



FCV Dorcas

Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers

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Annual Report 2024*



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WHAT FCV Dorcas (FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS) ACHIEVED IN 2023–2024

This year has seen a rebuilding for all our services after the last few years Covid lockdowns. Face to face befriending is taking place, lunch club is meeting twice a week with a return to normal numbers and the ever popular shopping trips are regularly happening every second week.

The telephone club continues to maintain contact with many of our most isolated clients.

The minibus has been used to take clients to hospital and GP appointments.

Clients have enjoyed Tea Parties at UM, enjoying the roof terrace views across the City. We have had outings to Whitstable and Southend.

In addition, the Art Group has enjoyed a craft workshops making course taking place over half a day once a month. This has been organised by Create Arts Organisation and Ashurst in Spitalfields.

A brief FCV Dorcas Newsletter goes out to our volunteers every couple of months to thank them for their hard work, reminding them of the importance of reporting back. We are working with the Council, peer groups and other agencies to ensure we signpost any other helpful services such as Helplines and Guidelines. Our Volunteers know that they can email/call our Volunteer Services Co-ordinator at any time for extra help and support.





Chairs Report

This has been a year of consolidation and growth in our services.

This has been a year of consolidation and growth in our services. These are all up and running in their normal way and we are busy building on the numbers involved in each. The gap left by the shutdowns over the last 3 to 4 years made a big difference to our clients and in addition many volunteers have moved away during that time. I'm very pleased to see that we are now moving in a positive direction again.

I want to thank the volunteers who take charge of different aspects of our services and to acknowledge the achievements they've made during the last 12 months. It is also appropriate to thank all our volunteers who come from many walks of life but all make a very valuable contribution and, of course, Izzy, our Volunteer Services Co-ordinator, who oversees it all, conducting client and volunteer interviews, training and handling any issues arising.

As we have no natural income, we rely almost entirely upon third-party contributions and we greatly appreciate everyone who has supported us over the last year. There is a list of our supporters in the report. In particular, I would like to mention the Worshipful Company of Insurers Charitable

Trust, who have supported us over the last six years, which is their limit for supporting one particular organisation. Many thanks to them for all their support and we hope to keep in touch with them as we go forward. In addition, I would like to mention the Rotary Club of Islington, Highbury and Muswell Hill, who have also supported us for many, many years, but who have sadly now closed their Branch.

We also acknowledge the support we have from a number of corporate clients. It is great to have support from local businesses and their generosity in not only supporting events but also providing volunteers, who are greatly appreciated by us and by our clients.

We look forward to continuing to build on services over the next twelve months

Andrew Thompson
Chair

Background

“My mum is always talking about the club. She says what lovely people are there.”

Joyce B's daughter

Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers have their roots back in the early 1970s. The Finsbury Area Team Volunteers' Group, as the organisation was then called, was set up by the then Team Leader of the local area social services team to complement the work of the social workers, with regard to the increasing numbers of isolated elderly people in the area. In many cases, the families of these elderly people had been forced out of the area by the high cost and scarcity of housing.

Early volunteers were service users, people who lived or worked in the area and a group of medical students from Barts Hospital. A Volunteers' Organiser was appointed to recruit and manage the volunteers and to link with the social work team. The emphasis was on supplying social support and enabling people to lead independent lives, very much part of what the volunteers do today. The organisation was registered as a charity in 1974.

In August 2015 the Dorcas Befriending Project, established in 2002 and based in central Islington, was merged into FCV.

Although Finsbury and Clerkenwell Volunteers is the registered charity, we are now generally known as FCV Dorcas and we continue to operate in Finsbury and Clerkenwell, the central wards and surrounding areas of the London Borough of Islington.

While the area is situated next to the commercial hub of the City of London, the reality, according to Government Statistics, is that the borough

of Islington is the fourteenth most deprived borough in the country and the 4th most deprived nationally on the measure of income deprivation affecting older people. The volunteers work in a neighbourhood that has particularly high levels of isolated older people living in social housing.

The main focus of the work is to offer emotional and practical support to predominantly older people who have become isolated as a result of ageing, disability and other social circumstances. Our aim is to help isolated people maintain and improve the quality of their lives and combat their social isolation and avoid reliance on statutory services.

Volunteers have been recruited from local community agencies, colleges, government work schemes, various volunteering websites, local University volunteering services and recruitment fairs, local volunteer introduction services including Hands On and City Action's corporate employee involvement scheme and by word of mouth.

We have also provided experience and references for many volunteers who have moved on to paid care and related areas of work.

Requests for client services came from a number of sources including social services, health practices, self-referrals, family members and friends. In all, approx. 165 clients received services.

Our Supporters

We would like to thank the following for all their invaluable support:

AHMM

Archer Trust

Ashurst

City University

CREATE Charity

Humane Association

Insurers, Worshipful Company of

Islington Community Chest

John Lewis, Oxford Street

Local Giving

Local Initiatives Fund (contributions from a number of individual Islington Councillors through the Ward Partnership)

McCarthy and Stone Foundation

MUFG (part of the Mitsubishi Group)

Old Street Partnership

Rotary Club of Islington, Highgate and Muswell Hill

St Sepulchre

UM (Universal McCann)

Waitrose

Woolnoth Society

Our thanks and gratitude also to all those who made individual donations



Accessible Transport Project

One of our most important roles is to provide accessible transport for elderly people with mobility problems, enabling them to take advantage of community services in the borough, go on outings and maintain contact with friends.

Each of our volunteer drivers, all of whom are highly skilled in negotiating the inner city traffic as well as the narrow back roads of the area's estates, is accompanied by a volunteer escort, who walks or wheels each client to their own front door.

We have continued to provide collection services for clients in necessary circumstances during the year.

We have made the vehicle available to other organisations when their own transport has broken down or was otherwise off the road. It has always been part of our 'sharing' transport policy to help out, if possible, other groups at short notice.

Vehicle running costs came to £6,722 over the course of the year. We thank our regular drivers for continuing their very valuable contribution.

"Very enjoyable. You get picked up door to door."

Sandra G (Client)



Lunch Club

Our Lunch Club has continued to thrive at the Community Hall on the Weston Rise Estate. Hugh, Ines and caretaker Nsimba are always helpful, as is Amber from the Council. We still meet on Mondays and Thursdays.

"It was very emotionally rewarding to engage and help out! The food was tasty too and I would love to go back regularly to make more conversation, give more of me to the elderly there. Definitely happy that I volunteered."

Tamaris (Corporate volunteer)

Our long-standing team of volunteers who keep it going are cooks, Mandy and Janice, drivers, Fred and Liam, and Andy, Robert, Martin and Felicity. Janice now has a full-time job at the university but we have been fortunate that she has been able to come and cook for us during her holidays. We have been delighted to welcome new volunteers: a new driver, Stephen; Ginette, a retired nursing sister; Mugy and Oggy from Mongolia; Salaheddin from Iran and Im from South Korea. They have all settled in well and make a valuable contribution to the smooth running of the Lunch Club.

The annual outing was to Woburn Safari Park. A change from the seaside! It was a long day but was enjoyed by everyone who went. Volunteers from Universal McCann were able to come and help, which was much appreciated.

The Christmas Party was held on Thursday, 14th December. It was great fun. Our favourite entertainer, Steve, provided the music, and

Mandy, Janice and Liam pulled out all the stops to produce a delicious lunch. It was great that the Mayor, Cllr Gary Heather, and Mayoress, Tricia Clarke, were able to join us and also volunteers from MUFG and Universal McCann who came along to give a hand. MUFG again provided the shoebox presents which always go down well.

During the year some Lunch Club members have participated in monthly craft workshops organised by a charity CREATE. These workshops are held in the offices of a city company, Ashurst. They are very popular and Lunch Club members have been very proud of the work they have done. They have made jewellery, greetings cards, pieces of pottery, collages and so on. Ashurst always provides a very nice lunch which has always been enjoyed.

Over the year, we have welcomed new members who now attend regularly. Friendships have been made and people look forward to coming. For some, the visits to the Lunch Club are the only social outings in the week. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who make it possible to keep the Lunch Club going. Without them, it could not exist.



"We enjoy the food and like meeting other people."

(Client)

Parties

In addition to the Christmas Party there have been a number of other celebrations.

All birthdays are very special for our LC Members and Volunteer and are celebrated with cake, singing (and sometimes a drop of Prosecco to wash it down!)

We have also been lucky to have had some special tea parties hosted by our corporate supporters Universal McCann. UM Volunteers brought in their own home-baked cakes and goodies and decorated the hall. One of their own staff, a very talented musician and entertainer played the keyboards and encouraged our members to sing and dance with a younger partner if they wanted to! One of their volunteers hosted a Clay crafting session at our Lunch Club which was great fun for all!

The Coronation of King Charles III was celebrated with a special afternoon tea after the usual Lunch Club. The hall was regaled with Coronation themed bunting and Party decorations, cupcakes and there was even a



Coronation quiz and Bingo!! We were joined by our friends from Universal McCann who chatted with the members, served tea and brought in some lovely, homemade goodies.

"How lovely to be able to celebrate the Coronation of our new King with friends and also the young volunteer helpers... they were very interested to hear my stories and memories about the late Queen's and last coronation."

Tamaris (Corporate volunteer)



Befriending



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Our befriending service is in many ways the most direct and intimate way we can help alleviate isolation amongst people, most of whom have enjoyed a full and interesting life. Often their only constraint is through age and for some that can mean they seldom leave their own homes.

Our befriending volunteers are of all ages and come from all walks of life, City lawyers, local workers, retired neighbours, students etc. The service is very well suited to people who work or have other daytime commitments, as weekly visits can be arranged in the evenings or at weekends.

The service can lead to very meaningful long-term relationships for clients and volunteers, who may never otherwise have met each other. It is potentially a very satisfying and rewarding relationship on both sides.

Izzy Wise, our Volunteer Services Co-ordinator helped make this service very affective. There have been around 60 befriending relationships during the year.

"I thought I wouldn't have much time to carry on befriending after I had my first baby...but I started popping in to see my older friend with my new baby and it gave her so much joy that I am still visiting her now with my second child...and they love her too."

Sally (Volunteer)

"I really appreciate the befriending service. I have had two befrienders over the last few years. They seem to match them well and their visits are something to look forward to."

Jane H (client)

The Volunteer Services Co-ordinator role involves assessing potential clients and volunteers, arranging DBS checks, running induction courses, matching volunteers with clients, monitoring the relationships and, importantly, handling all the additional matters that arise. Their enthusiasm, professionalism and efficiency are greatly appreciated by clients and volunteers alike.

The effectiveness of this project is recognised by the generous financial support from a number of local councillors through the Local Initiatives Fund. The FCV Dorcas Befriending Project is very grateful for the recognition of and support for the service and for all the financial contributions, without which the project could not continue to function.



Izzy Wise

"I am really happy that I found this Befriending opportunity with FCV Dorcas through my employer. Since coming down to London, I felt very lonely and miss my family and friends back home...especially my Grandparents but now I have made a new friend. Annie is like my second grandma. I see her every week and she makes me laugh so much."

Angela (Volunteer)

The Telephone Club

The Telephone Club is a highly effective and valuable service, offering a crucial link to isolated or housebound people.

In a normal year our Telephone Club volunteers come into the office or telephone from home, making a total of over 5,000 calls in rotation to a membership of 60 people. We are very grateful for the time and commitment put in by our 2 regular and other telephone club volunteers.

The Telephone Club clients have sometimes said that the calls are often the only social contact they have received since the last call. The volunteers give out practical advice as well as social support, helping members to sort out problems they may be experiencing.



“It’s been a pleasure and felt really positive to be calling my 5 ladies during these strange times. Every week the conversations become easier and more open, and they keep me grounded and are a wonderful insight into their lives now and in the past.”

Wendy (Volunteer)

“I look forward to the calls. It is my chance to have a chat and exchange news now I can’t get out of the flat very easily.”

Karen B (Client)

Outings

For people who rarely go far from home, if they are able to go out at all, there is an obvious benefit in escaping the inner city environment and spending the day with their friends in a countryside or seaside location.

This past year, thanks to Fred, Stephen and Edward, our wonderful Minibus drivers, our Lunch Club and Befriending members have been able to go on many different outings and monthly shopping trips.

Special outings have included day trips to Whitstable, Southend, Brighton and Woburn Safari Park with the help and volunteer support of corporate supporters. Universal McCann (UM) have also generously hosted us for afternoon tea and lunch at their prestigious offices opposite The Old Bailey. Special thanks must go to UM Volunteer, Veronica Moro, who has helped to facilitate our Partnership.



Assisted Shopping Trips

Fortnightly throughout the year FCV Dorcas organises assisted shopping trips to local supermarkets and large shopping centres further afield. These outings are offered to clients in rotation so that everyone who wishes to participate will get an opportunity to do so during the course of the year.



“I really enjoy the shopping trips. It has a practical purpose but it is a nice atmosphere and we often stop for lunch.”

Maria M (Client)

This door-to-door service accommodates wheelchair and shopping trolley users and supplies volunteer ‘pushers’ and carriers where needed. Being able to see and choose food and clothes, rather than ordering via a third party, is much appreciated by the regular and new clients who use this service. It is widely considered an important aspect of remaining independent and feeling in control.

The service allows shoppers to select Christmas, birthday and other presents for friends and family to maintain a personal touch, and also visit larger shops that offer more choice. The door-to-door assisted service means they are not restricted in the amount they are able to purchase. The excursion is also an opportunity to socialise and to have a meal out for those who want it.

Destinations normally include stores in Leyton, Haringey, Holloway’s Nags Head shopping area, Tottenham Hale, Chingford, Elephant & Castle, Old Kent Road, Wood Green shopping city, a garden centre in Enfield and other local markets.



DIY & Gardening

We receive many referrals for practical tasks such as decorating, DIY and gardening.

Some of these may be passed on to other more appropriate agencies set up to deal with these requests.

It is our general policy not to ask volunteers to take on work that would normally be considered 'paid' work.

However, these requests might include simple tasks such as taking down and re-hanging curtains, tidying up gardens or re-arranging furniture. These tasks are way beyond the capability of most of our service users and

sometimes they have nobody to turn to. The volunteers have continued to fill that gap.

In particular situations we do make exceptions and have collaborated with New Acropolis charity whose volunteers have provided plants and flowers and worked hard with us in tidying up our clients gardens which has been very much appreciated by the clients.



Art Club

Our lovely Art Group has undergone various changes this past year.

Another wonderfully successful year of Creative Projects with CREATE ARTS sponsored and hosted by our generous friends at ASHURST LLB Members who took part in this special monthly opportunity said it was “such enjoyable and fun sessions... and the Free lunches (especially the sausage rolls!)” are wonderful!.. the CREATE ARTS Team and Ashurst Volunteers seemed to agree! Our Members love taking part and being able to take their lovely creative projects home to show friends and family and display them proudly! We are all looking forward to more creating in the coming year Thanks to our friends at CREATE ARTS and ASHURST LLB.

Art Group members also join in with the special outings and seaside trips.

“I really am enjoying being creative and learning and playing with new crafts at every visit.”

(Client)



“The Ashurst sessions allow me to eat, chat, and create with others. The volunteers also provide a chance for pleasant cross-generational conversations that I rarely get otherwise.”

(Client)

“It’s great to receive support sometimes. I have no children, live alone, and any family are miles away. Thank you for encouraging me to attend Create sessions at Ashurst”

(Client)

Robert 'Bob' Gerrard's Story

A year ago, Bob saw a poster on the wall of his block of flats mentioning our Lunch Club and he has become a regular visitor and a keen participant. He calls it 'Wonderful. The food is excellent, and I love the social opportunities'.



Bob was born 70 years ago in Hackney Hospital. He was a middle child of nine children. There was no home environment, with an alcoholic father and a mother who left home two days after the arrival of the 9th child. Bob and four siblings were taken into care in Tunbridge Wells where he was happy.

Unfortunately, when he was aged ten, there was a cut in funding and with a week's notice he and his 'older' brother were moved to Harlow while the other siblings were moved to Hastings. This totally disorientated Bob and set the scene for very unsettled teenage years when he was constantly running away and became a regular drug user. By the age of 19 he had lived in 19 different care homes and had also spent time living on the streets. Strangely, during this time it was discovered that his and his brother's birth certificates had been confused with each other. Until this time Bob had been called Raymond and his older brother Bob. They switched their

names back to the correct given names and Bob found he was older than his 'older' brother.

In time Bob sorted his life out and became a Warden at a youth centre in Harlow. When he was 25, he married and they had a son, Marc. After 15 years the youth centre was closed and Bob moved to Islington to apply for a similar job. Although he did not secure that job he stayed in Islington where he has lived for the last 20 years. He retired last year from his position as Caretaker across a number of locations for the Peabody Trust.

Bob had a difficult start in life which he turned around and has given a great deal back. During his time, he has worked for St John's Ambulance, Crisis at Christmas, the Samaritans, Centre Point and at a soup kitchen in the Strand. He is in regular contact with his son, Marc, who is 'doing well'.

Volunteer summary

Each year we feature a volunteer in this report to explain why they decided to become a volunteer and why they chose FCV Dorcas.

Ginette



Have you always lived in the area?

I've lived in Islington North for 40 years. Prior to that I lived in Greece for 2 years, and before that in South and West London.

What volunteering do you do?

At the moment, just FCV Dorcas although several years ago I volunteered for Homestart Camden for a few years. I also volunteered to help roll out the Covid vaccination programme. I volunteered at various GP practices and Health Centres in Islington as well as a weekend at the Emirates Stadium. It was the first time many of the people attending had spoken in person to anyone since lockdown the previous March.

How did you come to get involved with FCV Dorcas?

I saw an advert on Facebook asking for volunteers.

How do you feel about your volunteering experience?

I love it and I feel quite part of the 'team' now.

What is the most challenging aspect of your contribution?

I can honestly say that I don't find anything about it challenging.

What do you enjoy most about volunteering

Meeting the people who attend the Lunch Club- talking, the fun atmosphere. Oh, and the quiz!

Has it made a difference to you?

It's something different to look forward to on a Thursday.

Would you recommend the project?

I would, yes. It's very rewarding. There are several different ways to get involved.



Statement of Financial Activities for year ending 31 March 2024

Income

Grants	23,500
Donations	2,170
Fundraising	853
Services	7,124
Interest	785
Miscellaneous	180
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TOTAL	£34,612

Expenditure

Staff Costs	13,405
Volunteer Expenses	2,780
Ambulance Costs	6,722
Lunch Club & Activities	8,707
Other Support Costs	4,384
Governance	2,176
Other	0
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TOTAL	£38,174

The Team

Trustees and Executive Management Committee 2023-2024

Andrew Thompson (Chair)
Felicity Hart (Vice Chair & Secretary)
Lesley Tadman (Treasurer)
Richard Betts

Martin Crookston
Liam Denning (Management Committee only)
Peter Muswell (Trustee only)

Staff

Izzy Wise (part time Volunteer Services Co-ordinator)

Volunteers

Catherine Allinson	Barbara Clark	Ellie Hubble	Stephanie Morris	Julie Smith
Ariana Zelma Alpine	Annalisa Cleland-	Tom Humpries	Chris Murphy	Rachel Smith
Rosie Ashworth	Aurity	Cheong Im	Peter Muswell	Rowan Smith
Lara Askari	Anna Coates	Pip Lee-Woolf	Patrick Neville	Winn Spoors
Ruth Avery	Rosie Collison	Grace Johnson	Emily Norris	Christina Spychal
Sarah Bagshaw	Barbara Coventry	Casper Jones	Lizzy Nicholls	Amar Sunar
Ronnie Barnes	Martin Crookston	Melanie Keeble	Rebecca Nixon	Lydia Sutton
Colin Barrow	Natalie Curd	Oggy Lkhagvarun	Margaret Orrell	Lesley Tadman
Orisha Bartley	Emma Dagley	Mugy Lkhagvarun	Christopher	Athena Tasou
Matthew Beard	Matteo de Angelo	Ella Lines	O'Sullivan	Adam Tasarz
Valentina Belliride	Gianni Dean	Caitlin Lister	Maddy Palmer	Ioannna Thomakardis
Richard Betts	Liam Denning	Lorena Lopez	Deborah Partington	Andrew Thompson
Emma Biggs	Sue Devenish-	Calzada	Alpa Patel	Sheila Thornton
Uta Bindl	Meares	Emer Lynam	Gyasi Patterson	Tom Tickell
Isabella Bock	Tiffany Didham	Danni Maas	Ellie Pearce	Edward Troup
Pamela Boniface	Ryan Dille	Helen Mabelis	Jill Pearson	Oggy Tsogetsaikhan
Alice Boughton	Alexis Economou	Alison Magloire	Zuzana Pelankova	Natalie Tuckwell
Helen Bowen	Gregor Faulds	Raghavy	Francesca Pike	Mary Wakefield
Aimee Brannen	Alisdair Ferguson	Mangaleswaran	Claire Pollock	Ginette Williams
Alice Brown	Paula Fontes-Bihar	Vijay Marrero	Andy Polycarpou	Anthony Wilsdon
April Brown	Graham Gerrans	Lucy Marriott	Anna Ptaszynski	Isabella Wise
Michael Brown	Hannah Ghazvinie	Robert McClelland	Sally Pym	Alexandra Woods
Janice Brummell	Sophie Gill	Jonny McPherson	Jenny Qin	Eunice Wortley
Sophie Bryant	Steve Goodman	Salaheddin Menooci	Asha Rehman	Francis Young
Kirsty Buck	Thomas Greenaway	Alessandra Millar	Ben Reynolds	Hailey Young
Nigel Burch	Stephen Grieve	Hattie Miller	Abby Robinson	Hisham Yusuf
Yuhang Cao	Luke Grima	Vicky Mills	Charlie Ryan	Alana Zdinak
William Cashman	Alice Hamer	Morgan Mixon	Sophie Sanders	Piotr Zegarlinski
Helen Caunce	Felicity Hart	Katarina	Daniel Sannwald	Faye Zubadi
Melinda Chandler	Ellen Hartley	Montnemery	Charlotte Simcox	
Khushali Chawda	Lizzie Haynes	Veronica Moro	Mandy Sinfield	
Tamana Choudhury	Mark Howorth	Tony Mottura	Iolande Skinner	



"Hoping you can continue this amazing, life-changing work. One client recently described FCV Dorcas as a 'pot of gold' to isolated people. I couldn't have put it better myself. Thank you for being there for people."

Aimee B (Volunteer)

"I can't think of any other organisation in Islington which contributes so much with such little financial support."

Yvette Ellis– Voluntary Action Islington

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FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

31 MARCH 2024

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FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Name of Organisation	Finsbury & Clerkenwell Volunteers	
Registered Office	The Community Room 21a Midway House Manningford Close London EC1V 7HP	
Trustees	Andrew Thompson Felicity Hart Lesley Tadman Richard Betts Peter Muswell Martin Crookston	Chair Vice Chair & Secretary Treasurer
Management Committee	Andrew Thompson Felicity Hart Lesley Tadman Richard Betts Martin Crookston Liam Denning	Chair Vice Chair & Secretary Treasurer
Bankers	CCLA 80 Cheapside London EC2V 6DZ CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Manning Kent ME19 4TA	

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
TRUSTEES REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report and accounts for year ended 31st March 2024. They have compiled with guidance issued by the Charity Commission

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Management Committee meet at six weekly intervals where reports are heard from the Treasurer and the part-time Volunteer Services Co-ordinator. Current and future activities are discussed, adapting policy as necessary.

The trustees meet quarterly.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Trustees may be co-opted during the course of the year but must stand for election at the next AGM when executive officers including the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are appointed.

Isabella Wise was the part-time Volunteer Services Co-ordinator reporting to members of the Management Committee from May 2019.

Accounts are subject to an annual independent examination.

OBJECTIVES

The constitution's objective is to relieve those in the area of benefit who are in circumstances of need, hardship and distress as a result of age, disability or otherwise by recruiting, placing and supervising a team of volunteers to maintain and improve their quality of life.

ACTIVITIES

The services provided to maintain the above objectives are detailed elsewhere in the Annual Report. They include befriending, accessible transport, lunch club facilities, telephone counselling, assisted shopping trips, outings, holidays and practical tasks.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The statement of Financial Activities shows a total income for the year of £34,612 and expenditure of £38,175, resulting in a deficit of £3,563 for the year. The unrestricted funds was £15,326 by the end of the year.

FUTURE PLANS

There is an ongoing plan to increase free reserves in case of problems with our existing funding streams which need to be monitored and maintained.

**FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
TRUSTEES REPORT
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have a risk management strategy, which comprises of:

- * An annual review of the risks the charity may face;
- * The establishment of systems & procedures to mitigate those risks identified in the plan: &
- * The implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the surplus or deficit of the charity for that period together with its assets & liabilities at the end of the period, and adequately distinguish any material special trust or other restricted fund of the charity.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity 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 charity and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the SORPS issued by the Charities Commission. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Approved by the trustees on 27.11.24 and signed on its behalf by:-

Andrew Thompson, Chair



**FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I have examined the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) Charities Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my notice.

BASIS OF EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report is in respect of examination carried out in accordance with The General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes a 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 constitute an audit.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 41 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Act. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.



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Date

02/01/2025

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND
EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
INCOME FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	25,670		25,670	24,377
Income from charitable activities	3	8,157		8,157	5,865
Other trading activities	4	0		0	0
Investment income	5	785		785	227
TOTAL INCOME		<u>34,612</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>34,612</u>	<u>30,469</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Cost of raising funds	6	0		0	0
Charitable activities	7	(38,174)		(38,174)	(41,744)
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		<u>(38,174)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(38,174)</u>	<u>(41,744)</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(3,563)	0	(3,563)	(11,275)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		18,888	0	18,888	30,163
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>15,326</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,326</u>	<u>18,888</u>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year
All of the above amounts relate to continuing activities.

The notes on pages 7 to 12 form part of these financial statements.

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
BALANCE SHEET
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Note	2024 £	2024 £	2023 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible Fixed Assets					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	17,187		21,293	
Debtors	9	820		480	
		<u>18,008</u>		<u>21,773</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>(2,682)</u>		<u>(2,885)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			<u>15,326</u>		<u>18,888</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			15,326		18,888
NET ASSETS			<u><u>15,326</u></u>		<u><u>18,888</u></u>
CHARITY FUNDS					
Unrestricted Income Funds	11		15,326		18,888
Designated Income Funds	12		0		0
Restricted Income Funds	13		0		0
TOTAL FUNDS			<u><u>15,326</u></u>		<u><u>18,888</u></u>

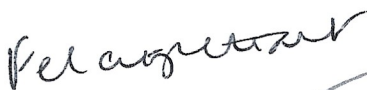
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard 102

These financial statements were approved by the Management Committees on 27.11.24

Andrew Thompson (Chair):



Felicity Hart (Vice Chair):



The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

Basis of preparation

The Charity Constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice

Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is possible that the income will be received and the amounts of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are grants, donations and other incoming resources which are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Unrestricted funds are grants, donations and other incoming resources receivable for the objects of the charity without specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Resources expended

All expenditure is included on an accrual basis, inclusive of any VAT, which cannot be recovered. Expenditure is allocated to specific activities where the cost relates directly to that.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES:

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations	2,170		2,170	8,377
Grants	23,500		23,500	16,000
	<u>25,670</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,670</u>	<u>24,377</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

2a. DONATIONS:

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Local Giving	252		252	715
Waitrose Community Matters	0		0	833
Woolnoth Society	0		0	800
Amazon Europe CORE	0		0	28
John Lewis Plc	775		775	0
ICS	845		845	0
Ebay Sales Welson Boniface PM	100		100	0
UM Impact Day <3 Nicholas Meldram	108		108	0
Focus 4 U Limited	90		90	0
Betty Cordock Bequest	0		0	4,900
Allford Hall Monag	0		0	250
Filmfixer LT	0		0	150
FP Gift-parking Charge	0		0	500
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Others	0		0	0
	<u>2,170</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,170</u>	<u>8,377</u>

2b. GRANTS:

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Worshipful Co Insurers	3,000		3,000	3,000
ICS	15,500		15,500	1,000
LBI	0		0	2,000
St Sepulchre	0		0	7,500
Foyle Foundation The Foyle Foundation	5,000		5,000	0
Community Chest	0		0	2,500
	<u>23,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>23,500</u>	<u>16,000</u>

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Grants	0		0	0
Other Income	8,157		8,157	5,865
	<u>8,157</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,157</u>	<u>5,865</u>

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

3a. GRANTS:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
LIF			0	0
	0	0	0	0

3b. OTHER INCOME:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Fund Raising	853		853	0
Lunch Club	6,994		6,994	5,820
Shopping Trips	130		130	0
Miscellaneous	180		180	45
	8,157	0	8,157	5,865

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
	0		0	0
	0	0	0	0

5. INVESTMENT INCOME:	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2024	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Bank interest received	785		785	227
	785	0	785	227

6. COSTS OF RAISING FUNDS:	Total Funds	Total Funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Fundraising	0	0
	0	0

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Staff Costs	13,405	21,673
Support Costs	7,163	6,529
Direct Project Expenditure	15,429	11,853
Governance	2,177	1,689
	<u>38,174</u>	<u>41,744</u>

7a. STAFF COSTS:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Staff Salaries	13,000	20,800
Payroll Liabilities	0	0
Pension	405	873
	<u>13,405</u>	<u>21,673</u>

The average number of employees during the year was one:

7b. SUPPORT COSTS:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Volunteer Expenses	2,780	3,086
Computer Expenses & Website	0	80
Telephone	2,095	1,333
Heat & Light	777	656
Insurance	972	900
Office supplies	480	396
Bank Charges	60	78
Miscellaneous	0	0
	<u>7,164</u>	<u>6,529</u>

7c. DIRECT PROJECT EXPENDITURE:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Minibus Running Costs	6,722	6,509
Outgoings & Activities	0	62
Lunch Club	8,707	5,282
	<u>15,429</u>	<u>11,853</u>

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

7d. GOVERNANCE:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Independent Examination	1,200	1,200
Payroll Services	407	331
Annual Report/AGM	569	158
	<u>2,176</u>	<u>1,689</u>

8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
CCLA	9,409	18,634
CafCash	7,560	1,539
Petty Cash	218	1,120
	<u>17,187</u>	<u>21,293</u>

9. DEBTORS:

	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other Debtors - Payroll HMRC refunds 2019/20 and 2020/21	480	480
Payroll HMRC refunds 2023/24	340	0
	<u>820</u>	<u>480</u>

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

10. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Independent Examination	1,200	1,200
Other Creditors - pension	189	189
NET Wages	1,293	1,290
HMRC Payroll Liabilities	0	206
	<u>2,682</u>	<u>2,885</u>

11. UNRESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS:

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer: In/(out) £	Balance at 1 Apr 2024 £
General	18,888	34,612	(38,174)		15,326
	<u>18,888</u>	<u>34,612</u>	<u>(38,174)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,326</u>

12. DESIGNATED INCOME FUNDS:

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer: In/(out) £	Balance at 1 Apr 2024 £
	0	0	0	0	0

13. RESTRICTED INCOME FUNDS:

	Balance at 1 Apr 2023 £	Incoming Resources £	Outgoing Resources £	Transfer: In/(out) £	Balance at 1 Apr 2024 £
	0	0	0	0	0

14. SUMMARY OF NET ASSETS BY FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Designated Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Fixed Assets	0			0	0
Net Current Assets	15,326			15,326	18,888
	<u>15,326</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,326</u>	<u>18,888</u>

**FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The following pages do not form part of the statutory financial statements

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME FROM		
DONATIONS AND LEGACIES		
Donations	2,170	8,377
Grants		
Worshipful Co Insurers	3,000	3,000
ICS	15,500	1,000
LBI	0	2,000
St Sepulchre	0	7,500
Foyle Foundation The Foyle Foundation	5,000	0
Community Chest	0	2,500
	<u>25,670</u>	<u>24,377</u>
INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Grants		
LIF	0	0
Other income		
Fund Raising	853	0
Lunch Club	6,994	5,820
Shopping Trips	130	0
Miscellaneous	180	45
	<u>8,157</u>	<u>5,865</u>
OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES		
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
INVESTMENT INCOME		
Bank Interest Received	<u>785</u>	<u>227</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>34,612</u>	<u>30,469</u>

FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
EXPENDITURE		
COST OF RAISING FUNDS		
Fundraising	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES		
Staff Costs		
Staff Salaries	13,000	20,800
Pension	405	873
Support Costs		
Volunteer Expenses	2,780	3,086
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Miscellaneous	0	0
Direct Project Costs		
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Independent Examination	1,200	1,200
Payroll Services	407	331
Annual Report/AGM	569	158
	<u>38,175</u>	<u>41,743</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>38,175</u>	<u>41,743</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	<u>(3,563)</u>	<u>(11,275)</u>

**FINSBURY & CLERKENWELL VOLUNTEERS
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

I have examined the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER


As the trustees of the charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) Charities Act does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my notice.

BASIS OF EXAMINER'S REPORT

This report is in respect of examination carried out in accordance with The General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes a 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 constitute an audit.

EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

Based on my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect accounting records have not been kept in accordance with section 41 of the Act, or that the accounts presented do not accord with those records or comply with the accounting requirements of the Act. No matter has come to my attention in connection with my examination to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts.



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