictates that a reserve sufficient to support 3 months trading with zero income be accumulated and maintained in order to meet unforeseen events.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

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Carol Taylor, Trustee

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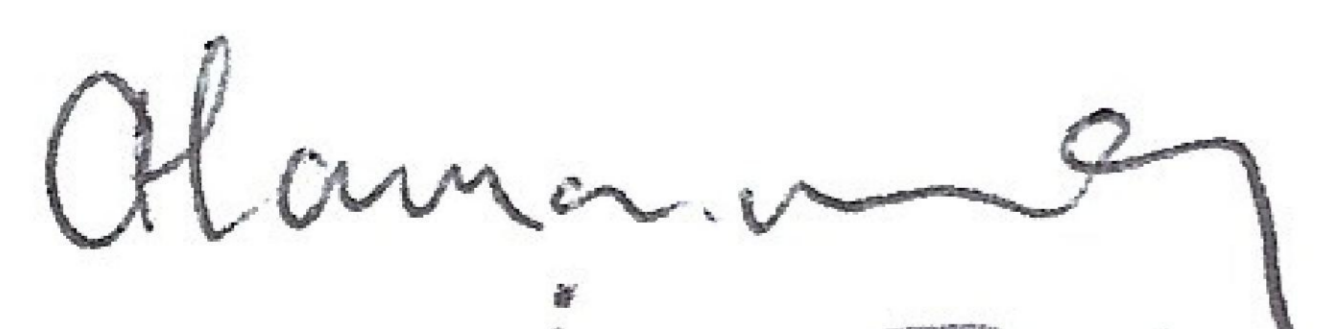
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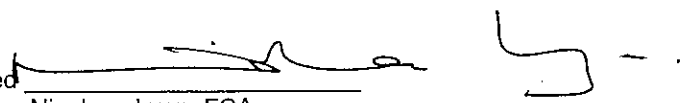
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