

Vysions

England & Wales · Charity number 1197599

Details

Other names BRERETON BIG LOCAL CIO, Vysions

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-01-20

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

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Activities

Objects: 1.TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF BRERETON, STAFFORDSHIRE, IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY.2.THE PROMOTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC OF URBAN OR RURAL REGENERATION IN AREAS OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEPRIVATION (AND IN PARTICULAR IN BRERETON, STAFFORDSHIRE) BY ALL OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MEANS:A. THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP:B. THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OR BUSINESS ADVICE OR CONSULTANCY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE IN CASES OF FINANCIAL OR OTHER CHARITABLE NEED THROUGH HELP: (I) IN SETTING UP THEIR OWN BUSINESS, OR (II) TO EXISTING BUSINESSES:C. THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT OR PROVISION OF PUBLIC AMENITIES:D. THE PRESERVATION OF BUILDINGS OR SITES OF HISTORIC OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:E. THE PROVISION OF RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE OR THOSE WHO BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES:F. THE PROTECTION OR CONSERVATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT:G. THE PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES AND CHILDCARE:H. SUCH OTHER MEANS AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE DETERMINED SUBJECT TO THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE CHARITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES. 3.TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.A. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: The charity provide direct resident support through provision of service such as a community shop, youth engagement, facilitation of community grants and the provision of local events to bring the community together. It operates from a community hub of Armitage road, Brereton, rugeley and supports a number of residents groups using that facility.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Staffordshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-03-31 | £310,641 | £209,131 | - | - |
| 2024-02-29 | £181,675 | £165,576 | - | - |
| 2023-02-28 | £86,009 | £35,877 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|----------------------|------|------------|
| Christine Stewart | | 2022-05-10 |
| Jack Burkinshaw | | 2022-05-10 |
| Matthew James Walker | | 2022-05-10 |
| Peter Fahy | | 2022-05-10 |

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for the period
1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025

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Public Benefit

The trustees work to ensure that the charity creates public benefit for the residents of Brereton in accordance with Charity Commission guidance through consultation, assessment of need and linking spend and the provision of services and activities to that identified local need to improve the lives of local people and the quality of local facilities.

Policy on Grant Making

The charity makes a small number of grants to other local groups on the basis of their contribution to the benefit of local people. The charity invests in local facilities and in particular Ravenhill Park, the potential of our young people through our youth groups and in enabling disadvantaged residents to access therapy and training. The charity is reliant on and grateful for the dedication of our staff, the valuable assistance of our volunteers and the support of local businesses.

Summary of Main Achievements

While Brereton Million has existed as a local community group and CIC status since 2015 this was the third year as a registered charity. We have continued to build upon our initial focus of creating policies and procedures for the charity, strengthening the trustee body, and the practicalities of employing staff and managing finance now we are an independent charity.

During the year the activities of two local community groups, with whom the trustees work closely, were taken into the charity: the Visions youth service which offers holiday programs and activities, and BRACE which organises Brereton Carnival and other local events.

The trustees have continued the development of the Vysions youth service providing a range of activities particularly school holiday programmes and strengthening the young person voice and engagement. The trustees have also begun to develop the services for young people who are neurodivergent to ensure they can be included in the activities Vysions provides. We are proud that so many of our young people are in leadership positions in the group and that members set the overall direction and the detail of individual activities. Many local businesses and community groups supported the holiday programmes with principle funding coming from Staffordshire County Council. Our youth worker and adult volunteers have dealt with a number of problems of anti-social behaviour in the area liaising with the local police team and schools. The trust built up with local young people mean that trends in knife possession, gang activity and drug use are quickly identified. Vysions has a particular focus on those young people who may be struggling with self-esteem and relationship issues and those out of school or at risk of exclusion. BRACE, our events sub-group, organised Brereton Carnival and other local events.

The other service improvement was the development of the Community Shop which was brought into being quickly at the end of the previous year by staff giving up their office and storage space and the determination of volunteers. The Community Shop continued to grow in impact increasing the number of members and visits to the shop and supporting many needy local families showing the number of families struggling with the cost of living. The shop now has over 100 members and is open twice a week. There is no question it is meeting a serious local need and shows the number of families struggling with the cost of living.

Brereton Big Local CIO also provides benefit advice and budgeting to local people struggling with finances. The charity continued to maintain and improve the facilities in Ravenhill Park for the benefit of local people including improvements to the Woodland Walk and creation of planters. We play an important role advocating on behalf of those who use the park to the local authority parks department. The charity continued to provide therapeutic service to a number of vulnerable local people through craft activities, gardening and horse therapy. Vulnerable local people were also supported through befriending, advocacy and assistance such as shopping and transport to hospital appointments. Poor local public transport alongside as the impact of the rising cost of living continue to be key challenges for vulnerable local people and disadvantaged families.

The charity works closely with local schools, statutory agencies particularly local doctor's surgeries, local charities and churches for the benefit of local people.

The charity provided a number of activities to promote the health and wellbeing of local people such as healthy eating advice, helping those who are socially isolated, exercise and opportunities to enjoy local nature, support for local families and managing debt. This comes under the Brereton Can campaign linked to the wider Cannock Chase Can programme. The charity advocates for local people in respect of local services and facilities and such issues as planning applications. The charity has also funded local groups of residents to organise their own community building activities in their immediate neighbourhood. A number of community events were organised such as the Halloween Lantern Parade, as well as seasonal fundraising events such as the Santa tour and the Christmas Tree Wishes.

The trustees continue to maintain the Community Hub for the benefit of local people. Work was undertaken to create an office area for our staff and deal with plumbing, heating and drainage issues. A range of different local groups have used the hall, and it has also been used for children's parties, community meetings and activities throughout the year.

Our community worker Sue Merriman is at the heart of the charity's work and trustees are very grateful for her unstinting efforts and extensive understanding of the needs of local people and her relationship with so many local people, businesses and groups. She is fine example of the sort of local community activism which is vital for maximising the potential and life skills of local people.

Financial Statement

Brereton Big Local CIO is the Locally Trusted Organisation for Brereton Million in respect of the National Lottery Big Local programme. The charity is delivering the activities set out in the Big Local Plan submitted to Local Trust in spring 2022. The Plan sets out a budget for the remainder of the £1million of funding made available to the local community over a ten-year period (which ended in September 2025).

Restricted grant fund income in this financial period has primarily been from Local Trust, a grant of £203233 (2023/24 £146950). The charity also received £8236 restricted grant from Staffordshire County Council for staff wages. The charity also received Charitable Giving of £1000 restricted for the Community Shop (2023/24 £1000 restricted grant from the Hubub Foundation for the Community Shop). The charity received other funding from fees to manage the Local Trust Grant, unrestricted grants and donations, sales from the Community Shop, income from events, and fees for delivering charitable services (craft activities and venue hire). Total income for the year is £310641.01 (2023/24 £181674.92)

Expenditure for the year is £158799.11 (2023/24 £165576.17) which has seen increased expenditure for event costs throughout the year being £62017.13 (2023/24 £7526.97), as well as a reduction in expenditure for hub refurbishment being £5204.00 (2023/24 £52107.25) as the work surrounding the new office now complete. This leaves a surplus of £151841.90 (2023/24 £16098.75) for the year.

Assets, Reserves and Assessment of Risk

At 28th February 2025, closing unrestricted fund reserves are £53707.30 (2023/24 £24312.62).

The closing restricted fund balance is £155423.92 (2023/24 £32976.70) relating solely to Local Trust Big Local Programme.

The principle asset owned by the charity is the Brereton Community Hub which is used as a base for activities in the community.

There are no risks for the charity as a going concern for the forthcoming 12-month period. Unrestricted funds are growing: The balance of £53707.30 at 28th February 2025 is over four years of operating expenditure. Restricted grant funding has been secured to 30th September 2026.

The principal risk for the charity is the future funding strategy at the end of the National Lottery funding and so work is underway to identify future funding sources and fully understand the challenges that this will present.

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with a constitution approved by the Charity Commission. Trustees are identified through our network of local supporters and volunteers and open advertisement and recruitment events. The trustees meet each month as a body and have a number of sub groups on particular issues.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name Brereton Million Big Local CIO

Registered Charity Number 1197599

101 Armitage Road, Rugeley Staffordshire WS15 1DF

Trustees

Jack Burkinshaw Chair

Peter Fahy Vice Chair

Sam Rushton

Christine Stewart

Mat Walker

Maria Smith

Staff

Sue Merriman Community Development Worker

Emily May Volunteer Coordinator

Debbie Thatcher Administrative Assistant

BRERETON BIG LOCAL CIO
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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 29th February 2025

| | 2024/ 25 | | | 2023/ 24 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
| INCOME | | | | |
| From Trading Activities | | | | |
| Hub Lettings | 1284.50 | | 1284.50 | 1141.50 |
| Community Shop Income | 14119.60 | | 14119.60 | 16195.20 |
| Grant management fees | 10161.63 | | 10161.63 | 7347.50 |
| Other fees | 940.67 | | 940.67 | 632.00 |
| Other Income | | | | |
| Donations | 3816.01 | 0.00 | 3816.01 | 4194.83 |
| Government Grants | | 267668.18 | 267668.18 | 146950.00 |
| Other Grants | 1000.00 | 1,350.00 | 2350.00 | 2296.64 |
| Fundraising and event income | 7800.42 | | 7800.42 | 2917.25 |
| Insurance Claim | 2500.00 | | 2500.00 | 0.00 |
| Interest from Assets | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 41622.83 | 269018.18 | 310641.01 | 181674.92 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Staff | | 43083.38 | 43083.38 | 46642.26 |
| Community Shop Costs | 11494.354 | | 11494.35 | 12924.37 |
| Other Project Costs | 301.80 | 17718.21 | 18020.01 | 27298.56 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | 880.00 | 880.00 | 991.42 |
| Equipment and equipment rental | | 4474.89 | 4474.89 | 1011.40 |
| Energy | | 6780.32 | 6780.32 | 7571.81 |
| Water and sewage | | 244.67 | 244.67 | 174.47 |
| Cleaning Supplies | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 144.46 |
| Insurance | | 1286.46 | 1286.46 | 1192.79 |
| Licence PRS/ PPL | | 398.04 | 398.04 | 231.03 |
| Telephone | | 503.15 | 503.15 | 522.40 |
| Internet | | 720.00 | 720.00 | 720.00 |
| Refreshments | | 45.35 | 45.35 | 901.80 |
| Administration of the Charity | | | | |
| Website, Communication and branding | | 200.00 | 200.00 | 382.62 |
| Office Supplies | | 629.43 | 629.43 | 762.48 |
| Professional Fees | | 880.00 | 880.00 | 1103.00 |
| Governance costs | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 60.00 |
| HR advice | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 93.60 |
| Printing and Stationery | | 60.28 | 60.28 | 169.49 |
| Publications | 432.00 | | 432.00 | 1882.89 |
| Volunteer Expenses | | 779.97 | 779.97 | 410.26 |
| Venue Hire | | 153.00 | 153.00 | 462.50 |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| Hub Refurbishment | | 5204.00 | 5204.00 | 52107.25 |
| New Equipment | | 480.00 | 480.00 | 148.14 |
| Event costs | | 62017.13 | 62017.13 | 7526.97 |
| Miscellaneous | | 32.68 | 32.68 | 140.20 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 12228.15 | 146570.96 | 158799.11 | 165576.17 |
| NET SURPLUS/ (-DEFICIT) | 29394.68 | 122447.22 | 151841.90 | 16098.75 |
| Transfer between Funds | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Balances Brought Forward | 24312.62 | 32976.70 | 57289.32 | 41190.57 |
| Balances Carried Forward | 53707.30 | 155423.92 | 209131.22 | 57289.32 |

BRERETON BIG LOCAL CIO
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 29th February 2025

| | Unrestricted Funds | 2025 Restricted Funds | Total | 2024 Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| MONETARY ASSETS | | | | |
| Deposits and Bank Balances | | | | |
| Current Account | 53707.30 | 23246.06 | 76953.36 | 20092.23 |
| Second Account | | 130249.32 | 130249.32 | 35796.40 |
| Petty Cash | | 210.27 | 210.27 | 207.66 |
| Crafters Float | | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Shop Float | | 1618.27 | 1618.27 | 1093.03 |
| | 53707.30 | 155423.92 | 209131.22 | 57289.32 |
| Debtors | | | | |
| Lettings due but not received | | | | |
| Creditors | | | | |
| Bills payable | | | | 62.63 |
| Due to NEST | | | 153.92 | 188.00 |

NON MONETARY ASSETS

Community Hub, fixtures and fittings
 Defibrillator
 Tables and chairs
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 Kitchen Equipment
 Cleaning materials
 Craft Materials

Signed 

Date 18/11/2025.

Signed

Date

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brereton Big Local CIO
(Registered Charity Number 1197599)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brereton Big Local CIO (the Trust), for the year ending 29th February 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. (~~I have identified a matter of concern that Delete if not applicable~~)

~~I confirm that no (other) 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or~~
- ~~2. the accounts do not accord with those records.~~

I have no other 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.

Examiner Name, address and date

Vanessa Hands
29 Daywell Rise
Etching Hill
Rugeley
Staffs
WS15 2RE
18.11.2025

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Expenditure for the year is £165576.17 (2022/23 £45183.31), leaving a surplus of £16098.75 (2022/23 £41190.57).

Assets, Reserves and Assessment of Risk

At 29th February 2024, closing unrestricted fund reserves are £24312.62 (2022/23 £5524.20).

The closing restricted fund balance is £32976.70 (2022/23 £35666.37) relating solely to Local Trust Big Local Programme.

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I confirm that no (*other*) 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no other 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.

Vanessa Hands
29 Daywell Rise
Rugeley
Staffordshire
WS15 2RE

Dated: 7th April 2025

BRERETON BIG LOCAL CIO
Registered Charity No.1197599

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 29th February 2024

| | 2024 | | 2023 | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------|----------|
| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
| MONETARY ASSETS | | | | |
| Deposits and Bank Balances | | | | |
| Deposit Account | 24312.62 | 11483.78 | 35796.40 | 38218.10 |
| Current Account | | 20092.23 | 20092.23 | 2735.13 |
| Petty Cash | | 207.66 | 207.66 | 155.94 |
| Crafters Float | | 100.00 | 100.00 | 81.40 |
| Shop Float | | 1093.03 | 1093.03 | |
| | 24312.62 | 32976.70 | 57289.32 | 41190.57 |

Debtors

Lettings due but not received

Creditors

Bills payable

62.63

Due to NEST

188.00

122.85

NON MONETARY ASSETS

Community Hub, fixtures and fittings

Defibrillator

Tables and chairs

Sports Equipment

Kitchen Equipment

Cleaning materials

Craft Materials

Signed *JC Burkin*
Chair of Trustees

Date 8th April 2025.

Signed *C Sheppard*
Treasurer

Date 8 April 2025

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Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 29th February 2024

| | Unrestricted Funds | 2023/24 Restricted Funds | Total | 2022/23 Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | | | |
| From Trading Activities | | | | |
| Hub Lettings | 1141.50 | | 1141.50 | 865.50 |
| Community Shop Income | 16195.20 | | 16195.20 | |
| Grant management fees | 7347.50 | | 7347.50 | 3892.73 |
| Other fees | 632.00 | | 632.00 | 430.20 |
| Other Income | | | | |
| Donations | 3194.83 | 1000.00 | 4194.83 | 330.92 |
| Government Grants | | 146950.00 | 146950.00 | 77854.53 |
| Other Grants | 2296.64 | | 2296.64 | 3000.00 |
| Fundraising and event income | 2917.25 | | 2917.25 | |
| Interest from Assets | | | 0.00 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 33724.92 | 147950.00 | 181674.92 | 86373.88 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Staff | | 46642.26 | 46642.26 | 24676.12 |
| Community Shop Costs | 12924.37 | | 12924.37 | 2995.15 |
| Other Project Costs | 476.93 | 26821.63 | 27298.56 | 8600.06 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | 991.42 | 991.42 | 425.66 |
| Equipment and equipment rental | | 1011.40 | 1011.40 | 1813.83 |
| Energy | | 7571.81 | 7571.81 | 2215.86 |
| Water and sewage | | 174.47 | 174.47 | 187.44 |
| Cleaning Supplies | | 144.46 | 144.46 | 30.00 |
| Insurance | | 1192.79 | 1192.79 | 859.22 |
| Licence PPS/PPL | | 231.03 | 231.03 | |
| Telephone | | 522.40 | 522.40 | 289.69 |
| Internet | | 720.00 | 720.00 | 300.00 |
| Refreshments | | 901.80 | 901.80 | 269.80 |
| Administration of the Charity | | | | |
| Website and branding | | 382.62 | 382.62 | 86.40 |
| Office Supplies | | 762.48 | 762.48 | 336.96 |
| Professional Fees | | 1103.00 | 1103.00 | 435.00 |
| Governance costs | | 60.00 | 60.00 | |
| HR advice | | 93.60 | 93.60 | 153.60 |
| Printing and Stationery | | 169.49 | 169.49 | 56.82 |
| Publications | 1420.00 | 462.89 | 1882.89 | |
| Volunteer Expenses | | 410.26 | 410.26 | 13.60 |
| Venue Hire | | 462.50 | 462.50 | |
| Other Expenditure | | | | |
| Hub Refurbishment | | 52107.25 | 52107.25 | 1015.00 |
| New Equipment | | 148.14 | 148.14 | 264.00 |
| Event costs | | 7526.97 | 7526.97 | 159.10 |
| Miscellaneous | 115.20 | 25.00 | 140.20 | |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 14936.50 | 150639.67 | 165576.17 | 45183.31 |
| NET SURPLUS/ (-DEFICIT) | 18788.42 | -2689.67 | 16098.75 | 41190.57 |
| Transfer between Funds | | | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Balances Brought Forward | 5524.20 | 35666.37 | 41190.57 | 0.00 |
| Balances Carried Forward | 24312.62 | 32976.70 | 57289.32 | 41190.57 |

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Accounts

Brereton Big Local CIO
Registered Charity Number 1197599

Report and Accounts
for the period
20 January 2022 to 28th February 2023

Brereton Big Local CIO
Registered Charity Number 1197599

Trustees Annual Report for the period
20 January 2022 (date of incorporation) to 28th February 2023

Purposes of the Charity

To develop the skills and capacity of the members of the socially and economically disadvantaged community of Brereton Staffordshire, in such a way that they are better able to identify and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.

The promotion for the public of urban and rural regeneration in areas of social and economic deprivation.

The maintenance improvement provision of public amenities, the provision of recreational facilities, the protection of the environment and the promotion of social inclusion.

Main Charitable Activities

The charity provides direct resident support through provision of service such as a community shop, youth engagement, help for the isolated, improvement of the local environment, therapeutic services facilitation of community grants and the provision of local events to bring the community together. It operates from a community hub of Armitage road, Brereton, Rugeley and supports a number of residents groups using that facility.

Public Benefit

The trustees work to ensure that the charity creates public benefit for the residents of Brereton in accordance with Charity Commission guidance through consultation, assessment of need and linking spend and the provision of services and activities to that identified local need to improve the lives of local people and the quality of local facilities.

Policy on Grant Making

The charity makes a small number of grants to other local groups on the basis of their contribution to the benefit of local people. The charity invests in local facilities and in particular Ravenhill Park, the potential of our young people through our youth groups and in enabling disadvantaged residents to access therapy and training. The charity is reliant on and grateful for the dedication of our staff, the valuable assistance of our volunteers and the support of local businesses.

Summary of Main Achievements

While Brereton Million has existed as a local community group and CIC status since 2015 this was the first year as a registered charity. There was a strong initial focus on creating policies and procedures for the charity, strengthening the trustee body, and the practicalities of employing staff and managing finances previously carried by Support Staffordshire as Locally Trusted Organisation for the Big Local grant.

The charity started a money advice service which it now plans to expand. The charity continued to maintain and improve the facilities in Ravenhill Park for the benefit of local people. The Visions youth group provided a range of services and activities for local young people including a packed programme for the summer holidays. This included the provision of food assistance. The charity continued to provide therapeutic service to a number of vulnerable local people through craft activities, gardening and horse therapy. Vulnerable local people were also supported through befriending, advocacy and assistance such as shopping and transport to hospital appointments. A meeting organised by Brereton Million for other charities and churches in the wider local areas identified poor local public transport alongside as the impact of the rising cost of living as the key challenges for vulnerable local people and disadvantaged families. The charity works closely with local schools, statutory agencies particularly local doctor's surgeries, local charities and churches for the benefit of local people.

The charity provided a number of activities to promote the health and wellbeing of local people such as healthy eating advice, helping those who are socially isolated, exercise and opportunities to enjoy local nature, support for local families and managing debt. This comes under the Brereton Can campaign linked to the wider Cannock Chase

Can programme. The charity advocates for local people in respect of local services and facilities and such issues as planning applications. The charity has also funded local groups of residents to organise their own community building activities in their immediate neighbourhood. A number of community events were organised such as celebrations for the Coronation and our annual Halloween Walk.

The trustees continue to maintain the Community Hub for the benefit of local people. Work has been undertaken to develop options for extension to the building to improve the facilities and this has included whether moving to another site is an option.

Towards the end of the year the trustees started work on the creation of the Community Shop and were awarded a grant of £3000 from the Hubub Foundation to get things started. The grant was fully spent at the year end.

Our community worker Sue Merriman is at the heart of the charity's work and trustees are very grateful for her unstinting efforts and extensive understanding of the needs of local people and her relationship with so many local people, businesses and groups. She is a fine example of the sort of local community activism which is vital for maximising the potential and life skills of local people.

Financial Activity in the Period

In July 2022, Brereton Big Local CIO became the Locally Trusted Organisation for Brereton Million in respect of the National Lottery Big Local programme. The charity submitted a Big Local Plan proposal to Local Trust setting out how it would deliver the remainder of the £1million of funding made available to the local community over a ten-year period (which ends in September 2025).

Restricted grant fund income in this financial period has primarily been from Local Trust (£77854.53) with a further grant of £3000 from the Hubub Foundation to set up the Community Shop. The charity received other funding from fees to manage the Local Trust Grant, as well as fees for delivering charitable services (craft activities and venue hire). Total income for the year is £86373.88

All expenditure in 2022/23 (£45183.31) related to restricted fund activities.

Assets, Reserves and Assessment of Risk

At 28th February 2023, closing unrestricted fund reserves are £5524.20. The closing restricted fund balance is £35666.37 relating solely to Local Trust Big Local Programme.

The principle asset owned by the charity is the Brereton Community Hub which is used as a base for activities in the community.

There are no risks for the charity as a going concern for the forthcoming 12-month period: restricted grant funding has been secured to 30th September 2025.

The principal risk for the charity is the future funding strategy at the end of the National Lottery funding and so work is underway to identify future funding sources and fully understand the challenges that this will present.

Structure, Governance and Management

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101 Armitage Road, Rugeley Staffordshire WS15 1DF

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Kevin Mann Vice Chair and Treasurer

Peter Fahy

Sam Rushton

Christine Stewart

Mat Walker

Maria Smith

Staff

Sue Merriman Community Development Worker

Emily May Volunteer Coordinator

Debbie Thatcher Administrative Assistant

Debbie Thatcher is an Administrative Assistant at the City of Brantford, Ontario. She has been with the City for over 10 years and is currently responsible for the day-to-day administrative support of the Executive Director and the Senior Management Team.

Debbie is a highly organized and detail-oriented professional who has a proven track record of providing exceptional administrative support. She is a team player and is committed to the success of the organization.

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Kevin Mann Vice Chair and Treasurer

Peter Fahy

Sam Rushton

Christine Stewart

Mat Walker

Maria Smith

Staff

Sue Merriman Community Development Worker

Emily May Volunteer Coordinator

BRERETON BIG LOCAL CIO
Registered Charity No. 1197599

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 28th February 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds | 2023 Restricted Funds | Total |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| MONETARY ASSETS | | | |
| Deposits and Bank Balances | | | |
| Deposit Account | 5524.20 | 32693.90 | 38218.10 |
| Current Account | | 2735.13 | 2735.13 |
| Petty Cash | | 155.94 | 155.94 |
| Crafters Float | | 81.40 | 81.40 |
| | <u>5524.20</u> | <u>35666.37</u> | <u>41190.57</u> |
| Debtors | | | |
| Lettings due but not received | | | |
| Creditors | | | |
| Due to HMRC | | | 0.00 |
| Due to NEST | | | 122.85 |
| NON MONETARY ASSETS | | | |
| Community Hub fixtures and fittings | | | |
| Defibrillator | | | |
| IT equipment | | | |
| Tables and chairs | | | |
| Sports Equipment | | | |
| Kitchen Equipment | | | |
| Cleaning materials | | | |
| Craft Materials | | | |

Signed *J. Bunkishan*
Chair of Trustees

Date 8th April 2025.

Signed *C. Stewart*
Treasurer

Date 8 / April 2025

BRERETON BIG LOCAL CIO
Registered Charity No. 1197599

Receipts and Payments Account for the period 20th January 2022 to 28th February 2023

| | Unrestricted Funds | 2022/23 Restricted Funds | Total |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| INCOME | | | |
| From Trading Activities | | | |
| Hub Lettings | 865.50 | | 865.50 |
| Grant management fees | 3,892.73 | | 3892.73 |
| Other fees | 430.20 | | 430.20 |
| Other Income | | | |
| Donations | 330.92 | | 330.92 |
| Government Grant | | 77854.53 | 77854.53 |
| Other Grants | | 3000.00 | 3000.00 |
| Interest from Assets | | | 0.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | 5,519.35 | 80,854.53 | 86,373.88 |
| PAYMENTS | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | |
| Staff | | 24676.12 | 24676.12 |
| Community Shop Costs | | 2995.15 | 2995.15 |
| Other Project Costs | | 8600.06 | 8600.06 |
| Repairs and Maintenance | | 425.66 | 425.66 |
| Equipment and equipment rental | | 1813.83 | 1813.83 |
| Energy | | 2215.86 | 2215.86 |
| Water and sewage | | 187.44 | 187.44 |
| Cleaning supplies | | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| Insurance | | 859.22 | 859.22 |
| Telephone | | 289.69 | 289.69 |
| Internet | | 300.00 | 300.00 |
| Refreshments | | 269.80 | 269.80 |
| Administration of the Charity | | | |
| Website | | 86.40 | 86.40 |
| Office Supplies | | 336.96 | 336.96 |
| Professional Fees | | 435.00 | 435.00 |
| HRadvice | | 153.60 | 153.60 |
| Printing and Stationery | | 56.82 | 56.82 |
| Volunteer Expenses | | 13.60 | 13.60 |
| Other Expenditure | | | |
| Hub Refurbishment | | 1015.00 | 1015.00 |
| New Equipment | | 264.00 | 264.00 |
| Event Costs | | 159.10 | 159.10 |
| TOTAL PAYMENTS | 0.00 | 45183.31 | 45183.31 |
| NET SURPLUS/ (-DEFICIT) | 5519.35 | 35671.22 | 41190.57 |
| Transfer between Funds | 4.85 | -4.85 | 0.00 |
| Balances Brought Forward | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Balances Carried Forward | 5524.20 | 35666.37 | 41190.57 |

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Brereton Big Local CIO
(Registered Charity Number 1197599)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Brereton Big Local CIO (the Trust), for the period 20 January 2022 (date of incorporation) to 28th February 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no (*other*) 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no other 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.

*Vanessa Hands
29 Daywell Rise
Rugeley
Staffordshire
WS15 2RE*

Dated: 7th April 2025