

*Sowing Seeds
for Success*

BLUEBELLS
COMMUNITY CLUB
a place where promise and potential can blossom

CHAIR'S STATEMENT

When we chose '**Sowing Seeds for Success**' as our theme, we didn't realise how well it would encapsulate everything we accomplished this year. Looking back at the past 12 months, I can say with pride that we have really been successful in sowing seeds for success, and the thanks for that goes to our amazing team of volunteers and charity workers at Bluebells Community Club.

Our charity's main goal is to help disadvantaged young children and adults to access the resources and skill sets they need to blossom into confident and capable adults, enabling them to participate more fully in society. Taking this idea a step further, we chose to focus this year on **Sowing Seeds for Success**, reminding us that all our projects and programs should pivot on the idea that we are helping young people to prepare themselves for a successful future. With this goal in mind, we offered workshops that were primarily skill-building, so that our users could thereby access more career options. Additionally we presented some projects which were predominantly for recreational purposes, because we know how much this affects the positive mental health and wellbeing of our users, which is another form of setting them up for success. We don't only want to give our beneficiaries an enjoyable time in-session, we want to teach them how to sow the seeds for their own success, so that they can reap the rewards in the future, and I believe that our fantastic team of 'gardeners' have done a fantastic job of this. A shout-out to our outstanding team of staff, support volunteers, youth workers, and sessional facilitators who each invest so much into nurturing and empowering our young seedlings.

The effects of the Cost-Of-Living-Crisis continues to be a consideration for us, as many of our beneficiaries are considerably affected by it, and to that end we've tried to make our projects accessible to as many users as possible, and to help them combat these effects.

I take this opportunity to extend a special thank you to all our funders and supporters, as it is largely through your generosity that we were able to facilitate all the activities and programs this past year, to assist our growing beneficiary group.

It is with great pleasure that we present '**Sowing Seeds for Success**', our annual report and accounts for 2024, giving you an overview of the work we do with over 175 children and young people, helping them to overcome challenges, and blossom from young saplings into strong and sturdy flora.

Mr A Eckstein
Chair



OUR MISSION

To improve the lives of marginalised young people, from disadvantaged and minority communities, giving them access to activities, programs and support; and helping them to reach their potential; enabling them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals.



CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

1) For the public benefit to act as a community resource for young people and their families resident in Salford City and Bury, in particular but not exclusively those of the Orthodox Jewish faith, by providing advice, support and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:

- Helping young people advance in life by developing their skills, capacities and 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 with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

2) The prevention or relief of poverty for the public benefit in Salford City and Bury, in particular but not exclusively among persons of the Orthodox Jewish faith, through the provision of grants of financial assistance to individuals in financial need.



CASE STUDY

Ruthy, a feisty 11 year old was going through a troubling patch, as she struggled academically in her final Junior Class year.



Although Ruthy had always been sociable, as she faced the pressure of SATS she began to withdraw into herself, worrying that she might not make the grades for entry into High School. One of her teachers was disturbed to see that she was slowly losing her sparkle, refraining from frolicking about with her friends during break time etc. The concerned teacher referred Ruthy to us, in the hope that we could help her out of her worrisome despair.

We set Ruthy up with a mentor who spent time chatting with Ruthy, encouraging her and reassuring her that whilst grades are important, as long as she was doing her best, it wasn't the be-all-and-end-all. The mentor helped Ruthy to see that having a healthy network of friends was something that was important to maintain, and also set Ruthy up with a

'Big-Sister' who could tutor her towards her SATS examinations. Touching base with Ruthy's teacher who initially referred her, we were pleased to hear that Ruthy has been doing much better socially in school as of late; with her sense of mental health and wellbeing much improved too. Ruthy passed her SATS successfully and is settling into High School happily, surrounded by her friends. She takes her academic responsibilities seriously, but doesn't let herself drown in them, and reaches out to her mentor as and when she needs a boost.

Mental health may be but a small part of the complex system of the human being, but this has highlighted for us once again, that zoning in on mental health, and working to improve it to the best of our ability has a phenomenal knock-on effect, both on general performance, learning outcomes, and on personal development.

C.R.E.A.T.E.

OUR STRATEGIC AIMS

Encouraging young people to **C.R.E.A.T.E** opportunities to grow and develop through a holistic approach.



Carer and Family Support



To provide mentoring and support for care-givers and family members of young people, to strengthen the social fabric, enhance the quality of care, and ultimately contribute to the overall health and resilience of both the caregivers and the individuals we support.



Recreation



To provide recreational leisure time youth-led activities, retreats and trips.



Education



To promote educational advancement via the provision of skill-based programs, courses, and workshops.



Arts



To provide a range of creative arts sessions to promote skills and creativity; as a means of enjoyment, as well as furthering future employment opportunities.



Talent Development



To invest in the growth and potential of individuals through tailored programs, mentorship, and continuous learning opportunities. We aspire to cultivate a culture that fosters innovation, collaboration, and an environment where every individual is encouraged to reach their full potential.



Emotional Well-Being



To empower individuals to navigate life's challenges with resilience, fostering a community where emotional well-being is prioritized, and linked with physical health and well-being, so that individuals are equipped with the tools to lead balanced and fulfilling lives.



OUR VALUES

INCLUSION

At the core of our values is an unwavering commitment to inclusion, acknowledging and embracing the diversity of perspectives, experiences, and identities. By fostering an inclusive environment, we not only enrich our collective strength but also fuel innovation and creativity. Every young person should feel valued, respected, and empowered to contribute their unique talents, thus creating a culture that reflects the richness of the world we serve.



INVOLVEMENT

Our value of involvement is centred on the active engagement of our youth, recognizing their invaluable perspectives and contributions. We prioritize this by ensuring that decisions and ideas are informed by the insights and experiences of young people through our Youth Voice Initiative. Through workshops and sessions that are led and developed by the youth themselves, we empower them to be architects of their own narratives. This commitment not only amplifies the authenticity of our initiatives but also cultivates a sense of ownership, fostering a dynamic and responsive environment that reflects the needs and aspirations of the younger generation.



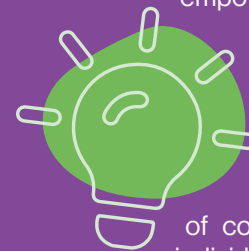
INDEPENDENCE

Our value of independence is rooted in the belief that empowering young people goes beyond short-term change; it is about fostering an environment that nurtures their growth into self-sufficient young adults ready to navigate the complexities of the world. By instilling a sense of autonomy and responsibility, we aim to equip them with the skills and mindset necessary to not only face immediate challenges but to thrive in the long run. Our commitment lies in providing the support and resources that enable young individuals to blossom into resilient, self-reliant adults who can confidently take on the world and the responsibilities it presents to them.



INSPIRATION

Inspiring young people revolves around instilling a profound belief in themselves and the unique capabilities and individuality they possess. We are committed to nurturing a mindset that encourages self-confidence and self-discovery. By fostering a supportive environment that recognizes and celebrates the diverse strengths of each individual, we aim to empower young people to embrace their true potential. Our goal is to inspire a generation that not only believes in their inherent abilities but also understands the transformative impact their individuality can bring to the world, fostering a community of confident, empowered, and authentic individuals.



2023-2024 IN NUMBERS

Some of the seeds we've planted...

175  Young
Beneficiaries

3  Art
Provisions

211  Talent
Support Hours

1300  Warm Meals

132  Educational
Workshop Sessions

9  Mentors Trained

5  Youth
Voice Meetings

48  Creative Arts
Beneficiaries

22  Parenting
Course Beneficiaries

3  Recreational
Trips

48  Summer
Playscheme Beneficiaries

Carer and Family Support

Supporting the parents and carers of the community's youth is a central focus for us, based on the belief that strong and confident foundations provide our youth with the best chance to develop their full potential in a healthy and supportive environment. By contributing to the overall health and resilience of the caregivers, we are in turn supporting the youth of our community. We provide parents and carers with resources which are easily accessible, data driven, and relatable.

Warm Winter Program

ParentPulse



Mentors for Manchester: Building on a previous model, we ran a workshop series to equip adult volunteers to mentor and positively guide the young teens that they come into contact with, building strong relationships across the community. Training covered mentorship, mental health & wellbeing, and safeguarding, with an end goal to build the adult mentors so that they can give young teens a positive outlook on life, hopefully eliminating the need for them to veer towards a life of crime.



ParentPulse: Guiding the parents of our youth via a series of workshops, gave them tools to parent more effectively & thereby instil a healthy confidence in their children.

A shout out to Beis Malka School for assisting us once again to facilitate these two courses. Beis Malka recognises the power of supporting carers and parents, and assisted us by offering their venue and staff at a heavily subsidised cost. Both courses generated very positive feedback from the attendees.

Warm Winter Program: During the cooler months we offered a cosy program for children to spend their after-school hours in a safe space, with heating and warm meals. For many disadvantaged young children and adults, this spelt the difference between hunger, stress, and depression, and calm minds with full tummies. We were able to extend this program right through from mid-autumn until early spring, largely thanks to Arnold Clark for funding the extra weeks of warm meals.



78% mentors indicated they felt significantly more suited to assisting troubled teens, which they attributed to Mentors for Manchester



5/6 parents felt more confident in their roles as caregivers, following the Parenting Course



130 meals served weekly

Recreation

Recreational activities, with a main purpose of providing enjoyable and safe leisure-time programs for disadvantaged youth are a sure way to boost the emotional and mental wellbeing of these children. We offer a range of activities throughout the year, aiming to attract the interests of as many different youth factors as possible.

Trips: Recreational trips were held twice in the summer and once during the winter, with over 50 young people joining these two trips. Youth were encouraged to take a leading role in arranging the itinerary and program, giving them practise in leadership skills and group-work, as well as boosting their confidence and inter-personal relationship skills.

Holiday Playschemes: During the winter and summer breaks, we offered a holiday playscheme for children from low-income families. Interactive activities kept the children gainfully engaged, and healthy snacks kept them well-fed, taking the edge of the burden off the busy parents who also need a break during the holidays. Based on the positive feedback from both parents and children, we hope to improve this project by featuring an Easter Playscheme next year as well.

Teens Night Camp: During the summer we were able to offer an interactive Teens Night Camp, thanks to the Million Hours Fund by The National Lottery. Teens were able to partake in various workshops from cooking and baking, to art and sports. Teens that would have been bored and veering towards anti-social behaviour were instead able to participate in fun activities with like-minded individuals, ensuring that they were well-entertained, learning new skills, and building new social networks and friendships all at the same time.

50 trip beneficiaries

91% of participants indicated improved self confidence in social settings, which they attributed to these activities

Education



Whilst education takes place formally in a school setting, we like to encourage an educational element specifically for the disadvantaged youth in the community who will often blossom more in a non-academic setting. Boosting their educational level has a significant impact all round on their mental health and well-being, and is a foundational basis for their progression. During the past year we offered the following courses:

Map Mastery: We delivered a course where 23 young teens were able to learn and practise map skills, with a goal to navigate the outdoors safely, culminating in an orienteering challenge, building the users self-esteem, independence, and practising group-working successfully.

Our ThreadCraft workshop brought textiles, dying, colours and patterns to life for 22 young users, complimented by a series of patch-working sessions, honing creative and fine motor skills.

IT for Teens: 20 disadvantaged teens with no regular access to computers completed a course in essential digital skills and cyber safety; fostering creativity and developing creative thinking skills. A long term benefit of this course is the opening into various careers that rely strongly on digital resources.

200+ hours of delivery  62 users  18 Certificates Awarded



Creative arts are a form of self-expression, as well as recreational and beneficial for all ages to modulate their feelings and develop their sense of self.

By offering a range of creative workshops we provide users with the opportunity to develop their personal feelings and stories using creative expression, allowing them to engage in the arts. Users can participate in group settings, or work on their own initiative, encouraging a healthy development of emotional soft skills in a range of areas.

As in previous years, the **decorative baking classes** were in high demand and very successful. The skills taught can be used purely for pleasure, or taken up a notch to become a potential business venture, equipping young people with additional career options to consider.

Our **modelling club** drew a high volume of participants, where the beneficiaries felt themselves relax, and open up to self expression, in a non-judgemental atmosphere, boosting their emotional and mental wellbeing.

Paint night ran alongside this, as the singular most requested workshop. Beneficiaries enjoyed the freedom of being able to create an expression of beauty either by following rules, or by simply working out of the box.

87% of participants attributed a strong improvement in their emotional wellbeing to the Arts program

83% users indicated they don't have regular access to Arts

9/10 participants developed new skills as a result of the Arts workshops



Talent Development

Developing the talent of our youth is a two-pronged approach in helping them to blossom and grow. Through a holistic approach to talent development, we recognize and cultivate not only the practical skills needed for professional success later in life, but also the broader attributes that contribute to personal fulfilment. By addressing both the practical and holistic dimensions, our commitment to talent development seeks to enable individuals to flourish not just in their future careers but in all facets of their lives.

This year we offered a **drama performance**, led mainly by the youth themselves. Users developed confidence, team-work skills, independence, and responsibility as they were tasked with developing and running a theatrical performance encompassing drama, dance and choir. Feedback from beneficiaries has proven that this was a highlight for many young users and based on multiple requests, we hope to offer this opportunity next year to a wider range of ages.

Girl Zone; a periodical magazine geared to young teens was designed and developed by 8 young aspiring writers through our writing club. The teens were able to develop their literacy talents, as well as soft skills like communication, team-work, self-expression and confidence.

5/6 beneficiaries reported a boost in confidence following the Talent Sessions

211 Talent Development Hours Logged

4 volumes of Girl Zone printed

Emotional Well Being

Recognising the inseparable link between physical and mental health, we believe that a holistic approach is vital for overall well-being. Physical health lays the foundation for mental resilience, and vice versa. Our initiatives are designed to empower individuals in embracing a balanced lifestyle. By offering a comprehensive array of initiatives, we aim to support individuals in their journey toward a harmonious and thriving life.

Through sports and exercise, we encourage the cultivation of physical strength, agility, and endurance, fostering a healthy body. As dance is not only a joyful expression but also a dynamic form of exercise that promotes cardiovascular health and emotional well-being, we began to encourage dance as a form of social entertainment, where our users gain the health benefit as an aside. In this way we were able to help young teens see exercise as a fun pastime, rather than a chore. We hope to increase our Dance provisions over the coming year.

Our Teen Talk sessions provide a safe space for young minds to openly discuss their challenges and triumphs, promoting mental health awareness and resilience, and encouraging healthy social networking.



TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT

Incorporating the Director's Report

Structure, governance and management

Bluebells Community Club is constituted by Memorandum and Articles of Association and is a company limited by guarantee. It was incorporated on 03 June 2021 as a company and the company number is 13435980. It was registered as a charity on 13 December 2021 with a charity number 1197084.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees would be in line with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and with the consent of the trustees. The criteria set for the suitable candidate would be someone who is sensitive to the needs and demands of the organisation.

There is no chief executive officer. The day to day affairs are undertaken by the trustees. All major decisions are taken collectively by the trustees and all the trustees give of their time freely. The trustees are unpaid and details of any related party transactions are disclosed as applicable in the notes to the accounts. The arrangements for setting the pay of the charity's employees are the sole domain of the trustees.

There are no formal policies for the induction or training of new trustees.

Risk review

The trustees actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining reserves at the current level, combined with an annual review of controls over the key financial systems, will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The trustees have also examined other operational and business risks faced by the charity and confirm that there are established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

The charity has also implemented policies including those relating to environmental, open access and child protection. Copies are available on request.

The risks faced by the trust are principally operational risks from ineffective usage of grant funds. These risks are managed by the trustees by ensuring appropriate after school activities for as many young people as possible.

Report back and review procedures strengthen these safeguards to ensure public benefit is achieved from all activities.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Incorporating the Director's Report (continued)

Objectives and activities

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- (a) helping young people advance in life by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
- (b) advancing education;
- (c) relieving unemployment;
- (d) providing recreational and leisure time activity and other charitable needs in the interests of social welfare with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

2) The prevention or relief of poverty for the public benefit in Salford City and Bury, in particular but not exclusively among persons of the Orthodox Jewish Faith, through the provision of grants of financial assistance to individuals in financial need.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing education when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities and setting grant making policy for the year.

Grant making policy

The charity is funded by donations and grants.

The trustees consider they have met the public benefit test and outline these achievements below.

The charity ran and funded after school activities, catering to over 170 young people.

The trustees consider they have met their aims successfully this year, by embarking on the project of developing the community centre.

The trustees consider the shorter term aims to be similar to the longer term aims and assess the achievement of the charity in the same way.

Achievements and performance

The charity received £83,174 in donations and grants during the year and £1,440 from other operating income.

Direct charitable expenditure and support costs for the year amounted to £64,830. Direct charitable expenditure relates to the after school activities operated by the charity.

The charity has low governance costs that comprise professional fees.

All other office costs are borne by a local benefactor and the trustees wish to record their appreciation to the benefactor for the free use of their offices.

There was an overall net income and net movement in funds for the year amounting to £19,784 of which £8,252 relates to the unrestricted fund and £11,532 relates to the restricted fund.

Financial review

The trustees are happy to report that we had sufficient income to cover our charitable expenditure fully, and are delighted to have made many valuable contributions to the community as a result. Securing funding in the current difficult financial climate has continued to be challenging and the trustees gratefully acknowledge that the outstanding impact and achievement of the organisation are largely due to the generous support of our community, together with the following charitable trusts and foundations (in no particular order): Arnold Clark, Souters Charitable Trust, The National Lottery Community Fund, Mind, and Skiptons Building Society Charitable Foundation. These kind funders have enabled us to run exciting and interactive programs this year, helping many disadvantaged young people in the community. Our thanks also go to the following charitable trusts and foundations who have allocated funding towards the end of this year, which will be used in the coming months for further programs and projects to benefit additional youth in our community: Forever Manchester, Pawprint Trust, Postcode Neighbourhood Trust, Sport England, Woodward Charitable Trust, Nourish the Nation Comic Relief. Many thanks for your support throughout the year.



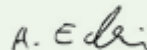
Reserves policy

The various funds represent the funds arising from past operating results.

The reserves of the charity, being the net current assets, stand at £21,870 of which £10,138 is unrestricted and £11,532 is restricted.

In October 2023, Trustees agreed a new reserves policy, to be introduced over a 3-year period, with the ultimate goal of the equivalent of 3 months running costs to be held at all times; to ensure sustainability and a stable financial future. At the close of the financial year, Bluebells Community Club held £10,138 in free reserves, equivalent to 2 months running costs. Trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves held.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 18 February 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:


A Eckstein
Trustee

FUTURE PLANS



PROGRESS AGAINST TARGETS

In our previous annual report we set 5 targets for the year in review. Below is our progress against targets.



Expand the Warm Winter Program:

We were able to extend our provision from just the winter months to 20 weeks throughout the year.



Improve Our Parenting Course:

This year we were able to offer increased course placements to almost double the amount of participants (2023: 12, 2024: 22).



Recruit a Director:

We were able to recruit an overall Project Manager to oversee most aspects of our outreach efforts, which has streamlined a lot of the administrative work, freeing up more time to focus on charitable activities.



Increase the hours of support:

We responded to this by offering a winter playscheme in addition to our regular summer playscheme, as well as increasing the number of places available.



Quality Marks:

We have yet to make progress on this goal, primarily due to lack of manpower, and the size of our developing charity.

FUTURE TARGETS

Whilst we have seen much success in this year in review, we are always aiming higher and we have identified 4 targets to work towards in the year ahead, one of which has been carried over from the previous year.



Maintain and Increase Delivery:

We would like to be able to maintain the support hours we offer to the community, and build it up to offer additional support hours in terms of multiple IT courses running simultaneously, an Easter Playscheme, and more exercise provisions.



Quality Marks:

We want our work to be recognised as high standard, and will be researching and working towards attaining appropriate Quality Marks.



Respond to Cost-of-Living Crisis:

We understand that the Cost-of-Living Crisis presents new struggles and economic concerns to the community, and we want to work with young people to address these concerns.



Increase financial reserves policy:

In order to maintain sustainability of the charity and its projects, we will endeavour to build up the financial reserves to a minimum of 3 months running costs.

FEEDBACK

“Joining the Baking Workshop was life-changing for me. I learnt new skills and realised that I have the natural talent in me, and the potential to take this further. Thanks to this workshop, I am now considering Fancy Baking as a career option which I could pursue in the future.”

TZIRI L. AGE 15YRS

“The mentoring course was extremely empowering. I joined the training because I wanted to help young teens, but I feel like I have personally gained so much in terms of all the up-skilling and just from discussing all the emotional wellbeing topics included in the course. Its so healthy to be aware of all the potential pitfalls and the ways to remedy it. I have been able to put some of the ideas into practise in my own life already, and I look forward to helping struggling teens to benefit as well.”

MICHAEL, MENTOR FOR MCR VOLUNTEER

Bluebells Community Club offers high-quality provisions and programs that have had a significant impact on our neighbourhood and community, particularly in helping young people develop and thrive.

Through their dedication and commitment, Bluebells Community Club has become a well-respected voluntary charity organisation that continues to make a positive difference in the lives of many. Their programs not only provide essential support and guidance but also create a safe and nurturing environment for youth to grow and flourish.

COUNCILLOR ARI LEITNER, Salford Council

Bluebells have enabled me to up-skill in so many areas. I enjoyed the paint workshops, and also learnt to express myself more confidently amongst my peers.

SARA M, PAINT NIGHT BENEFICIARY

I love the warm lunches with my friends,
It makes me want to eat healthy foods.

B, AGE 7

Volunteering at Bluebells is so much fun – it really gives a boost to my day, and I enjoy meeting so many friendly people in the community.

GITA, VOLUNTEER

Thank you to Bluebells Community Club for giving me the opportunity to lead a mini choir in the SpotLight production. Taking responsibility for the choir empowered me, and taught me how much I really am capable of. I wouldn't have believed that I had it in me, and I am so grateful that I was able to carry it through, and that I accomplished it so successfully. I gained so much in terms of leadership skills, and improving my communication, and I made so many new friends as well. I take much pride in a job well done, and enjoy looking back and listening to the choir recordings – it fills me with joy every time.

MIRIAM, SPOTLIGHT CHOIR CO-ORDINATOR

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

to the Trustees of Bluebells Community Club

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bluebells Community Club ('the charity') for the year ended 30 June 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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:

- 1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the financial statements do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4. the financial statements have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.

Mr Howard Schwalbe ACA

Independent Examiner

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18 February 2025

Statement of Financial Activities - including income and expenditure account

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	46,572	36,602	83,174	47,954
Other trading activities	6	1,440	–	1,440	12,203
Total income		48,012	36,602	84,614	60,157
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	7,8	39,760	25,070	64,830	48,800
Total expenditure		39,760	25,070	64,830	48,800
Net income and net movement in funds					
		8,252	11,532	19,784	11,357
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		1,886	–	1,886	(9,471)
Total funds carried forward		10,138	11,532	21,670	1,886

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.
All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Debtors	14	2,078	5,000
Cash at bank and in hand		27,118	9,428
		29,196	14,428
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	7,526	12,542
Net current assets		21,670	1,886
Total assets less current liabilities		21,670	1,886
Net assets		21,670	1,886
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		11,532	–
Unrestricted funds		10,138	1,886
Total charity funds	16	21,670	1,886

For the year ending 30 June 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 18 February 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:


A Eckstein
Trustee

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and a registered charity in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 4 Topfields Grove, Salford, M7 4DX.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements did not require management to make judgements, estimates or assumptions that affect the amounts reported.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

Bluebells Community Club is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and does not have a share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £10.

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5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	26,376	–	26,376
Grants			
Grants receivable	20,196	36,602	56,798
	<u>46,572</u>	<u>36,602</u>	<u>83,174</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	36,954	–	36,954
Grants			
Grants receivable	–	11,000	11,000
	<u>36,954</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>47,954</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Carnival Income	–	–	1,439	1,439
Performance Ticket Sales	–	–	3,600	3,600
User Fees	1,440	1,440	7,164	7,164
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>1,440</u>	<u>12,203</u>	<u>12,203</u>

7. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Community club activities	38,895	25,070	63,965
Support costs	865	–	865
	<u>39,760</u>	<u>25,070</u>	<u>64,830</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Community club activities	37,067	11,000	48,067
Support costs	733	–	733
	<u>37,800</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>48,800</u>

8. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Grant funding of activities £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Community club activities	53,165	10,800	85	64,050	48,140
Governance costs	–	–	780	780	660
	<u>53,165</u>	<u>10,800</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>64,830</u>	<u>48,800</u>

9. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
General office	85	85	73
Governance costs	780	780	660
	<u>865</u>	<u>865</u>	<u>733</u>

10. Analysis of grants

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants to institutions		
Keser Charities	–	230
Tov Vchesed	10,000	–
Zoreya Tzedokos	800	–
	<u>10,800</u>	<u>230</u>
Total grants	<u>10,800</u>	<u>230</u>

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11. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	780	660

12. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:		
	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	34,076	21,667

Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

12. Staff costs (continued)

The average head count of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 5). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:		
	2024 No.	2023 No.
Number of staff	5	5

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).		
13. Trustee remuneration and expenses		
No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.		

14. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Other debtors	2,078	5,000

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	780	1,260
Wages payable	6,746	4,510
Other creditors	–	6,772
	7,526	12,542

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds				
	At 01 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2024 £
General funds	1,886	48,012	(39,760)	10,138

	At 01 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2023 £
General funds	(9,471)	49,157	(37,800)	1,886

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16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

Restricted funds

	At 01 July 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2024 £
Restricted fund - grants receivable	–	36,602	(25,070)	11,532

	At 01 July 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 30 June 2023 £
Restricted fund - grants receivable	–	11,000	(11,000)	–

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	17,664	11,532	29,196
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,526)	–	(7,526)
Net assets	10,138	11,532	21,670

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	14,427	–	14,427
Creditors less than 1 year	(12,541)	–	(12,541)
Net assets	1,886	–	1,886

18. Related parties

There were no related party transactions during the year.

19. Taxation

Bluebells Community Club is a registered charity and therefore is not liable to income tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.



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