
LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)

ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022



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LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)
Legal and Administrative Information
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

Trustees

Ian Strafford
Darlene Torey

Charity number

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Principal address

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LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)

Trustees Report

For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charity's rules, the Charities Act 2011 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, "Accounting and Reporting by Charities", issued in March 2005.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's objectives are to maintain the building for the social club activities. They have adopted policies in furtherance of these objectives and there has been no change in these during the year.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the Charity should undertake.

Achievements and performance

Financial review

It is the policy of the association that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months' expenditure. The Trustee considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

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The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The Trustees who served during the year were:

Ian Strafford

Darlene Torey

LALGRA Committee Members who served during the year were:

Benjamin Ralph

Hayley Stuart

Lis Goddard, St James-the-Less Church (Co-opted Member)

Bar and Hall Manager (Vacant)

Secretary (Vacant)

Patrick Ochola (Vice-Chair)

Micha Tabula (Treasurer)

Barbara Hedin (Membership Secretary)

Nathan Langdon

Georgina Fraser

Danielle O'Shea

None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All of the Trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to follow the CBI's Prompt Payers Code (copies are available from the CBI, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford Street, London WC1A 1DU).

The company's current policy concerning the payment of trade creditors is to:

- settle the terms of payment with suppliers when agreeing the terms of each transaction;
- ensure that suppliers are made aware of the terms of payment by inclusion of the relevant terms in contracts; and
- pay in accordance with the company's contractual and other legal obligations.

The Trustees report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Trustees

Dated: -----

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Statement of Trustees Responsibilities

For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these accounts, 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 accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will
- continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)
Trustees Declaration
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

In relation to the financial statements set out on pages 7 to 12:

- The Trustees approve these financial statements and confirm that they are responsible for them, including selecting the appropriate accounting policies, applying them consistently and making, on a reasonable and prudent basis, the judgments underlying them. They have been prepared on the going concern basis on the grounds that the Charity will continue in operation.
- The Trustees confirm that they have made available to, all the Charity's accounting records and provided all the information necessary for the compilation of the financial statements.
- The Trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the accounting records reflect all transactions of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

On behalf of the board

Trustees

Date : --/--/----

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)
Chairman's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

The Chair presents her report for the period.

A review of 2021-22

In March 2021, Design Project Community drop-ins and associated events led by Westminster City Council's Place Shaping Team, were held to discuss the community centre, bar and kitchen design proposals with residents to ascertain their views and opinions. However, as these were expressed and plans progressed and changed it became clear that all parties involved were not on the same page and the project to refurbish the community centre made very little progress. Former Councillor, James Spencer had been instrumental in securing 1.4 million to undertake a full renovation of the centre. This figure, which was subsequently increased to 1.7 million, reflected the scope of works required to address extensive leaks and damp to the building as well as other associated issues such as improved sound proofing and toilet facilities. The funding was not tied to the 2021/22 financial year. However, to ensure that it was safeguarded for this project progress needed to be evidenced in the coming months.

The lack of progress on the project led to significant loss of revenue for LALGRA. In particular, Pimlico Chess Club, reluctantly moved to Churchill Gardens amid the uncertainty of no confirmed start/finish date for the refurbishment. Hayley McAvoy from Pimlico Picassos, also made the difficult decision to resign from the Committee along with Danielle O'Shea and move the children's after-school art sessions they ran on Friday evenings elsewhere. The damp conditions at the centre being intolerable for the group. Westminster Bangladesh Association (WBA) whose Youth Group used the pool table in the bar area on Sunday afternoons were also affected by the leaks from the flat roof above the bar and partially collapsed internal ceiling that caused a significant build-up of damp, moths and mould, rendering the space completely unusable. The bar was forced to close.

In April 2022, an extensive package of remedial works was approved and carried out by former Head of Repairs, John Hayden. The works, carried out by a small contractor, Multi-Steel, and project managed by Alan Beardon, included replacement of all the ceiling tiles and upgraded lighting throughout the entire building with the exception of the kitchen. CCTV was installed, which enabled bar staff to monitor activity both inside and outside the building. The front and back doors were replaced with metal doors, providing much needed improved security at the rear of the building which had formerly suffered from intermittent break-ins. Inside the building all existing doors, apart from an internal exit door to the bar, were upgraded with new fire doors. The front of the bar was wrapped with new wood panelling and the building was painted throughout. New custom made blinds in the small hall, office and foyer were installed. The community centre was ready for business, and all this was achieved in just five weeks. These works did not, however, address the deep rooted cause of the leaks, which returned with a vengeance in the autumn when the onset of heavy rain triggered extensive damage to the stage area, foyer and back office following a long dry summer. In November 2022 discussions on the redevelopment plans were paused by the Place Shaping Team for an indeterminate period.

Councillor, Angela Harvey, stepped down after 20 years of service to the community. LALGRA was delighted to host a celebratory family afternoon party in June 2022, as a mark of our appreciation for her commitment and unstinting support that she gave to many of our residents, often going more than the extra mile in some cases, during her time in office. Councillor Harvey expressed a desire to plant a tree on the estate to mark the occasion, and this formed part of the afternoon programme. With help from Westminster's youngest Lord Mayor, Cllr Hamza Taouzzale, they planted a 'Liquid Amber' tree in a small garden near Morgan House. (Notably, the leaves of the tree turn golden in the autumn.) In the evening Chelsea Ballet presented a superb programme of dance in her honour.

In September 2022, residents living in Longleat and Stourhead Houses awoke to the sound of African Drumming in the Sensory Garden. The Autism group enjoyed a bright sunny morning of therapeutic

African drumming. The handcrafted drums were made by Gambian musician Seneke Sillah from Mbilla Arts. Seneke and dance educator Chantelle Michaux led a lively session which saw children dressed in African outfits and included 'Call and Response' singing and vibrant drumming. What a refreshing start to their day. Mbilla Art's mission is to promote art forms of Africa and the diaspora with people from all backgrounds, ages and abilities, as a means of developing positive health and wellbeing practice in our community and beyond. They joined us again in October for a pre-AGM drumming workshop with residents. It was fun!!

The annual seaside coach trip for our senior residents in September was to Eastbourne. It was again funded from the Ward Budget and included a convivial Fish and Chip meal. Every year as these residents get older they face more challenges with their health and mobility. These outings are a lifeline for many who live isolated in small bedsits. We were, therefore, thrilled that our most senior resident, Percy Chafer, who at 102 years old was able to join us again this year for the outing. Also a member of the Wednesday Bingo group, Pat who had a stroke just over a year ago. She was too unwell the previous year to travel to Worthing, so we were extremely pleased that she had made fantastic progress in her recovery and was able to join us along with her Granddaughter, who looked after her with the greatest of care.

The Treasurer and Chair attended a Health Education – Cook4Life community cookery club training session. The session gave valuable insight into ensuring that by making the right choice in foods we prepare can support healthy eating principles, enabling us to encourage families to eat well on a budget.

Hall bookings increased steadily throughout the year with the community centre hosting a range of events, including a new weekly non-contact boxing class that supported the needs of men with mental health issues from Riverside Pathway; a women's Mason group; a bridal shower; engagement, christening and birthday parties; a 12-week Skills Start training course, and after school football sessions with children from Cardinal Hume. These sessions were a huge success despite being held in November when it was freezing cold. The children absolutely loved being outdoors. All these gatherings help us to get to know our neighbours, to enjoy fellowship, to develop a mutual understanding and respect for our respective cultures. They define what communities signify and what this means to us all. They encapsulate the essence of Lillington Gardens founding Architects, John Darbourne and Geoffrey Darke's vision. These men were determined to break down barriers in social housing.

Silver Sunday held in October 2022 was a Wow!! Surprise visits from Westminster's Lord Mayor, Cllr Hamza Taouzzale and Christabel Flight, the Councillor who initiated Silver Sunday as Champion of older people, were the icing on the cake. The occasion was truly memorable for our seniors, as the Mayor spent much of the afternoon happily talking to them about his role in addition to explaining to them the origins of his impressive Chain of Office.

A massive thank you goes out to contractor GEM. Their generous sponsorship of the Autism Group, made it possible for children with additional needs to enjoy visits to Thames Valley Adventure Playground in Maidenhead in 2022, and a seaside trip to Dymchurch. GEM took care of all the practicalities by providing transport and M&S lunch vouchers for each family, leaving these often hard pressed families free to truly enjoy these outings.

A big thank you to our Councillors Jaqui Wilkinson, Jim Glen and Ed Pitt Ford and WCC Housing officers. LALGRA is really appreciative of their continued support.

I conclude my report on a sad yet positive note. Percy Chafer sadly died on 16 October 2024 at the age 104. This remarkable man would have been a 105 on 19 November 2024. The Lord Mayor, Cllr Robert Rigby, attended the community centre for the opening reception of their three-day Photographic Exhibition - ***A view of modern day life on Lillington and Longmoore Gardens***. The exhibition marked the 60th Anniversary of Lillington and Longmoore Gardens. He asked if Percy would mind if he paid him a visit. We went in the company of Cllr Wilkinson and found Percy at home enjoying a huge

Fish and Chip supper. He was absolutely bowled over to meet the Lord Mayor. They chatted away happily together for some time.

The Lord Mayor said the following *"I am very sorry to hear of this sad news, my thoughts and prayers are with his family. I am sure he will be missed by many people."*

According to Cllr Wilkinson *"Percy spent his early years growing up in Notting Hill and his first job was a 'van boy' with the railways. After he was called up, he did his training at Aldershot before being shipped overseas. He survived Dunkirk and later served with Monty at El Alamein. On D-Day, he landed at Sword Beach and witnessed the bombing of Caen."*

Perhaps his last achievement was in December 23 when he attended the Tea dance at the Grosvenor House Hotel and won a hamper for the oldest resident there!! I am sure it will be comfort to all who knew him that he died peacefully in his own chair."

I know Percy enjoyed the Mayor's surprise visit immensely and it truly reflected his very sociable nature, not being concerned about the time of the visit, just a warm welcome to the visitors. We are grateful to Percy for being such a wonderful uplifting and inspiring resident for over 38 years, he will be missed by so many.

It is our intention to mark this D-Day Veteran's life and his 38 years of living on Lillington Gardens by unveiling a plaque on the bench, opposite the Sensory Garden, he was regularly seen sitting on, chatting happily away to friends and neighbours. His attitude to life was an inspiration to us all.

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)
Accountant's Report
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Charities Act 2011, we have compiled the financial statements of LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA) for the year ended 31 March 2022 from the accounting records, information and explanations you have given to us.

This report is made to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter dated 13 May 2016. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA) and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in this report in accordance with ICAEW Technical Release 07/16 AAF. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA) and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

It is your duty to ensure that LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA) has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory financial statements that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and surplus of LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA). You consider that LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA) is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year, and is not required to obtain an independent examiner's report.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the financial statements. Please note we will be presenting an Independent Examination as appendix to these financial statements.

TaxAssist Accountants Westminster
83 Victoria Street
London
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Dated: --/--/----

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)**Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME			
Donations and legacies	3	48,890	-
Trading and Hall hire	4	25,958	-
TOTAL INCOME		<u>74,848</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURE			
Operating and administrative expenses	5	29,561	-
Legal and professional fees	6	7,241	-
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>36,802</u>	<u>-</u>
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		38,046	-
Fund balances at 1 April 2021		1,244	1,244
FUND BALANCES AT 31 March 2022		<u>39,290</u>	<u>1,244</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derived from continuing activities.

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)

Balance Sheet

As at 31 March 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Assets	8		-		-
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			-		-
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		40,364		1,244	
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		40,364		1,244	
Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year	7	(1,074)			
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NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)			39,290		1,244
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TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			39,290		1,244
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INCOME FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds			39,290		1,244
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The accounts were approved by the Trustees on --/--/----

On behalf of the board

Trustee

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)

Notes to the Financial Statements

For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting Policies

Charity information

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA) is a registered charity .

1.1. Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Club's [governing document], the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The Charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The accounts have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern funds

At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the Charity.

1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the Charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the Charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the Charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts and other sales related taxes.

1.5 Tangible Assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Plant and machinery – 20% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS'
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies (Continued)

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.7 Financial instruments

The Charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the Charity's balance sheet when the Charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

3. Donations and legacies

	2022
	£
Grants received	48,890
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4. Income from trading and Hall hire activities

	2022
	£
Bar sales	12,288
Hall hire	13,670
	<hr/> 25,958 <hr/>

LILLINGTON AND LONGMOORE GARDENS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (LALGRA)
Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)
For The Year Ended 31 March 2022

5. Operating administrative expenditure

	2022
	£
Purchases for bar	5,809
Staff expenses	1,213
Event expenses	3,630
Light and heat	8,950
Repairs and maintenance	4,863
Cleaning	830
Gardening expenses	2,000
Insurance	559
Computer and IT expenses	799
Telecommunication and data cost	909
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	29,561 <hr/>

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year.

6. Professional fees

	2022
	£
Accountancy	6,043
Legal and professional	1,198
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	7,241 <hr/>

7. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2022
	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,074
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	1,074 <hr/>

