

BIG LOCAL GATESHEAD

England & Wales - Charity number 1200709

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-10-18

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY OF TEAMS AND THE RACECOURSE ESTATE, GATESHEAD, AND THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBOURHOOD IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF TEAMS AND THE RACECOURSE ESTATE, GATESHEAD AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD, WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS. IN FURTHERANCE OF THESE OBJECTS BUT NOT OTHERWISE, THE TRUSTEES SHALL HAVE POWER: TO ESTABLISH OR SECURE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMUNITY CENTRE AND TO MAINTAIN OR MANAGE OR CO-OPERATE WITH ANY STATUTORY AUTHORITY IN THE MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF SUCH A CENTRE FOR ACTIVITIES PROMOTED BY THE CHARITY IN FURTHERANCE OF THE ABOVE OBJECTS.

Activities: - Support for volunteer-ran clubs and projects including a parent and toddler group, community cycle club, pop-up shop, and gardening group.- Seasonal activities programme including low-cost day trips, social events, arts and crafts.- Grants for local people and organisations who want to improve their

community.- Provide community space for use by other groups.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Gateshead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£148,821	£103,891	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,312	£1,680	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Lawrence O'Halleron Mr	Chair	2022-07-22
ANDREW TINKLER		2025-03-12
Brandon Bartrop		2024-05-17
Lesley Gooding		2024-05-24
Lorraine Jacques		2026-04-07
Paula Graham		2022-07-22
Susan Moody		2026-04-07

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Accounts

Big Local Gateshead
Registered Charity No. 1200709

Financial Statements
for the period ended 31 March 2025

Legal Information - 2024/25

Name: Big Local Gateshead

Charity Number: 1200709

Structure: Registered Charity (CIO)

Trustees:

Chair: Lawrence O'Halleron
Lesley Gooding
Susan Moody
Brandon Bartrop
Brenda Clelland
Paula Graham

Address: Tyne View Health Hub
Rose Street
Gateshead
Tyne And Wear
NE8 2LS

Independent Examiner: Mark Thompson MAAT
42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle Upon Tyne
NE6 5LB

Big Local Gateshead - Trustees' Report 2025

Aims & objectives

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- Developing the capacity and skills of those living, working, or volunteering in our catchment area (Teams and Racecourse Estate)
 - Supporting the people living here to identify and meet the needs of their community.
 - To provide facilities for recreation and leisure time with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.
- religious or other opinions held by our beneficiaries.

What is Big Local Gateshead?

We are a resident led charity established in the Teams area of Gateshead to help and support local people within the community. We would like people to be proud of where they come from and enable them to have the same opportunities as others in the area.

This year has been spent preparing for and moving into new premises as we move closer to finalising an Asset Transfer from Gateshead Council. Most of our remaining lottery funding

Community work

We continue to build up our volunteer groups and are able to fund training where appropriate. Our Bike Club, Teams Wheelers, continues to attract new members with membership totaling more than 80 cyclists, mostly of pensionable age. Rides are tailored to cater for all ages and abilities.

During this period, we developed a Bike Shack and have plans to support training programmes for bike leadership and mechanic training.

Our weekly, Pop-up Shop - run by volunteers, continues to be very popular and attracts new residents every week - we plan to expand on this service in the future.

The Community Allotment has been updated with new pathways and raised beds improving wheelchair access. Various groups of all ages and abilities continue to meet there and benefit from this splendid community facility.

Doing more in the Teams!

We are moving forward with plans for an affordable Community Cafe and development of the front garden area into a usable and accessible space.

We also plan to continue working with the Tyne Derwent Way Project to consider new promotions and activities for the benefit of our residents and local people.

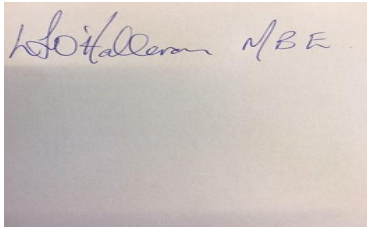
Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

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- Select suitable accounting policies
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis, unless it is prudent to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:-

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature reads "L. O'Halleron MBE". The background of the signature area is a light, textured grey.

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Print Name..Lawrence John O'Halleron MBE..... Dat

Chair's Report

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Community work

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Doing more in the Teams!

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the trustees of

Big Local Gateshead

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2025

Charity no 1200709

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act).
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of
- state whether particular matters have come to my

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 120 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:



Date: 20th February 2026

Name: Mark Thompson MAAT
Address: 42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Big Local Gateshead

Receipts & Payments Account 1 April to 31 March 2025

		2024/25		Total	2023/24
	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted		Total
				£	£
Receipts					
Donations and Membership		4716		4716	20659
Grants	3		133526	133526	7660
Shop Sales		4779		4779	1993
Community Rental		5800		5800	
Total Receipts		15295	133526	148821	30312
Payments					
Cost of Projects Delivered			31574	31574	2941
Freelance Fees			40156	40156	
Rent & Lease Costs			15878	15878	
Repairs & Renewals; Fixtures & Fittings			9131	9131	
Staff Expenses & Training			2123	2123	
Licenses and Subscriptions			2003	2003	
Cost of Fundraising		1090	28	1118	
Office Costs			584	584	308
Telephone and Internet			232	232	
Insurance			108	108	
Volunteer Expenses			73	73	
Misc			396	396	85
Utilities			515	515	4
Total Payments		1090	102801	103891	3338
Surplus/Deficit for the period		14205	30725	44930	26974
Funds at 1 April 2024		20994	5980	26974	0
Total Funds at 31 March 2025		35199	36705	71904	26974

Big Local Gateshead

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
Current Assets			
Current Account		68447	310
Cash in Hand			162
Debtors		3457	26502
Net Assets at 31 March 2025		71904	26974
Total Funds at 31 March 2025		71904	26974
Represented by :			
Unrestricted Reserves		35199	20994
Restricted Reserves		36705	5980
Total Funds		71904	26974

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee:

Signed.....Position.....

Signed.....Position.....

Date

Big Local Gateshead

Notes to the Financial Statements to March 2025.

- 1 The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006

Big Local Gateshead meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

- 2 Big Local Gateshead is a charity registered with the Charity Commission, as a CIO. Registration no 1200709
It is governed by a management committee.

3 Grants Received:

Local Trust	88748
ASDA Foundation Grant	1880
Awards for All	9145
Barbour Foundation	2000
Big Bike Revival Cycling UK	3266
Catherine Cookson Grant	5000
Food Network Trailer (Gateshead Council)	2500
Sport England Grant	13500
Young Buds (ICB)	7487

Total Grants Received **£133,526**

- 4 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £...

5 Debtors

Local Trust Grant **£3,457**

6 Restricted Funds	Balance		Balance	
	April 2024	Income	Expenditure	March 2025
Local Trust		88748	88748	0
ASDA Foundation Grant		1880		1880
Awards for All		9145	2156	6989
Barbour Foundation		2000	0	2000
Big Bike Revival Cycling UK		3266	1150	2116
Catherine Cookson Grant		5000	0	5000
Food Network Trailer (Gateshead Council)		2500	0	2500
Sport England Grant		13500	3804	9696
Young Buds (ICB)	5980	7487	6943	6524
Total	5980	133526	102801	36705

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ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024

What is Big Local Gateshead?

Big Local Gateshead is a resident-led charity first established to help people living or working in Teams, Derwentwater, and Racecourse Estates to make positive change in their community. We began as one of 150 Big Locals up and down the country, each with their own catchment areas and a £1m grant to spend over a 13-year period.

In 2022 we became registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, then in 2023 we published our final community plan as part of the national Big Local programme – two big steps towards securing a long-term sustainable future for the organisation. Our governing body continues to be made up of people who come from and are deeply passionate about this community. There are currently 6 trustees serving on the board of Big Local Gateshead.

Congratulations to our long-standing Chairperson, Lawrence O'Halleron who was awarded an MBE in the King's New Year Honours' List at the beginning of 2024 year in recognition of his tireless dedication to this community.

Community at work

All the work we do is completely dependent on the drive of volunteers who really care about this area. Our core, long-standing projects, were started by local people with support from the Big Local Gateshead team and we continue to offer our resources, space, skills, knowledge, and funding to any individual or organisation who work towards the same goal – a better community.

The Pop-Up Shop has had a very positive year indeed, distributing more than 11 tons of surplus food and raising £ over the financial period. Regular customers have turned an informal cuppa before the shop opens on a Friday morning into a fledgling women's group.

Teams Wheelers community cycle club have racked up an astonishing 149 group rides in the last year and now boast a membership of 75! With the financial support of Cycling UK and volunteers from Teams Wheelers, we have been able to help adult beginner cyclists get out on 2 wheels and refurbish 14 donated bikes that went straight back into the community at bargain prices.

Doing more in Teams

Coming into 2023 we had big plans to expand our work across the whole of our catchment area, growing from our first real headquarters at the Big Local Bungalow. In March we hosted the grand opening of Victoria Road Scout Centre, bringing that building back into community use for the first time in more than 10 years. We secured a new home for Teams Wheelers Community Cycle Club in April, at what we have dubbed the Tyne View Health Hub, just off Rose Street. Late this summer we opened a second community allotment to operate as a small nursery as part of Herb Hub, and began to offer new gardening sessions from Fountain Court supported accommodation, St. Aidan's Primary School, and Cuthbert's House Probation Service. Generous funding from the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board allowed us to establish a new group in partnership with the early-onset dementia service at Bensham Hospital offering activities for those living with life-changing illness.

During our consultation at the start of 2023 you asked for more community events, and across our seasonal programme we delivered 38 separate day trips, get together, celebrations, and competitions. We tried to spread those events across the area and offer a wider array of activities than in previous years to encourage more people to get involved and had some fantastic results, full coaches and fresh faces!

Collaboration

Working with other organisations is absolutely key to some of our greatest successes over the last year. There are dozens of partners that we're proud to have worked alongside, but some of the standout projects include:

- Supporting passionate residents Virginia and Roger with the launch of the very first Riverside Window Walk alongside the Staiths Café and Tyne Derwent Way staff teams.
- Helping establish a brand-new forest school with Stomping Grounds just 100 yards from our doors.
- Growing a fantastic network of support at Tyne View with the Teams Family Hub, Eslington School, and NHS teams.
- Improved facilities for homeless young people at Changing Lives
- Supported the Sandown Gardeners club to become completely independent self-governing organisation.

Our future

In March this year we launched the first of many pilot projects that we hope will provide a diverse range of benefits to local people while also creating some financial security for our charity – Herb Hub, which you will hear more about shortly. Suzanne has been carefully expanding on our very successful horticultural work, securing funding for new groups using the allotment, and creating some stunning artwork with young students from local schools.

We plan to replicate that approach across our other spaces, starting at Rose Street where we're thrilled to announce we have secured long-term premises at last. In 2024 we will begin to shape the Tyne View Health Hub into a fully functioning new community centre to benefit all. We vacated our office at Victoria Road at the end of 2023, but we hope to continue using the Scout Centre to provide many more large-scale events there in the future.

Big Local Gateshead

Registered Charity No. 1200709

Financial Statements
for the period ended 31 March 2024

Legal Information - 2023/24

Name: Big Local Gateshead

Charity Number: 1200709

Structure: Registered Charity (CIO)

Trustees:

Chair: Lawerance O'Halleron
Lesley Gooding
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Big Local Gateshead – Trustees' Report 2024

Aims & objectives

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- Developing the capacity and skills of those living, working, or volunteering in our catchment area (Teams and Racecourse Estate).
- Supporting the people living here to identify and meet the needs of their community.
- To provide facilities for recreation and leisure time with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.
- To do this work without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions held by our beneficiaries.

Achievements

Since becoming constituted in October 2022 our projects have been able to grow significantly and support even more local people. Funding from the North East and Cumbria Integrated Care Board has enabled our community allotment on Arkle Street to partner with Bensham Hospital's memory hub and set up a horticultural therapy project to benefit patients of early-onset Alzheimer's. Our food surplus project, the Pop-Up Shop, has been able to secure an expanded range of produce from Fareshare North East, allowing us to reach further into the community.

Over the past 18 months we have worked hard to develop Big Local Gateshead as a charity. We have adopted a whole suite of policies including safeguarding, health and safety, GDPR, equal opportunities, finance, environment, and more. We have secured insurance to protect our community work and implemented a new induction procedure for all future staff and volunteers. Lastly, we have expanded the board of trustees to 6 members.

Plans for next year

Big Local Gateshead has now secured a one year lease of a new premises for the charity at Tyne View Health Hub, off Rose Street, Gateshead NE8 2LS. The building shares a site with 2 organisations we already work closely with - Teams Family Hub and Eslington Primary School, and others we hope to work with in the future including the community midwife team and home visit NHS team. We intend to grow this building into a fully-functional community space that can accommodate all of our ongoing projects and explore new opportunities to work with the surrounding communities.

Over the next year we will also look to grow and develop our board of trustees, looking especially audit our skills and seek out new members who can help to increase our diversity and add to our strength. We will continue to expand our suite of policies and procedures, and look to becoming an employer for new staff members.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:-



Print Name..... LAWRENCE O'HALLORAN Date..... 8 JAN 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the
trustees of

Big Local Gateshead

On accounts for
the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no 1200709

**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and
examiner**

The trustees of the organisation are responsible for the preparation of accounts; they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2011 Act),
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of
independent
examiner's
statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

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statement**

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1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 130 of the Act); and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 20th November 2024

**Name:
Address:**

Mark Thompson MAAT
42 Lesbury Road
Newcastle
NE6 5LB

Big Local Gateshead

Receipts & Payments Account 18 October 2022 to 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total £
Receipts				
Donations and Membership	4	20659		20659
Grants	5		7660	7660
Shop Sales		1993		1993
Total Receipts		22652	7660	30312
Payments				
Cost of Projects Delivered		1261	1680	2941
Office Costs		308		308
Trustees Expenses		85		85
Utilities		4		4
Total Payments		1658	1680	3338
Surplus/Deficit for the period		20994	5980	26974
Total Funds at 31 March 2024		20994	5980	26974

Big Local Gateshead

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024
Current Assets		
Current Account		310
Cash in Hand		162
Debtors	9	26502
Net Assets at 31 March 2024		26974
Total Funds at 31 March 2024		26974
Represented by :		
Unrestricted Reserves		20994
Restricted Reserves		5980
Total Funds		26974

The financial statements were approved by the following members of the Management Committee:

Signed... *[Signature]* MBE. Position... *Chair*.....

Signed... *P. Graham*..... Position... *vice chair*.....

Date *08/01/25*

Big Local Gateshead

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The first year has been extended to cover 18th October 2022 to 31st March 2024.
Future financial years will run from April to March(12 months).

- 3 Trustees were reimbursed expenses during the year, a total of £85.20.

4 Donations and Membership

This includes £20,521.80 of donations taken from surplus food project from 2019-2024, held on the charity's behalf by St. Chads Community Project.

4 Grants Received:

Horticulture Therapy Project:
Gateshead Council £ 7,660
(On behalf of North East and Cumbria Integrated Care Board).
Total Grants Received £ 7,660

- 7 The cost for Independent Examination for the year will be £???

	Balance Oct 2022	Income	Expenditure	Balance March 2024
8 Restricted Funds				
Horticulture Therapy Project:	0	7660	1680	5980
Total	0	7660	1680	5980
9 Debtors				
Horticulture Therapy Project Grant	5980			
Food Project Surplus	20522			
Total Debtors	26502			