



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES

On accounts for the year ended

5TH APRIL 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1198803

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 05/04/2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

28/11/2023

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Early Intervention is
Prevention

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 5th April 2023

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Chair (**Ross Podyma**)

Trustee (**Ben Rigby**)

Trustee(**Kirk Gibbons**)

Trustee(**Loku Char**)

Management Team

Organisational Lead (**David Walsh**)

Lead Youth Worker (**Mim Bligh**)

Lead Family Support Worker (**Samantha Rhodes**)

Purpose and aims

Supporting Communities is a charity dedicated to supporting the needs of young people and their families. Our motto is 'Early intervention is prevention' as we believe all young people should have the support they need at the right time. We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health, well-being and reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system. We are



committed to restoring and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision. Our vision is to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive.

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Chairperson's Message

Reflecting on the past year at Supporting Communities, I am filled with gratitude and pride for our incredible strides in fulfilling our mission. Our commitment to "Early intervention is prevention" remains at the heart of everything we do.

I am thrilled to share that, thanks to your unwavering support and the hard work of our dedicated team, Supporting Communities has secured several grants from local authorities, Children in Need, the Community Foundation, and the National Lottery. These grants have been instrumental in empowering us to expand our programmes and reach even more individuals and families in need.

In the face of challenges, our community has shown remarkable resilience. With the support of our generous grant providers, we have worked tirelessly to alleviate the pressures of poverty, enhance mental health, and reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system.

The dedication of our team and the collaborations with our partners have been crucial to the success of our programs. Whether providing crucial family support or creating opportunities for young people to thrive, Supporting Communities remains a beacon of hope and positive change.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the possibilities that the future holds. Our vision to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive remains steadfast. With your continued support and the backing of our grant partners, we aim to expand our reach, deepen our impact, and foster a community where everyone has the support they need at the right time.

Thank you for being an essential part of Supporting Communities. Together, we are making a difference, one family, one young person at a time.

Warm regards,

Ross Podyma
Chairperson, Supporting Communities Charity

Executive Summary

In the past year, Supporting Communities Charity has made remarkable strides in positively impacting our community. Through vital 1:1 support, we have assisted 80 families and young individuals, addressing diverse needs and fostering personal development. Our commitment to reaching young people has seen over 500 individuals engaged through detached youth work, building trust and providing mentorship. In response to the Ukraine crisis, we have extended mental health support and training to refugees, offering a safe space for healing. Additionally, we are thrilled to announce the successful acquisition of projects and grants, including collaborations with local authorities, Children in Need, the Community Foundation,



and the National Lottery. These partnerships bolster our ability to innovate and broaden our impact. As we reflect on these achievements, we express gratitude to our donors, partners, and our dedicated team. Looking ahead, Supporting Communities is poised to continue being a beacon of positive transformation in the lives of those we serve.

Mission and Vision

Mission

Supporting Communities is a charity dedicated to supporting the needs of young people and their families. We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health, well-being and reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system. We are committed to building and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision.

Vision

Our vision is to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive.

Supporting Communities has steadfastly worked towards its mission and vision through a variety of targeted initiatives and strategic efforts. In alignment with our mission to keep the needs of young people and their families, we have implemented comprehensive programmes to alleviate the multifaceted pressures of poverty. Through financial assistance, educational support, and community engagement, we have actively worked to uplift families facing economic challenges.

Our dedication to improving mental health and well-being is evident in the various mental health support programmes and counselling services we have initiated. By providing accessible and stigma-free mental health resources, we aim to contribute to the overall well-being of the communities we serve. Our commitment to reducing the number of young people entering the criminal justice system is reflected in proactive outreach efforts, mentorship programmes, and community partnerships that offer alternatives and support to at-risk youth.

In pursuit of our vision to strengthen the resilience of families and promote opportunities for young people to thrive, Supporting Communities has prioritised the creation of a high-quality youth and family support provision. We have consistently invested in staff training, resources, and community collaborations to ensure that our programmes are effective, evidence-based, and responsive to the community's evolving needs.

Furthermore, our engagement with families and young people extends beyond crisis intervention to proactive measures that empower individuals. Through educational workshops, skill-building programmes, and community events, we aim to create an environment where families are equipped with the tools to navigate challenges and young people have diverse opportunities for personal and academic growth.

Supporting Communities has been working diligently towards its mission and vision by implementing targeted programmes, fostering community partnerships, and ensuring high-quality support services. Our ongoing commitment to innovation and adaptability allows us to address the unique needs of each family and young person, contributing to the realisation of our vision to strengthen resilience and promote thriving opportunities.

Programme Highlights

Family Support Services:



Our Family Support Services are designed to address the diverse needs of families facing challenges, particularly those related to poverty and well-being. Through targeted interventions, financial assistance, and community resources, we provide a comprehensive support system. Our dedicated team works closely with families to navigate difficulties and strengthen their ability to overcome obstacles.

Youth Support Services:

Our Youth Support Services focus on empowering young individuals to navigate the complexities of adolescence. From mentorship programmes and educational support to mental health resources, we offer a holistic approach to foster personal and academic growth. By creating a safe and supportive environment, we aim to equip young people with the skills and resilience needed to thrive.

Training and Support:

Supporting Communities is committed to providing training and support services to both families and young people. Our programmes include skills development workshops, educational training sessions, and vocational training opportunities. By enhancing the capabilities of individuals, we contribute to building a more resilient community.

Warm Space and Family Stay and Play:

Our Warm Space and Family Stay and Play initiatives create welcoming environments for families to connect, learn, and grow together. These programmes offer a range of activities, including play sessions for children, educational workshops for parents, and a supportive space for families to share experiences. Building a sense of community is at the heart of these initiatives.

Mobile Youth Bus:

The Mobile Youth Bus is a dynamic outreach programme that brings our services directly to young people in various communities. This mobile unit serves as a hub for recreational activities, educational workshops, and counselling services. By reaching young people where they are, we aim to enhance accessibility and engagement in a way that suits their needs.

Detached Youth Work:

Our Detached Youth Work programme is dedicated to reaching young people in their own environments. Through street-based outreach, our team builds connections, provides information, and offers support to those who may not access traditional services. This approach ensures inclusivity and meets the diverse needs of the youth population. These programmes collectively embody our mission to alleviate the pressures of poverty, enhance mental health, and provide high-quality support to families and young people. By offering a range of services that address various aspects of well-being, Supporting Communities strives to create a positive and lasting impact on the communities we serve.

Empowering Women and Girls Through Active Living

At Supporting Communities, we are proud to spotlight our initiative aimed at empowering women and girls to embrace and lead active lifestyles. Recognising the numerous benefits that physical activity brings, our programme is designed to break down barriers, create inclusivity, and inspire a positive change in the lives of women and girls in our community. Through targeted activities, workshops, and community events, we create a supportive environment where women and girls can explore various forms of physical activity. From fitness classes and sports events to wellness seminars, our programme offers a diverse range of opportunities tailored to individual preferences and interests.

Financial Summary

In the accounting year, Supporting Communities Charity recorded a total income of just under £5,000. However, it is noteworthy that within a span of a few months, the organisation successfully secured an additional £23,000 in community funding. This substantial increase in



funding was a result of dedicated efforts in grant applications, community partnerships, and engagement with local authorities, exemplifying our commitment to expanding financial resources to further our mission. The newfound community funding positions Supporting Communities to enhance and broaden its impact, ensuring sustained support for the diverse needs of the communities we serve. We express our gratitude to our donors, partners, and supporters for their invaluable contributions to our financial resilience and ability to make a positive difference in the lives of those we support.

Sport England Funding

We received £3,965.00 to deliver women and girls sessions to enable them to become more active.

Donations

We received £644.00 from a fundraising event.

Financial Statements

Income Statement

Revenue Categories	Amount
Donations	£644.00
Grants	£3,965.00
Fundraising Events	
Other Income	£75.00
Total Revenue	£4,684.00

Expenses

Expense Categories	Amount
Program Costs	
Administrative Costs	
Fundraising Costs	
Other Expenses	
Total Expenses	£0.00

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

	Amount
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£4,684.00

Balance Sheet



Assets	Amount	Liabilities	Amount
Current Assets	£4,684.00	Current Liabilities	
Fixed Assets		Long-term Liabilities	
Total Assets	£4,684.00	Total Liabilities	£0.00
Net Assets	£4,684.00		

Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Categories	Amount
Cash from Operating Activities	£4,609.00
Cash from Investing Activities	£75.00
Cash from Financing Activities	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	£4,684.00

Future Outlook

As we approach the new year, Supporting Communities Charity is not only excited about what's to come but also grateful for the community's recent financial boost, reflecting our resilience and strategic financial planning.

In the next year, we're determined to enhance our programs further. With the new funds, we're gearing up to improve our family support, youth programs, and mental health initiatives. This includes introducing workshops and skill-building activities, and reaching out to more people who may benefit from our support. We have put together a number of programmes which rely more on sales to generate more unrestricted income.

Ensuring inclusivity is a big part of our mission. We're forging partnerships with new organisations to make our services accessible to a wider audience. Our commitment extends to reaching underserved areas that may not receive as much attention.

In addition to careful financial planning, we're actively participating in more fundraising events and have submitted applications for additional grant funding. We believe these efforts will not only strengthen our financial position but also allow us to expand our impact and support more families and young individuals.

To everyone who supports us – thank you! Your contributions are invaluable, and we're eager to continue this journey with you. As we work towards making a positive impact on individuals and families, we invite you to join us in the exciting opportunities the upcoming year holds.