

THE BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY VENTURE LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 258768

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Charitable company

Company number [00953582](#)

Registered 1969-06-02

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF AND TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN PROVIDING COUNTRY HOSTELS AND OTHER FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITION OF LIFE FOR THE BENEFIT OF POOR AND DEPRIVED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PERSONS RESIDENT IN OR NEAR BIRMINGHAM REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOUR OR CREED.

Activities: BCCV runs a hostel which is used by schools to enable children and young people to learn about the countryside and to experience living communally.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN OR NEAR BIRMINGHAM
- Birmingham City
- Oxfordshire
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-05	£51,837	£44,581	-	-
2024-05-05	£49,663	£58,740	-	-
2023-05-05	£30,549	£39,017	-	-
2022-05-05	£28,955	£49,323	-	-
2021-05-05	£16,220	£27,814	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTOPHER NOEL SMITH	Chair	2012-03-04
ANN ELIZABETH TWELLS		
Andrew Pilmore		2017-11-13
Kerensa Irene Anne Neal		2015-05-18
Ms Gill Sparrow		2015-01-01
RICHARD ALAN JONES		
SIR DAVID ROSS WINKLEY		

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Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Company limited by guarantee

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for

the year ended 5 May 2025

Unaudited Financial Statements

Year ended 5 May 2025

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Richard Alan Jones
Christopher Smith
Andrew Pilmore
Howard Matty (appointed as Trustee only)
Gill Sparrow
Kerensa Neal (appointed as Trustee only)
Charlene Bull
Frances Duncan

Honorary Secretary Kerensa Neal

Members Council Mr C Smith Chairman
Mr A Pilmore Treasurer
Mrs K Neal Honorary Secretary

Independent Examiner Mr D Thebridge
Aric Accountants Limited
Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Trustee's Report

Year ended 5 May 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the company for the year ended 5 May 2025. The trustees, who unless otherwise indicated, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The company is limited by guarantee and the charity is governed by directors who are also Trustees as listed on page 1.

New Trustees

The board continually review the number of trustees, and encourage teachers at subscriber schools to get involved by attending management or trustee meetings to ensure continuity and a pool of people to replace trustees wishing to retire. Over a period of time they learn the processes of decision making and are guided through the demands and responsibilities required of trustees so that in due course they are willing to be formally appointed.

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To advance the education of, and to provide or assist in providing country hostels and other facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life for the benefit of poor and deprived children and young persons regardless of race, colour or creed.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that:

In the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirement; and

The aims of the charity are carried out for the benefit of the public.

Achievements and performance

The BrigHouse building and site were again fully operational for both day and residential visits throughout the academic year 2024-25 with all BCCV member schools making the most of the outdoor experiences available at The BrigHouse. The BrigHouse has in place a busy booking calendar for 2025-26

The BCCV trustees held "in person" trustee meetings throughout the academic year (thank you to Plantsbrook Secondary School for hosting these meetings). The decision to make all termly BCCV members meetings all "virtual" meetings for the academic year 2024-25 both improved attendance and engagement with the BCCV. The final members meeting of the academic year took place on site at The BrigHouse to view developments there across the academic year. BCCV trustees' main aims during 2024-25 were to ensure that The BrigHouse remained fully operational and to regularly monitor the BCCV's financial position with a view to ensure the BCCV's sustainability and viability. Our reserves plus annual charges to member schools enabled the BCCV to remain financially viable for the financial year of 2024-25. The annual charge to member schools to cover increased annual running costs of The BrigHouse remained at £2,000 for the academic year 2024-25.

Membership of the BCCV has remained strong. One school terminated their membership of the BCCV at the end of August 2025. This vacant membership was taken up by two schools on a joint membership agreement. There are currently no vacant BCCV memberships.

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Trustees report year ended 5 May 2025 (continued)

The BCCV trustees have taken the opportunity to implement the following planned developments at The BrigHouse site during 2024-25:

1. The Chair's 2025 annual summer holiday audit of catering, cleaning and play equipment indicated the need for some replacement and replenishment of resources / equipment in advance of The BrigHouse reopening for the academic year 2025-26.
2. The delivery of a staff workshop led by EdVis Guidance focussed on outdoor learning activities. This workshop was of no cost to BCCV member schools.
3. The most significant development in 2024-25 was the competition of the successful fund-raising campaign which raised £30,000 to enable the installation of solar panels covering the front apex of the roof of The BrigHouse. The solar panels installation was completed in May 2025. The impact of the solar panels of generating electricity and consequently reducing the BCCV's energy costs is already having significant positive impact on The BrigHouse's running costs.
4. Key priorities for 2025-26 for the BCCV trustees are to continue to constantly monitor BCCV financial resources and The BrigHouse's annual running costs particularly in light of the increased "cost of living" costs. This is important in order to sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV. BCCV trustees are continuing to explore further opportunities to make The BrigHouse building as "green" and energy efficient as possible.

Financial review

Income before interest has increased from £48,926 to £51,200 because of increased grant funding including from Alfred Leadbetter Trust Garfield Weston Foundation and the Roughley Trust which are acknowledged with gratitude. Costs fell from £58,740 to £44,581 with reductions in energy costs and repairs and maintenance. As a result there is a surplus of £7,256 compared to a deficit of £9,077 in which is big improvement.. It has not been possible to add to the sinking fund intended to provide sufficient funds for the time when major repairs such as new roof are required.

Future developments

Key priorities for 2025-26 for the BCCV trustees are to continue to constantly monitor **BCCV financial resources** and **The BrigHouse annual running costs** particularly in light of increased energy costs. Solar panels were installed in May 2025 for which a grant was secured. This will sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV and go towards making the BrigHouse "green" and as energy efficient as possible. The intention is to return income and expenditure to positive figure.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who, with two exceptions, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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Trustees report year ended 5 May 2025 (continued)

select suitable accounting policies and the apply them consistently;

- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SMALL COMPANY PROVISIONS

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies entitled to the small companies exemption.



C Smith- Director
October 2025



Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited.

I report on the accounts of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the year ended 5 May 2025 set out on pages 2 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- (i) proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with such accounting records
- (iii) where accounts and prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102).



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October 2025

David Thebridge FCA

Independent examiner

Keystone House, 247a Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 5 May 2025

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income (notes 3 and 4)		
Income and endowments from:		
Grants		
Donations and legacies	19,200	6,000
Charitable Activities- membership and joining fees	32,000	42,676
Charitable Activities- other hire and income	-	300
Investment income	637	737
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Total income	51,837	49,663
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Expenditure (note 6)		
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	0	-
Charitable activities	43,717	57,876
Depreciation and amortisation and depreciation	864	864
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Total expenditures expended	44,581	58,740
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Net income(expenditure) for the year and net income/(expense) for the year	7,256	(9,077)
Total funds brought forward	51,285	60,362
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Total funds carried forward	58,541	51,285

Statement of Total Comprehensive Income Year ended 5 May 2025

Surplus/Deficit for the financial year	<u>7,256</u>	<u>(9,077)</u>
Total comprehensive income	7,256	(9,077)

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position as at 5 May 2025

	Note	2025	2024
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	13,218	14,082
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		1,568	1,484
Cash at bank and in hand		44,715	36,679
		<u>46,283</u>	<u>38,163</u>
		(960)	(960)
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>45,323</u>	<u>37,203</u>
Net current assets		<u>58,541</u>	<u>51,285</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			
Net Funds- all unrestricted			
		(1,459)	(8,715)
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus		60,000	60,000
Designated sinking fund for major works in future		<u>58,541</u>	<u>51,285</u>

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 5 May 2025

(c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the board on October 2025 and signed on its behalf by


C Smith -Director

6.11.25

the notes on pages 8 to 11 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 5 May 2025

	Other reserves	Income and expenditure account	Total
	£	£	£
At 6 May 2023	60,000	362	60,362
Deficit for the year	-	(9,077)	(9,077)
Total comprehensive income for the year			
At 5 May 2024	60,000	(8,715)	51,285
Surplus for the year	-	7,256	(9,077)
Total comprehensive income for the year			
At 5 May 2025	60,000	(1,459)	58,541

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Notes to the financial statements For Year ended 5 May 2025

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income or is more likely than not to receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included but is noted in the trustees report.

Income from investments representing bank interest is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Joining fees are not refundable and are payable when a school wishes to subscribe to use the facilities for residential experiences in order to deliver the curriculum. Annual subscriptions are payable at the start of the year and cover the use of the BrigHouse for a specific number of days over the academic year subject to the terms and conditions. Both are recognised on the earlier of date of invoice or on receipt. No part of the annual membership is refundable.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred which is where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constrictive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise any costs associated with attracting voluntary income or grant funding. Generally there is no direct cost as trustees give their own time to seek grants.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and service for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs indirectly incurred in supporting the expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practise

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties	-	Straight line over the life of the lease (5 years)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

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For Year ended 5 May 2024

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2. Voluntary income (all unrestricted)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations		
Alfred Leadbeater Trust	10,000	5,000
William Cadbury Trust	-	1,000
Edwards Trust	200	-
Garfield Weston	5,000	
Cole Charitable Trust	1,000	-
Roughley Trust	3,000	
	<u>19,200</u>	<u>6,000</u>

Income from charitable activities

Annual membership fees	32,000	42,626
Other income	-	300
	<u>51,200</u>	<u>48,926</u>

3. Investment income (all unrestricted)

	2025	2024
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	637	737

4 Expenditure

	2025	2024
	£	£
Operating Brigg House:		
Establishment costs, rates, power, insurance	11,838	15,705
Repairs, maintenance and running	17,881	26,008
Sundry costs	14,178	16,161
Total operating costs	<u>43,897</u>	<u>57,874</u>
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed asset	864	864
Total expenditure	<u>44,761</u>	<u>58,738</u>

Within sundry and admin costs are governance cost

Accountancy for independent examination	960	960
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For Year ended 5 May 2025

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

5 Average number of employees

The average number of persons employed by the charitable company during the year was Nil (2024: Nil).

6 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings	Plant and machinery etc.	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 6 May 2024 and 5 May 2025	476,102	33,697	509,799
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Depreciation			
At 6 May 2024	476,102	19,615	495,717
Charge	-	864	864
At 5 May 2025	<hr/> 476,102	<hr/> 19,615	<hr/> 495,717
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Carrying amount			
At 5 May 2025	-	14,082	14,082
At 5 May 2024	-	14,082	14,082

7 Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	1,568	1,484
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8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025	2024
	£	£
Accruals	960	960
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Year ended 5 May 2024

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Membership of the BCCV has remained strong. One school terminated their membership of the BCCV at the end of March 2024. There is currently one vacant membership. The BCCV trustees have taken the opportunity to implement the following planned developments at The BrigHouse site during 2023-24:

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Trustees report year ended 5 May 2024 (continued)

1. The Chair's 2024 annual summer holiday **audit of catering, cleaning and play equipment** indicated the need for some replacement and replenishment of resources / equipment in advance of The BrigHouse reopening for the academic year 2024-25.
2. The introduction of a **refuse disposal system** with regular collections from a refuse disposal contractor. The 500 litre refuse bins are housed in a bin shed accessible only to BCCV member schools.
3. Other developments have included the upgrading of the **security alarm system**, the installation of two additional **air conditioning units** in the two dormitories (the units can be operated to both cool / heat the dormitories and are an important back up to any heating system malfunctions (such as occurred in February 2023).
4. The delivery of two staff workshops led by EdVis Guidance focussing on outdoor learning activities. These workshops were of no cost to BCCV member schools.

Financial review

Income before interest has increased from £30,375 to £48,926 because of an increase in membership from September 2023 and grant funding from Alfred Leadbetter and William Cadbury Trusts which are acknowledged with gratitude. However costs increased from £39,017 to £58,740 mainly because of rising energy costs and continuing repair and maintenance to meet highest standards of safety and practice appropriate for facility used by young people. As a result there is a deficit of £9,077 compared to £8,468 in 2023 which is clearly not sustainable. It has not been possible to add to the sinking fund intended to provide sufficient funds for the time when major repairs such as new roof are required.

Future developments

Key priorities for 2024-25 for the BCCV trustees are to continue to constantly monitor **BCCV financial resources** and **The BrigHouse annual running costs** particularly in light of increased energy costs in order to sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV. BCCV trustees are exploring **alternative energy sources** (such as the installation of **solar panels**) to make The BrigHouse building as "green" and energy efficient as possible, this project is targeted to be BCCV's key investment for 2024-25.

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Trustees report year ended 5 May 2024 (continued)

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C Smith- Director

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

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November 2024

David Thebridge FCA

Independent examiner

Keystone House, 247a Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 5 May 2024

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income (notes 3 and 4)		
Income and endowments from:		
Donations and legacies	6,000	
Charitable Activities- membership and joining fees	42,626	30,375
Charitable Activities- other hire and income	300	
Investment income	737	174
Total income	<u>49,663</u>	<u>30,549</u>
Expenditure (note 6)		
Expenditure on:		
Raising funds	0	-
Charitable activities	57,876	38,153
Depreciation and amortisation and depreciation	864	864
Total expenditures expended	<u>58,740</u>	<u>39,017</u>
Net income(expenditure) for the year and net income/(expense) for the year	(9,077)	(8,468)
Total funds brought forward	60,362	68,830
Total funds carried forward	<u>51,285</u>	<u>60,362</u>

Statement of Total Comprehensive Income Year ended 5 May 2024

Deficit for the financial year	(9,077)	(8,468)
Total comprehensive income	(9,077)	(8,468)

The notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Statement of Financial Position

5 May 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	5	14,082	14,946
Current assets			
Debtors and prepayments		1,484	1,496
Cash at bank and in hand		36,679	44,867
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
Net current assets		38,163	46,363
Total assets less current liabilities		(960)	(947)
Net Funds- all unrestricted		37,203	45,516
Accumulated (deficit)/surplus		51,285	60,362
Designated sinking fund for major works in future		(8,715)	362
		60,000	60,000
In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:		51,285	60,362

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 5 May 2023

(c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the board on November 2024 and signed on its behalf by


C Smith -Director

the notes on pages 9 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Equity

Year ended 5 May 2024

	Other reserves	Income and expenditure account	Total
	£	£	£
At 6 May 2022	65,000	3,830	68,830
Deficit for the year	-	(8,468)	(8,468)
Other comprehensive income for the year: Reclassification from other reserves to income and expenditure account	(5,000)	5,000	-
Total comprehensive income for the year	(5,000)	(3,468)	(8,468)
At 5 May 2023 and 6 May 2023	60,000	362	60,362
Deficit for the year	-	(9,077)	(9,077)
Total comprehensive income for the year	-	(9,077)	(9,077)
At 5 May 2024	60,000	(8,715)	51,285

For Year ended 5 May 2024

Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Notes to the financial statements

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income or is more likely than not to receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included but is noted in the trustees report.

Income from investments representing bank interest is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Joining fees are not refundable and are payable when a school wishes to subscribe to use the facilities for residential experiences in order to deliver the curriculum. Annual subscriptions are payable at the start of the year and cover the use of the BrigHouse for a specific number of days over the academic year subject to the terms and conditions. Both are recognised on the earlier of date of invoice or on receipt. No part of the annual membership is refundable.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred which is where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constrictive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise any costs associated with attracting voluntary income or grant funding. Generally there is no direct cost as trustees give their own time to seek grants.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and service for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs indirectly incurred in supporting the expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practise

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties	-	Straight line over the life of the lease (5 years)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

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Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

2. Voluntary income (all unrestricted)

	2024	2023
Donations	£	£
Alfred Leadbeater Trust	5,000	0
William Cadbury Trust	1,000	0
Income from charitable activities		
Annual membership fees	42,626	28,950
Other income	300	
	<u>42,926</u>	<u>28,950</u>

3. Investment income (all unrestricted)

	2023	2023
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	737	174

4 Expenditure

	2024	2023
	£	£
Operating Brigg House:		
Establishment costs, rates, power, insurance	15,705	7,044
Repairs, maintenance and running costs	15,083	26,008
Sundry costs	16,161	16,026
Total operating costs	<u>57,874</u>	<u>38,153</u>
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed asset	864	864
Total expenditure	58,738	39,017

Within sundry and admin costs are governance cost

Accountancy for independent examination

960	948
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5 Average number of employees

The average number of persons employed by the charitable company during the year was Nil (2023: Nil).

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

6 Tangible assets

	Land and buildings £	Plant and machinery etc. £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 May 2023 and 5 May 2024	476,102	33,697	509,799
Depreciation			
At 6 May 2023	476,102	18,751	494,853
Charge	-	864	864
At 5 May 2024	476,102	19,615	495,717
Carrying amount			
At 5 May 2024	-	14,082	14,082
At 5 May 2023	-	14,946	14,946

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7 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	1,484	1,496
	<u>1,484</u>	<u>1,496</u>

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Notes to the financial statements (continued)

8 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	960	948
	<u>960</u>	<u>947</u>

THE BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S COMMUNITY VENTURE LIMITED

England & Wales - Charity number 258768

Accounts

Charity number: 258768

Company number: 0953582

The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Trustees' report and financial statements

for the year ended 5 May 2023

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Legal and administrative information

Charity number 258768

Company registration number 0953582

Registered office c/o 76 Grestone Avenue
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Trustees David Winkley
Ann Elizabeth Twells
Richard Alan Jones
Christopher Smith
Andrew Pilmore
Howard Matty (appointed as Trustee only)
Gill Sparrow
Kerensa Neal (appointed as Trustee only)
Charlene Bull
Frances Duncan

Secretary Kerensa Neal

Members Council Mr C Smith Chairman
Mr A Pilmore Treasurer
Mrs Kerensa Neal Secretary

Independent Examiner Mr D Thebridge
Aric Accountants Limited
Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE.

The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 5 May 2023

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 May 2023. The trustees, who unless otherwise indicated, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The company is limited by guarantee and the charity is governed by directors who are also Trustees as listed on page 1.

New Trustees: Charlene Bull, Frances Duncan

The board continually review the number of trustees, and encourage teachers at subscriber schools to get involved by attending management or trustee meetings to ensure continuity and a pool of people to replace trustees wishing to retire. Over a period of time they learn the processes of decision making and are guided through the demands and responsibilities required of trustees so that in due course they are willing to be formally appointed.

Objectives and activities

Objects

To advance the education of, and to provide or assist in providing country residential / outdoor education centres and other facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life for the benefit of socially and economically deprived children and young persons' regardless of race, colour or creed.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that:

In the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirement; and

The aims of the charity are carried out for the benefit of the public.

Achievements and performance

The BrigHouse building and site fully reopened and continued to remain open for both day and residential visits throughout the academic year 2022-23 with all BCCV member schools making the most of the outdoor experiences available at The BrigHouse.

The BCCV trustees held "in person" trustee meetings throughout the academic year (thank you to DRB Schools & Academies Services Limited for hosting these meetings). Termly BCCV members meetings also were "in person" meetings hosted by Holte Secondary School with the final members meeting of the academic year taking place on site at The BrigHouse. BCCV trustees' main aim during 2022-23 was to ensure that The BrigHouse remained fully operational and to monitor the BCCV's financial position after the uncertain times of 2020-21 and 2021-22. Our reserves plus annual charges to member schools enabled the BCCV to remain financially viable for both the challenging financial years of 2020-21 and 2021-2022. The annual charge to member schools to cover increased annual running costs of The BrigHouse was raised from £1,500 to £2,000 from the start of the academic year 2023-24 following members' approval at the 2022 Annual General Meeting.

Membership of the BCCV has remained strong. One school terminated their membership of the BCCV at the end of July 2023 and this school has been replaced by St. Michaels B21 primary school (the first school on the waiting list) with two other schools waiting for an opportunity to join the project.

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The BCCV trustees have taken the opportunity to implement the following planned developments on The BrigHouse site during 2022-23:

1. The Chair's 2023 annual summer holiday **audit of catering, cleaning and play equipment** indicated the need for some minor replacement and replenishment of resources / equipment in advance of The BrigHouse reopening for the academic year 2023-24.
2. The introduction of a new **refuse disposal system** with regular collections from a refuse disposal contractor which has meant that schools no longer are required to remove refuse bags from site on their departure after day / residential visits. The 500 litre refuse bins are now housed in a bin shed accessible only to BCCV member schools.
3. Other developments have included the upgrading of the **security alarm system**, the installation of two additional **air conditioning units** in the two dormitories (the units can be operated to both cool / heat the dormitories and are an important back up to any heating system malfunctions (such as occurred in February 2023). Many thanks to the Alfred Leadbeater Trust for awarding the BCCV £5,000 to help fund the purchase and installation of the new air conditioning units.
4. Key priorities for 2023-24 for the BCCV trustees are to continue to constantly monitor **BCCV financial resources** and The BrigHouse annual running costs particularly in light of increased energy costs in order to sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV. BCCV trustees are exploring **alternative energy sources** (such as the installation of **solar panels**) to make The BrigHouse building as "green" and energy efficient as possible, this project is targeted to be BCCV's key investment for 2023-24 for which the BCCV is applying to various funders.

Financial review

The rebuild costs in 2015/16 have been fully amortised so depreciation is no longer such a significant cost. Membership income has returned to previous levels as the facilities were available for overnight visits. No grant income was received.

As detailed above there have been some changes in school membership but the trustees are happy to report that all membership places are still taken meaning full utilisation of The BrigHouse.

Costs excluding depreciation have decreased from £42,542 to £38,153, reflecting a drop in maintenance costs which include the programme of works explained above. The model of outsourcing the operation and maintenance of the facility, taking into accounts inflation and now higher utility bills means normal costs will be in the order of £35,000 per annum. The trustees are satisfied that this model ensures suppliers with skills, knowledge and resources to implement changes in regulation and best practice when it comes to safety are ensuring compliance with and advising on policies, leaving their role to oversee and monitor. This means becoming a trustee while in full time work in teaching is a manageable and realistic commitment.

The trustees have designated a sinking fund of £30,000 per annum to build up over time and cover large periodic or unexpected repair or other costs but in the year £5,000 has been allocated from this leaving a balance of £65,000.

developments

For 2022/23 the trustees are continuing to work with schools to allow residential use. There are no specific targets other than to maintain occupancy and satisfaction levels and continually plan to anticipate and provide for changing needs whether from legislation, education or general cultural and parental demands. The trustees are aware of the pressures on school budgets and parent's finances in setting fees and the requirement to maintain standards and safety

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who, with one exception, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions for small charitable companies under company law.

On behalf of the board

Kerensa Neal



Secretary

November 2023

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For the year ended 5 May 2023

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited.

I report on the accounts of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the year ended 5 May 2023 set out on pages 2 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- (i) proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with such accounting records
- (iii) where accounts and prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102).



November 2023

David Thebridge FCA

Independent examiner

Keystone House, 247a Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

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For the year ended 5 May 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2023	2022
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income (notes 3 and 4)				
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	
Charitable Activities- membership and joining fees	30,375	-	30,375	28,950
Charitable Activities- other hire and income	-	-	-	-
Investment income	174	-	174	5
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Total income	30,549	-	30,549	28,955
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Expenditure (note 6)				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	38,153	-	38,153	42,542
Depreciation and amortisation and depreciation	864	-	864	864
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Total expenditures expended	39,017		39,017	43,406
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Net income(expenditure) for the year and				
net income/(expense) for the year	(8,468)		(8,468)	(10,478)
Total funds brought forward	68,830	-	68,830	83,281
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Total funds carried forward	60,362	-	60,362	63,244
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For the year ended 5 May 2023

Balance sheet

as at 5 May 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		14,916		15,810
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		44,868		55,538	
debtors and prepayments		1,496		1,382	
		<u>46,36445</u>		<u>53,920</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	8	(948)		(900)	
		<u>45,416</u>		<u>53,020</u>	
Net current assets			45,416		53,020
			<u>60,362</u>		<u>68,830</u>
Net assets			<u>60,362</u>		<u>68,830</u>
Funds					
	9				
Restricted income funds			-		-
Unrestricted income funds			60,362		68,830
			<u>60,362</u>		<u>68,830</u>
Total funds			<u>60,362</u>		<u>68,830</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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For the year ended 5 May 2023

Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006

for the year ended 5 May 2023

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

(a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;

(b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 5 May 2023

(c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the board on November 2023 and signed on its behalf by

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C Smith

Director

November 2023

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Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 5 May 2023

1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

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All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income or is more likely than not to receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

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The charity made no redundancy payments and employed no staff during the reporting period.

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP and subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19 FRS 102 SORP

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

- Leasehold properties - Straight line over the life of the lease (5 years)
- Fixtures, fittings and equipment - 20% straight line

2. Voluntary income (all unrestricted)

	2023	2022
	£	£
donations	-	0
Income from charitable activities		
Annual membership fees	28,950	28,950
Other income	_____	_____
	28,950	28,950
	=====	=====

3. Investment income (all unrestricted)

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	5	5
	=====	=====

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4 Expenditure

	2023	2022
	£	£
Operating Brigg House:		
Establishment costs, rates, power, insurance	7,044	9,275
Repairs, maintenance and running costs	15,083	19,590
Sundry costs	16,026	13,677
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Total operating costs	38,153	42,542
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	864	864
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Total expenditure	39,017	43,406
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Within sundry and admin costs are governance costs:

Accountancy for independent examination	948	900
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	948	900
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There were no support costs separately identified.

5. Employees

There were no employees. No salaries or wages have been to any trustees during the year.

6. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of tax legislation. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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7. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 May 2021	476,102	33,697	509,799
Additions			
At 5 May 2022	476,102	33,697	509,799
Depreciation			
At 6 May 2021	476,102	17,887	493,989
Charge for the year	0	864	864
At 5 May 2022	476,102	18,751	494,853
Net book values			
At 5 May 2023	-	14,946	14,946
At 5 May 2022	-	15,810	15,810

8. Debtors and prepayments

	2023	2022
Prepaid expenses	1,496	1,382

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	948	900

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10. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds
	£
Fund balances at 5 May 2023 as represented by:	
Fixed assets	14,946
Current assets	46,364
Current liabilities	(948)
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TOTAL	60,362
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11. Unrestricted funds

	Brought				Carried
	Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted fund	3,830	28,955	(39,017)	5,000	362
Designated sinking fund	65,000			(5,000)	60,000
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	68,830	28,955	(39,017)	-	60,362
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£5,000 of the sinking fund has been allocated to general fund to cover additional repair costs over the period.

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The funds available to meet the charities objectives

The designated sinking fund is to cover future periodic and unexpected maintenance costs

12. Company limited by guarantee

The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.

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David Winkley
Ann Elizabeth Twells
Richard Alan Jones
Christopher Smith
Andrew Pilmore
Howard Matty (appointed as Trustee only)
Gill Sparrow
Kerensa Neal (appointed as Trustee only)

Secretary

Richard Alan Jones

Members Council

Mr C Smith Chairman
Mr A Pilmore Treasurer
Mr R.Jones Secretary

Independent Examiner

Mr D Thebridge
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The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Detailed statement of financial activities

For the year ended 5 May 2022

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 May 2022. The trustees, who unless otherwise indicated, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purposes of company law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out on page 1.

Structure, governance and management

The company is limited by guarantee and the charity is governed by directors who are also Trustees as listed on page 1.

New Trustees

The board continually review the number of trustees, and encourage teachers at subscriber schools to get involved by attending management or trustee meetings to ensure continuity and a pool of people to replace trustees wishing to retire. Over a period of time they learn the processes of decision making and are guided through the demands and responsibilities required of trustees so that in due course they are willing to be formally appointed.

Objectives and activities

Objects

To advance the education of, and to provide or assist in providing country hostels and other facilities for recreation or other leisure time activities in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving their condition of life for the benefit of poor and deprived children and young persons regardless of race, colour or creed.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that:

In the exercise of their powers as charity trustees, they have had due regard to the published guidance from the Charity Commission on the operation of the public benefit requirement; and

The aims of the charity are carried out for the benefit of the public.

Achievements and performance

The financial and academic years 2020-21 and 2021-22 have been very unusual / challenging for the BCCV due to the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on the operation of the BCCV and The BrigHouse. A consequence of the pandemic and especially the national lockdowns and school closures, The BrigHouse was closed to visiting groups for the summer term 2020 and for the majority of the academic year 2020-21 opening only briefly from May to June 2021. The BrigHouse fully reopened and continued to remain open for both day and residential visits for the academic year 2021-22 which was very pleasing to see as children and young people were again able to make the most of the outdoor experiences available at The BrigHouse.

The trustees met virtually on a number of occasions during 2021-22 with the November 2021 AGM being the first "in person" members meeting for two years. BCCV trustees main aim during 2021-22 was to ensure that The BrigHouse remained operational and in particular to monitor the BCCV's financial position during the uncertain times of 2020-21 and 2021-22. Our reserves plus annual charges to member schools enabled the BCCV to remain financially viable for both the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-2022. Proposals for the future funding of the BCCV are being presented by the BCCV Chair and Treasurer at the 2022 AGM.

Membership of the BCCV has remained strong. Two schools terminated their membership of the BCCV at the end of July 2022 and these schools have been replaced by two schools on the waiting list with three other schools waiting for an opportunity to join the project.

BCCV trustees have taken the opportunity during the financial years 2020-21 and 2021-22 to put in place a number of planned developments on The BrigHouse site. These include:

1. The replacement of the **paved path** from Folly Lane to the main entrance with a much more robust and fit for purpose pathway. This will improve and assist better disability access.
2. The replacement of the original oven and hob with a new and more efficient **oven and hob**.

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3. The **construction on site of sturdy and robust bunk beds** by a bespoke bunk bed maker. Eight bunk beds are in situ in each dormitory plus one bunk bed in each staff dormitory. This is a long-term investment costing £17,000.
4. The purchase of **36 hospital grade waterproof mattresses**. The BCCV is very grateful to the Alfred Leadbeater Trust who responded to our request for help to purchase the mattresses. The Trust kindly granted the BCCV £9,000 to cover the cost of the mattresses.
5. The BCCV put in place **COVID 19 safety measures** in line with government guidance and advice from the Outdoor Education Association of Practitioners during 2021-22 which included enhanced cleaning procedures. Cleaning regimes have now returned to a weekly operation.
6. The Chair's 2021 annual summer holiday **audit of catering, cleaning and play equipment** indicated the need for some minor replacement and replenishment of resources in advance of The BrigHouse reopening for the academic year 2021-22.
7. Key priorities for 2022-23 for the BCCV are to constantly monitor **BCCV financial resources** and The BrigHouse annual running costs particularly in light of increased energy costs in order to sustain the long-term financial viability of the BCCV. BCCV trustees are also exploring alternative energy sources to make The BrigHouse building as "green" and energy efficient as possible, this project will be BCCV's key investment for 2022-23.

Financial review

The rebuild costs in 2015/16 have been fully amortised so depreciation is no longer such a significant cost. Membership income has returned to previous levels as the facilities were available for overnight visits. No grant income was received.

As detailed above there have been some changes in school membership but the trustees are happy to report that all membership places are still taken meaning full utilisation of The BrigHouse.

Costs excluding depreciation have increased from £27,814 to £42,450, reflecting higher maintenance costs which include the programme of works explained above. The model of outsourcing the operation and maintenance of the facility, taking into account inflation and now higher utility bills means normal costs will be in the order of £35,000 per annum. The trustees are satisfied that this model ensures suppliers with skills, knowledge and resources to implement changes in regulation and best practice when it comes to safety are ensuring compliance with and advising on policies, leaving their role to oversee and monitor. This means becoming a trustee while in full time work in teaching is a manageable and realistic commitment.

The trustees have designated a sinking fund of £30,000 per annum to build up over time and cover large periodic or unexpected repair or other costs but in view of no allocation has been made. Other reserves need to be sufficient allow it to cope with any loss of grant income or a drop in membership by schools. Trustees will annually review how much this needs to be, and to cover the deficit has been reduced to £75,000.

Future developments

For 2022/23 the trustees are continuing to work with schools to allow residential use. There are no specific targets other than to maintain occupancy and satisfaction levels and continually plan to anticipate and provide for changing needs whether from legislation, education or general cultural and parental demands. The trustees are aware of the pressures on school budgets and parent's finances in setting fees and the requirement to maintain standards and safety

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Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who, with one exception, are also directors of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the purpose of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions for small charitable companies under company law .

On behalf of the board

Richard Alan Jones

Secretary



9 November 2022

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited.

I report on the accounts of The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited for the year ended 5 May 2022 set out on pages 2 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner

The charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

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

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- (i) proper accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006;
- (ii) the accounts do not accord with such accounting records
- (iii) where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS102).


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9 November 2022

David Thebridge FCA

Independent examiner

Keystone House, 247a Jockey Road, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5XE

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	Unrestricted	Restricted	2022	2021
	funds	funds	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Income (notes 3 and 4)				
Income and endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	9,000
Charitable Activities- membership and joining fees	28,950	-	28,950	7,125
Charitable Activities- other hire and income	-	-	-	50
Investment income	5	-	5	145
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Total income	28,955	-	28,955	16,220
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Expenditure (note 6)				
Expenditure on:				
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	43,831	-	43,831	27,814
Depreciation and amortisation and depreciation	5,492	-	5,492	83,744
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Total expenditures expended	49,323	-	49,323	115,558
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Net income(expenditure) for the year and				
net income/(expense) for the year	(20,037)	-	(20,037)	(95,338)
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Total funds brought forward	83,281	-	83,281	178,619
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Total funds carried forward	63,244	-	63,244	83,281
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Balance sheet

as at 5 May 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	7		15,810		16,674
Current assets					
Cash at bank and in hand		55,538		65,589	
debtors and prepayments		1,382		1,918	
		<u>53,920</u>		<u>67,507</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling					
due within one year	8	(900)		(900)	
		<u>53,020</u>		<u>66,607</u>	
Net current assets			53,020		66,607
			<u>68,830</u>		<u>83,281</u>
Net assets					
			<u>68,830</u>		<u>83,281</u>
Funds					
	9				
Restricted income funds			-		-
Unrestricted income funds			68,830		83,281
			<u>68,830</u>		<u>83,281</u>
Total funds			<u>68,830</u>		<u>83,281</u>

The Balance Sheet continues on the following page.

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Balance sheet (continued)

Trustees statements required by the Companies Act 2006

for the year ended 5 May 2022

In approving these financial statements as trustees of the company we hereby confirm:

- (a) that for the year stated above the company was entitled to the exemption conferred by section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ;
- (b) that no notice has been deposited at the registered office of the company pursuant to section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requesting that an audit be conducted for the year ended 5 May 2023
- (c) that the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts:

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the board on 3 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by


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C Smith

Director

9 November 2022

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1. Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014.

1.2. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income or is more likely than not to receive the resources and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.

The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included but is noted in the trustees report.

Income from investments representing bank interest is included in the year in which it is receivable.

Joining fees are not refundable and are payable when a school wishes to subscribe to use the facilities for residential experiences in order to deliver the curriculum. Annual subscriptions are payable at the start of the year and cover the use of the BrigHouse for a specific number of days over the academic year subject to the terms and conditions. Both are recognised on the earlier of date of invoice or on receipt. No part of the annual membership is refundable.

1.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred which is where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constrictive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise any costs associated with attracting voluntary income or grant funding. Generally there is no direct cost as trustees give their own time to seek grants.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Support costs are those costs indirectly incurred in supporting the expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practise

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The charity made no redundancy payments and employed no staff during the reporting period.

The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 10.7 FRS102 SORP and subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19 FRS 102 SORP

1.4 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Leasehold properties	-	Straight line over the life of the lease (5 years)
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% straight line

2. Voluntary income (all unrestricted)

	2022	2021
	£	£
donations		
Alfred Leadbeater Trust	-	9,000
Income from charitable activities		
Annual membership fees	28,950	7125
Other income		50
	<u>28,950</u>	<u>16,175</u>

3. Investment income (all unrestricted)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank interest receivable	5	45

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4 Expenditure

	2022	2021
	£	£
Operating Brigg House:		
Establishment costs, rates, power, insurance	9,275	6,618
Repairs, maintenance and running costs	19,590	11,583
Sundry costs	13,585	9,613
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Total operating costs	42,450	27,814
Depreciation and other amounts written off tangible fixed assets	864	83,744
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Total expenditure	43,314	111,558
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Within sundry and admin costs are governance costs:

Accountancy for independent examination	900	900
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	900	900
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There were no support costs separately identified.

5. Employees

There were no employees. No salaries or wages have been to any trustees during the year.

6. Taxation

The charity's activities fall within the exemptions afforded by the provisions of tax legislation. Accordingly, there is no taxation charge in these accounts.

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8. Tangible fixed assets

	Leasehold property £	fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 6 May 2021	476,102	33,697	509,799
Additions			
At 5 May 2022	<u>476,102</u>	<u>33,697</u>	<u>509,799</u>
Depreciation			
At 6 May 2021	476,102	17,023	493,125
Charge for the year	0	864	864
At 5 May 2022	<u>476,102</u>	<u>17,887</u>	<u>493,989</u>
Net book values			
At 5 May 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>15,810</u>	<u>15,810</u>
At 5 May 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>16,674</u>	<u>16,674</u>

9. Debtors and prepayments

	2022	2021
Prepaid expenses	1,382	1,918

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	900	900

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11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £
Fund balances at 5 May 2022 as represented by:	
Fixed assets	15,810
Current assets	53,920
Current liabilities	(900)
TOTAL	68,830

12. Unrestricted funds

	Brought				Carried
	Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Forward £
Unrestricted fund	(6,619)	29,855	(43,314)	25,000	3,830
Designated sinking fund	90,000			(25,000)	65,000
	<u>83,281</u>	<u>29,855</u>	<u>(43,314)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>68,830</u>

£25,000 of the sinking fund has been allocated to general fund to cover additional repair costs over the 2021 and 2022.

Purposes of unrestricted funds

The funds available to meet the charities objectives

The designated sinking fund is to cover future periodic and unexpected maintenance costs

13. Company limited by guarantee

The Birmingham Children's Community Venture Limited is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute such amount as may be required not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member, or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member.