



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 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1198803

Set out on pages

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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 05/04/2024.

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: K. L. Needham

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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 2024

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Management Committee

Chair (**Ross Podyma**)

Trustee (**Ben Rigby**)

Trustee(**Kirk Gibbons**)

Trustee(**Loku Char**)

Management Team

Organisational Lead (**David Walsh**)

Lead Youth Practitioner (**Mim Bligh**)

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



Purpose and aims

Supporting Communities is a dedicated charity focused on meeting the needs of at-risk individuals, young people, and their families. Our guiding principle is "Early intervention is prevention," emphasising the importance of timely support for all young people. Our mission is to relieve the burdens of poverty, enhance mental health and well-being, and reduce the number of at-risk individuals, young people and their families entering local authority services. Committed to establishing and sustaining high-quality youth and family support, we aim to build the resilience of families and create opportunities for young people to thrive.

Youth Support:

Our Youth Support Services offer bespoke 1-1 interventions for young people aged 11-19 (up to age 25 for SEND) to encourage, inspire and promote behavioural management, social and emotional support, and decision-making strategies for individuals to reach their full potential. We strive for young people to excel academically, socially, and personally whilst considering contextual safeguarding factors to deliver support in the appropriate environments best suited to the young persons' needs. This support will lie in the community or educational setting.

Family Support:

Our Family Support Services cater to children aged 0-11 and their parents/guardians, offering personalised assistance through 1:1 or group sessions in community or educational settings. Embracing a holistic approach, we tackle challenges including mental health, parenting struggles, domestic abuse, and financial hardships. Additionally, we conduct home welfare checks and provide professional communication support, along with aiding in essential paperwork. With our Think Child, Think Parent, Think Family approach, we promptly identify at-risk families and deliver tailored support.

Community Support

Our community support team operates various programmes, including detached youth work, mobile youth provision, and outreach initiatives. These efforts aim to engage with young people where they are, creating positive relationships and providing guidance. Additionally, we deliver group sessions designed to support individuals at risk, addressing concerns such as poverty, health issues, social challenges, crime prevention, and overall well-being. Our goal is to create safe spaces within the community where people feel welcomed, supported and offer pathways of support when needed.

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Chairperson's Message



As we mark the second year of our journey at Supporting Communities, I am humbled by the immense progress we have achieved together. Our core belief in the power of community and collaboration continues to drive us forward.

Over the past year, amidst the challenges we've faced, the unwavering support of funders and partners. It is with great pleasure that I announce the remarkable strides we've made in our mission to uplift and empower those in need. Through the dedication of our passionate team, Supporting Communities has expanded its reach to serve even more individuals and families. We've forged meaningful partnerships with local organisations and received vital support from grant providers who share our vision of creating a better tomorrow for all.

Together, we've tackled pressing issues such as mental health, and educational disparities head-on. Our programmes have not only provided immediate assistance but have also laid the groundwork for long-term sustainable solutions. As we look ahead to the future, our commitment remains steadfast.

We envision a community where every individual is valued, supported, and given the opportunity to thrive. With your continued support and the collaborative spirit that defines us, I am confident that we will continue to make a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us this year, your belief in our cause fuels our passion and propels us toward a brighter, more inclusive future.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Ross Podyma - Chairperson, Supporting Communities

Directors Message

Reflecting on the past year, I am immensely proud of the strides we've made as a charity.

Throughout the year, we've launched several new projects, created new partnerships, and extended our reach to support more individuals than ever before. Each initiative has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve.

One highlight of our year has been our involvement in a national campaign for detached youth work, in collaboration with BBC Children in Need and McDonald's. This partnership has allowed us to amplify our efforts and create meaningful opportunities for young people across the country.

As we look to the future, I am filled with excitement and determination. Our collective dedication and passion will continue to drive us forward as we strive to make an even greater impact on the wider community. Together, we have the power to create positive change and build a brighter future for all.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside everyone in our team, and I am confident that together, we will achieve remarkable things.

Here's to the future and the difference we will make together.

Warm regards,
David Walsh - Director of Operations, Supporting Communities

Executive Summary

Over the past year, Supporting Communities Charity has achieved significant milestones in enhancing our community's well-being. Through personalised 1:1 support, we've empowered



families and young individuals, addressing a spectrum of needs and fostering personal growth.

Our efforts have reached over 1600 individuals, engaging them through tailored sessions. In response to the Ukraine crisis, we've expanded our mental health support and training to refugees, providing a nurturing environment for healing and resilience-building.

Excitingly, we've secured various projects and grants, forging partnerships with esteemed entities like local authorities, Children in Need, the Community Foundation, and the National Lottery. These collaborations fortify our capacity for innovation and amplify our societal impact.

In addition, we're proud to share that Supporting Communities was recognised as a finalist for two prestigious charity awards, acknowledging our commitment to excellence and innovation in our field.

As we celebrate these achievements, we extend heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors, invaluable partners, and our committed team. Looking forward, Supporting Communities is steadfast in our commitment to catalysing positive change in the lives of those we serve. Moreover, we're proud to have contributed to national initiatives alongside esteemed partners such as McDonald's and BBC Children in Need.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8cPcZGFE9s>

Supporting Yearly Stats

	Reach	Session	Service	Resource
	Attendances (all people)	Attendances (participants)	Contact hours	Sessions delivered
Supporting Communities				
Supporting Communities	1608	1608	3747.50	135



Mission and Vision

Mission

We are on a journey to alleviate the pressures of poverty, improve mental health, well-being and reduce the number of at-risk individuals, young people and their families entering local authority services. We are committed to building and maintaining a high-quality youth and family support provision.

Vision

To establish safe spaces and support networks for at-risk individuals, young people, and their families.

Supporting Communities has 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

**Youth Support:**

Our Youth Support Services offer bespoke 1-1 interventions for young people aged 11-19 (up to age 25 for SEND) to encourage, inspire and promote behavioural management, social and emotional support, and decision-making strategies for individuals to reach their full potential. We strive for young people to excel academically, socially, and personally whilst considering contextual safeguarding factors to deliver support in the appropriate environments best suited to the young persons' needs. This support will lie in the community or educational setting.

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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 90k. 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.

Funding & Grants		
Funder	Total Funding	2023/2024 Payment
BBC Children In Need - Core Funding	£28,690.00	£13,700.00
Community Foundation Staffordshire - Ukrainian Support Project - Staffordshire	£9,802.00	£9,802.00
National Lottery Community Fund - Youth Sessions - Amber Valley	£9,802.00	£9,834.00
Erewash Borough Council - Youth Sessions - Erewash	£2,530.00	£2,530.00
Sporting Communities (Partnership Grant) Referral Services	£3000.00	£3000.00
Derby City Council - Wellbeing Services	£20,000.00	£15,000.00
National Lottery Community - Youth Sessions - Derbyshire	£87,174.98	£11,222.70
National Lottery Community - Youth Support and Referral Services	£19,878.00	£19,878.00
Tesco Groundwork	£1000.00	£1000.00
Derby City Council - Bus Sessions	£3000.00	£3000.00
Total	£184,876.98	£88,966.70



Donations & Fundraising	
Donations	£0.00
Fundraising Events	£0.00
Total	£0.00

Sales & Other Income	
Sales	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00
Total	£0.00

Financial Statements

Income Statement

Revenue Categories	Amount
Donations	£0.00
Grants	£88966.70
Fundraising Events	£0.00
Other Income	£0.00
Total Revenue	£88966.70

Expenses



Expense Categories	Amount
Project Costs	£6,466.69
Staffing Costs	£38,736.93
Fundraising Costs, Advertisement ect..	£690.61
Insurance	£131.04
Other Expenses, Training, Misc ect..	£2,566.26
Total Expenses	£48591.53

Net Surplus/(Deficit)

	Amount
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	£40375.17

	Amount
Restricted Funds	£88966.70
Unrestricted Funds	£0.00

Balance Sheet

Assets	Amount	Liabilities	Amount
Current Assets	£44,963.79	Current Liabilities	£44,963.79
Fixed Assets	£0.00	Long-term Liabilities	£0.00
Total Assets	£44,963.79	Total Liabilities	£44,963.79
Net Assets	£0.00		

Cash Flow Statement

Cash Flow Categories	Amount
Cash from Operating Activities	£88,966.70
Cash from Investing Activities	£0.00
Cash from Financing Activities	£0.00
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	£40,279.79

Future Outlook



As we get ready for the new year, Supporting Communities Charity is excited about what's coming up. We're really thankful for the recent boost in funding we've received, which shows how we've been careful with money and tough times. It's also cool that we were picked as finalists for two big charity awards. This shows how much we care about doing a great job.

In our second year, we're planning to make our programmes even better. With the extra money, we want to help families more, do more stuff for young people, and improve how we support people's mental health. We're going to start new workshops and activities to teach useful skills and reach out to more people who need our help. Also, we're creating some new programs that will help us make money in smart ways, so we can keep going strong in the long run.

Making sure everyone feels included is super important to us. So, we're teaming up with new groups to make sure our help is available to more people, especially those who might not get enough attention.

Besides being careful with money, we're also doing more to raise funds. We're joining in on different events and asking for grants to help us grow. We think these efforts will not only make us financially stronger but also allow us to help even more families and young folks who need us.

To everyone who supports us – thank you! Your help means the world to us, and we're excited to keep making a positive impact together. As we head into the next year, let's keep looking forward to all the good things we can do together.