# SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 288583

## Details

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| **Status** | Registered |
| **Legal form** | Trust |
| **Registered** | 1984-02-27 |
| **Register** | View on the Charity Commission register |

## Contact

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| **Address** | South Croydon Centre<br>Rear Of St Peter's Hall<br>Ledbury Road<br>Croydon<br>CR0 1EP |
| **Phone** | 02086817948 |
| **Email** | office@southcroydoncentre.org |
| **Website** | www.southcroydondc.org |

## Activities

**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT IN THE MANNER WHICH NOW IS OR HEREAFTER MAY BE DEEMED BY LAW TO BE CHARITABLE BY ASSOCIATING WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTEREST OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE ELDERLY. THE "AREA OF BENEFIT" SHALL BE THE AREA FALLING WITHIN A RADIUS OF 1 1/2 MILES OF ST. PETERS CHURCH HALL, LEDBURY ROAD, SOUTH CROYDON IN GREATER LONDON.

**Activities:** The object of the Centre is to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation so as to improve the conditions of life for the elderly in South Croydon. It is open Monday and Thursday of each week and provides a range of social and stimulating activities and occasional outings, and offers a hot meal each day. Transport is arranged for the less able.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** SEE OBJECTS
- Croydon

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025-09-30 | £28,593 | £31,427 | - | - |
| 2024-09-30 | £25,277 | £22,621 | - | - |
| 2023-09-30 | £16,912 | £30,115 | - | - |
| 2022-09-30 | £29,652 | £18,206 | - | - |
| 2021-09-30 | £12,084 | £17,391 | - | - |
| 2020-09-30 | £17,527 | £12,497 | - | - |

## Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---|---|---|
| Claire Bailie | | 2026-05-21 |
| JOHN CHARLES MILL | | 1984-01-16 |
| VALERIE BAILEY WILLIAMS | | 2005-07-19 |

# Accounts

# SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. The Management Committee presents its report for the year ended 30 September 2025. The Centre was set up in November 1981 and the Charity was established by Trust Deed dated 16 January 1984, and is registered with the Charity Commission No. 288583. Its address is the Rear of St Peter's Hall, Ledbury Road, Croydon, CR0 1EP in the London Borough of Croydon. The members of the Management Committee during the year were:-

Chairman – Mr Gareth Saunders, who served throughout the year.

Secretary – Mr Frank Ip, who served throughout the year.

Treasurer – Mr John Ryland, who served throughout the year.

Other Committee members, who served throughout the year, were:-

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|---|---|
| Mr Alan Cook | Mrs Mona Demeza |
| Mrs Rosalind Green | Mrs Elizabeth Lowe |
| Mr Richard Vernazza | |

2. One-third of the members of the Committee retire annually but are eligible for re-appointment. The Trustees of the Trust Deed were Mr John Mill, Mrs Valerie Williams and the Rev Geoff Dumbreck, Vicar of St Peter's Church, Croydon, all of whom served throughout the year. We have not replaced the fourth Trustee, the late Dr Gerald Clementson.

### Objects and Organisation

3. The objects of the Trust are to promote the social welfare and improve conditions of life for the elderly in the area by associating with the Local and other Statutory Authorities, voluntary organisations and local inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation.

4. The day-to-day running of the Centre is carried out by a paid Co-ordinator under the general supervision of the Management Committee, kindly assisted by a number of voluntary helpers. Mr Frank Ip performed this role throughout the year.

### Review of Operations

5. Except on public holidays and on isolated occasions when unavoidably closed, the Centre was open throughout the year on Mondays and Thursdays of each week from 10am to 4pm, and as a drop-in facility on alternate Fridays from 2pm. During the financial year our total throughput of visitors was 1,325, compared with 1,571 for the previous year. Hot lunches and light refreshments were served, the total number of diners being 1,016 (previous year 1,173).

6. On days of opening, transport was arranged between visitors' homes and the Centre for the less mobile, kindly provided by our team of volunteer car drivers, using their own cars. Regular social activities, such as Scrabble, dominoes, jigsaws, bingo, quizzes, word-search, live music, chair-based exercises, handicraft, discussions, informative talks, art for stress, occasional films and library were arranged. Outings by minibus were arranged, to the Christmas market at the Polhill Garden Centre, Eastbourne, Morden Hall Park and Worthing, all of which were much enjoyed, as were the Christmas and spring tea parties arranged by our fellow local charity Croham Hurst Good Neighbours, to which our folks were kindly invited.

7. We have always been keen to engage with local groups and in particular over recent years have established good rapport with the Zurich Community organisation, which has provided personnel and funding for various social occasions and with whom as previously reported we gained a formal Partnership which included an element of funding. This has since developed further, as noted below.

Finances

8. The Centre has been grateful in the past for the support of the London Borough of Croydon spanning many years, but continuing strains on the Council's resources mean that such support remains unavailable for the foreseeable future. The last funding agreement with LBC expired on 31 March 2020, since when we have been increasingly reliant on other agencies for our funding.

9. There was a deficit over the year of £2,834, as opposed to a surplus in the previous year of £2,656. During the year we gained a special Sustainability grant of £10,000 from the Zurich Community Trust, which enabled us to install 12 solar panel on the roof of our premises, along with associated storage batteries. As well as the Zurich Community we thank in particular the Ros Harding Trust, the Misses Barrie Charitable Trust and the PCC of St Peter's Church for their regular and continuing support. In addition we are grateful to the private individuals who have very kindly continued to make generous personal gifts over the years, and this year was no exception.

Recent developments

10. At the time of writing (April 2026) it is worth noting, although outside the specific financial year in question, that we have since gained continuing support from the Zurich Community Trust in the form of £5.000 funding per annum for 3 years, along with what is called 'Partnership Plus' at £2,000 per annum, for training, staff welfare etc.

11. The Charity banks at National Westminster Bank plc, Croydon Branch.

12. The Independent Examiner is Mr Neil Carter.

G. Saunders

Gareth Saunders
Chairman

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

| (2023/24) £ | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **INCOMING RESOURCES - continuing operations** | | |
| | | | - |
| | Activities to further the charity's objectives: | | |
| 7,565 | Sales of meals and snacks | | 6,358 |
| 1,658 | Contributions towards transport costs, including outings | | 1,568 |
| | Activities to generate funds: | | |
| 533 | Fund-raising events, sundry sales and raffles | | 819 |
| | Grant towards solar panels and power storage | | 10,000 |
| 12,164 | Other grants and donations | | 7,485 |
| - | Room hire | | - |
| 2,706 | Admission fees | | 2,241 |
| 522 | Gift Aid | | 122 |
| 129 | Sundry income | | - |
| 25,277 | Total incoming resources | | 28,593 |
| | **EXPENDITURE** | | |
| | Charitable expenditure: | | |
| 4,684 | Cost of meals and snacks | 4,271 | |
| 9,867 | Salaries and National Insurance | 9,823 | |
| 2,131 | Lighting and heating | 1,691 | |
| 1,166 | Transport including outings | 860 | |
| 1,734 | Rent, insurance and water | 1,691 | |
| - | Equipment | - | |
| 19,582 | | | 18,336 |
| | Administration expenditure: | | |
| 744 | Printing, stationery, postage and telephone | 867 | |
| - | Solar panels and power storage installation | 9,944 | |
| 1,771 | Other repairs, maintenance and cleaning | 1,805 | |
| 240 | Independent Examination fee | 240 | |
| 155 | Licences and DBS fees | 162 | |
| 66 | Payroll processing | 66 | |
| 63 | Miscellaneous expenses | 7 | |
| 3,039 | | | 13,091 |
| 22,621 | Total expenditure | | 31,427 |
| 2,656 | **NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT on continuing operations** | | -2,834 |
| 3,251 | Specific purposes funds brought forward at 1.10.2024 | 3,251 | |
| 6,585 | General purposes fund brought forward at 1.10.2024 | 9,241 | |
| 9,836 | | | 12,492 |
| 3,251 | Specific purposes funds carried forward at 30.9.2025 | 5,251 | |
| 9,241 | General purposes fund carried forward at 30.9.2025 | 4,407 | |
| 12,492 | | | 9,658 |

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

| 2024 £ | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **FIXED ASSETS** | | |
| *31,890* | Building cost | 31,890 | |
| *-31,890* | less depreciation to 30.9.25 | -31,890 | |
| *0* | | | 0 |
| *3,776* | Furniture and fittings - cost | 3,776 | |
| *-3,776* | less depreciation to 30.9.25 | -3,776 | |
| *0* | | | 0 |
| | **CURRENT ASSETS** | | |
| *664* | Stocks | 422 | |
| *566* | Debtors and prepayments | 955 | |
| *11,813* | Bank current account | 8,748 | |
| *14* | Cash in hand | 4 | |
| *13,057* | | 10,129 | |
| | Less: | | |
| | **CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | |
| *-565* | Creditors and accruals (all due within one year) | -471 | |
| *12,492* | Net current assets | | 9,658 |
| *12,492* | **NET ASSETS** | | 9,658 |
| | **FUNDS** | | |
| *3,251* | Specific purposes funds | | 5,251 |
| *9,241* | General purposes fund | | 4,407 |
| *12,492* | | | 9,658 |

John Ryland
Treasurer

G Saunders

Gareth Saunders
Chairman

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

1. Accounting policies.

General: These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Depreciation: The cost of all fixed assets originally capitalised have now been fully depreciated. Minor capital expenditure is written off as incurred. Depending on circumstances more major items may be capitalised and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of those items.

2. Employees' remuneration.

Total remuneration was £9,828 (2023/24 - £9,828). There was one part-time employee throughout the year.

3. Trustees' remuneration.

Mr Frank Ip, who is a Management Committee member, provided Centre management services to the Trust, for which he was paid £9,828. Trustees and members of the Management Committee may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses on the same basis as applies to unpaid volunteers. Otherwise no remuneration was paid by the Trust to any Trustee or member of the Management Committee or to any person known to be connected to them.

4. Grants and donations.

The following specific purposes items were included within the Grants and Donations:

| | £ | *(2023/24)* |
|---|---|---|
| From Zurich Community – towards refurbishment: | 2,000 | *(4,000)* |
| Ditto – towards solar panels & power storage: fully expended | 10,000 | *( - )* |
| | 12,000 | *(4,000)* |
| Unspecified grants and donations | 5,485 | *(8,164)* |
| | 17,485 | *(12,164)* |

Specific purposes funds carried forward as at 30 September 2025 were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Refurbishment | 2,000 |
| Computer upgrade | 1,500 |
| Furniture and kitchen equipment | 1,751 |
| | 5,251 |

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST
**[Charity no.288583]**

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the South Croydon Centre Trust for the year ended 30th September 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 5.

### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144[2] of the Charities Act 2011 [the 2011 Act] does not apply and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145[5](b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 and/or members of the management committee 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 below.

### Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements

   - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Carter

NEIL CARTER
Chartered Accountant

27 April 2026

34 Victoria Road
Dartmouth
Devon
TQ6 9SA

# Accounts

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Other Committee members, who served throughout the year, were:-

Mrs Mona Demeza
Mrs Rosalind Green
Mrs Elizabeth Lowe
Mr Dave Martin
Mr Richard Vernazza

2. One-third of the members of the Committee retire annually but are eligible for re-appointment. The Trustees of the Trust Deed were Mr John Mill, Mrs Valerie Williams and the Rev Geoff Dumbreck, Vicar of St Peter's Church, Croydon, all of whom served throughout the year. We have not replaced the fourth Trustee, the late Dr Gerald Clementson.

Objects and Organisation

3. The objects of the Trust are to promote the social welfare and improve conditions of life for the elderly in the area by associating with the Local and other Statutory Authorities, voluntary organisations and local inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation.

4. The day-to-day running of the Centre is carried out by a paid Co-ordinator under the general supervision of the Management Committee, kindly assisted by a number of voluntary helpers. Mr Frank Ip performed this role throughout the year.

Review of Operations

5. Except on public holidays and on isolated occasions when unavoidably closed, the Centre was open throughout the year on Mondays and Thursdays of each week from 10am to 4pm, and as a drop-in facility on alternate Fridays from 2pm. During the financial year our total throughput of visitors was 1,571, compared with 1,362 for the previous year. Hot lunches and light refreshments were served, the total number of diners being 1,173 (previous year 1,203).

6. On days of opening, transport was arranged between visitors' homes and the Centre for the less mobile, kindly provided by our team of volunteer car drivers, using their own cars. Regular social activities, such as Scrabble, dominoes, jigsaws, bingo, quizzes, word-search, live music, chair-based exercises, handicraft, discussions, informative talks, art for stress, occasional films and library were arranged. Outings by minibus were arranged, to Polhill Garden Centre, the Imperial War Museum, Herne Bay and a return visit to Fulham Palace, all of which were much enjoyed, as were the spring and Christmas tea parties arranged by our fellow local charity Croham Hurst Good Neighbours, to which our folks were kindly invited.

7. We have always been keen to engage with local groups and in particular over recent years have established good rapport with the Zurich Community organisation, which has provided personnel and funding for various social occasions and with whom as previously reported we gained after a competitive process a formal partnership which included an element of funding for two years.

Finances

8. The Centre has been grateful in the past for the support of the London Borough of Croydon spanning many years, but continuing strains on the Council's resources mean that such support remains unavailable for the foreseeable future. The last funding agreement with LBC expired on 31 March 2020, since when we have been increasingly reliant on other agencies for our funding.

9. There was a surplus over the year of £2,656, as opposed to a deficit in the previous year of £13,203. As well as the Zurich Community we thank in particular the Ros Harding Trust, the Misses Barrie Charitable Trust and the PCC of St Peter's Church for their regular and continuing support. In addition we are grateful to the private individuals who have very kindly continued to make generous personal gifts over the years, and this year was no exception.

Recent developments

10. At the time of writing (May 2025) it is worth noting, although outside the specific financial year in question, that we have since gained a special Sustainability grant of £10,000 from the Zurich Community which has enabled us to install 12 solar panels on the roof of our premises, which should lead to our being largely self-sufficient in our electricity use and even export surplus power to the national grid.

11. The Charity banks at National Westminster Bank plc, Croydon Branch.

12. The Independent Examiner is Mr Neil Carter.

G. Saunders.

Gareth Saunders
Chairman

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

| (2022/23) £ | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **INCOMING RESOURCES - continuing operations** | | |
| | | | - |
| | Activities to further the charity's objectives: | | |
| *6,054* | Sales of meals and snacks | | 7,565 |
| *1,654* | Contributions towards transport costs, including outings | | 1,658 |
| | Activities to generate funds: | | |
| - | Fund-raising events, sundry sales and raffles | | 533 |
| *3,000* | *Grant towards glazing renewal* | | - |
| *4,016* | Other grants and donations | | 12,164 |
| - | Room hire | | - |
| *1,976* | Admission fees | | 2,706 |
| *114* | Gift Aid | | 522 |
| *98* | Sundry income | | 129 |
| *16,912* | Total incoming resources | | 25,277 |
| | **EXPENDITURE** | | |
| | Charitable expenditure: | | |
| *4,465* | Cost of meals and snacks | 4,684 | |
| *10,530* | Salaries and National Insurance | 9,867 | |
| *1,845* | Lighting and heating | 2,131 | |
| *683* | Transport including outings | 1,166 | |
| *1,750* | Rent, insurance and water | 1,734 | |
| *5* | Equipment | - | |
| *19,278* | | | 19,582 |
| | Administration expenditure: | | |
| *785* | Printing, stationery, postage and telephone | 744 | |
| *6,948* | *Glazing renewal* | - | |
| *2,067* | Other repairs, maintenance and cleaning | 1,771 | |
| *240* | Independent Examination fee | 240 | |
| *260* | *Croydon Neighbourhood Care subscription* | - | |
| *200* | *Training* | - | |
| *223* | Licences and DBS fees | 155 | |
| *72* | Payroll processing | 66 | |
| *42* | Miscellaneous expenses | 63 | |
| *10,837* | | | 3,039 |
| *30,115* | Total expenditure | | 22,621 |
| *-13,203* | **NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT on continuing operations** | | 2,656 |
| *13,757* | Specific purposes funds brought forward at 1.10.2023 | 3,251 | |
| *9,282* | General purposes fund brought forward at 1.10.2023 | 6,585 | |
| *23,039* | | | 9,836 |
| *3,251* | Specific purposes funds carried forward at 30.9.2024 | 3,251 | |
| *6,585* | General purposes fund carried forward at 30.9.2024 | 9,241 | |
| *9,836* | | | 12,492 |

# SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

| 2023 £ | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **FIXED ASSETS** | | |
| *31,890* | Building cost | 31,890 | |
| *-31,890* | less depreciation to 30.9.24 | -31,890 | |
| *0* | | | 0 |
| *3,776* | Furniture and fittings - cost | 3,776 | |
| *-3,776* | less depreciation to 30.9.24 | -3,776 | |
| *0* | | | 0 |
| | **CURRENT ASSETS** | | |
| *899* | Stocks | 664 | |
| *1,136* | Debtors and prepayments | 566 | |
| *8,462* | Bank current account | 11,813 | |
| *12* | Cash in hand | 14 | |
| *10,509* | | 13,057 | |
| | Less: | | |
| | **CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | |
| *-673* | Creditors and accruals (all due within one year) | -565 | |
| *9,836* | Net current assets | | 12,492 |
| *9,836* | **NET ASSETS** | | 12,492 |
| | **FUNDS** | | |
| *3,251* | Specific purposes funds | | 3,251 |
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| *9,836* | | | 12,492 |

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## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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2. Employees' remuneration.

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4. Grants and donations.

The following specific purposes items were included within the Grants and Donations:

| | £ | *(2022/23)* |
|---|---|---|
| From Zurich Community – towards refurbishment: fully expended | 4,000 | *( - )* |
| *From Ros Harding Trust, towards glazing renewal:* | - | *(3,000)* |
| *Fron Worshipful Company of Needlemakers, towards computer upgrade* | - | *(1,500)* |
| | 4,000 | *(4,500)* |
| Unspecified grants and donations | 8,164 | *(2,516)* |
| | 12,164 | *(7,016)* |

Specific purposes funds carried forward as at 30 September 2024 were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Computer upgrade | 1,500 |
| Furniture and kitchen equipment | 1,751 |
| | 3,251 |

# SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST
**[Charity no.288583]**

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### Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145[5](b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 and/or members of the management committee 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 below.

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements

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   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

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Neil Carter

NEIL CARTER
Chartered Accountant

23 May 2025

34 Victoria Road
Dartmouth
Devon
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# Accounts

**SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST**

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Secretary – Mr Frank Ip, who served throughout the year.

Treasurer – Mr John Ryland, who served throughout the year.

Other Committee members, who served throughout the year, were:-

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|---|---|
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## Objects and Organisation

3. The objects of the Trust are to promote the social welfare and improve conditions of life for the elderly in the area by associating with the Local and other Statutory Authorities, voluntary organisations and local inhabitants in a common effort to provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation.

4. The day-to-day running of the Centre is carried out by a paid Co-ordinator under the general supervision of the Management Committee, kindly assisted by a number of voluntary helpers. Mr Frank Ip performed this role throughout the year.

## Review of Operations

5. Except on public holidays and on isolated occasions when unavoidably closed, the Centre was open throughout the year on Mondays and Thursdays of each week from 10am to 4pm. The previous year was heavily impacted by the Covid19 restrictions so that year-on-year comparisons are rather meaningless, but for the record, during the financial year our total throughput of visitors was 968, compared with 211 for the previous year. Hot lunches and light refreshments were served, the total number of diners being 803 (previous year 160). Recovery post-Covid however was slow, so that these figures were not yet back to the 2018/19 financial year equivalents (1,272 and 853 respectively).

6. On days of opening, transport was arranged between visitors' homes and the Centre for the less mobile, kindly provided by our team of volunteer car drivers, using their own cars. Regular social activities, such as Scrabble, dominoes, jigsaws, bingo, quizzes, word-search, live music, chair-based exercises, handicraft, discussions, informative talks, art for stress, occasional films and library were arranged. A summer outing to Eastbourne by minibus was much enjoyed, as were the spring and Christmas tea parties arranged by our fellow local charity Croham Hurst Good Neighbours, to which our folks were kindly invited.

7. We have always been keen to engage with local groups and in particular over recent years have established good rapport with the Zurich Croydon community organisation, which has provided personnel and funding for various social occasions and with whom we have won after a competitive process a formal partnership which includes an element of funding for two years.

Finances

8. The Centre has been grateful for the support of the London Borough of Croydon spanning many years, but with the recent strains on the Council's resources such support is not currently available. The last funding agreement with LBC expired on 31 March 2020, since when we have been increasingly reliant on other agencies for our funding.

9. There was a surplus over the year of £11,446, arising mainly from a welcome increase in grants and donations, which totalled £23,874 (2020/21 - £10,611). We thank in particular the Ros Harding Trust, the Misses Barrie Charitable Trust and the PCC of St Peter's Church for their regular and continuing support, along with a further grant from Croydon's Relief in Need charity and the Zurich community grant as mentioned above which was given towards our continuing refurbishment plans. In addition we have received grants from our umbrella body Croydon Neighbourhood Care, including a substantial Covid Champions award, largely yet to be expended, invoking our help in raising awareness in an area deemed to be vaccine-hesitant, and involving the possible use of our premises as a "local" vaccination centre. In addition a number of individuals have very kindly continued to make generous personal gifts over the years, and this year was no exception.

Recent developments

10. At the time of writing (March 2023) it is worth noting, although outside the specific financial year in question, that we have since been able to pick up again on our continuing refurbishment plans by having all our remaining windows and doors replaced by double-glazed units, at a cost of £6,948, funded in part by a further grant from the Ros Harding Trust and supplemented from our accumulated resources. And it is encouraging to have seen a recent sustained increase in our client numbers, such that we are now overtaking pre-Covid figures. For the future we are looking to expand our service, seeking to build on an initiative by the South Croydon Benefice of churches to open a drop-in facility on an additional afternoon.

11. The Charity banks at National Westminster Bank plc, South Croydon Branch.

12. The Independent Examiner is Mr Neil Carter.

G. Saunders.

Gareth Saunders
Chairman

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

| (2020/21) £ | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **INCOMING RESOURCES - continuing operations** | | |
| | Activities to further the charity's objectives: | | |
| - | *Funding from London Borough of Croydon* | | - |
| 801 | Sales of meals and snacks | | 3,499 |
| 191 | Contributions towards transport costs, including outings | | 1,161 |
| | Activities to generate funds: | | |
| - | Fund-raising events, sundry sales and raffles | | 10 |
| 3,000 | *Grant towards flooring renewal* | | - |
| 7,611 | Other grants and donations | | 23,874 |
| 45 | Room hire | | 35 |
| 202 | Admission fees | | 927 |
| 209 | Gift Aid | | 146 |
| 25 | *Sundry income* | | - |
| 12,084 | Total incoming resources | | 29,652 |
| | **EXPENDITURE** | | |
| | Charitable expenditure: | | |
| 356 | Cost of meals and snacks | 2,527 | |
| 6,384 | Salaries and National Insurance | 9,450 | |
| 915 | Lighting and heating | 1,348 | |
| 143 | Transport including outings | 608 | |
| 1,562 | Rent, insurance and water | 1,476 | |
| - | *Equipment* | - | |
| 9,360 | | | 15,409 |
| | Administration expenditure: | | |
| 789 | Printing, stationery, postage and telephone | 810 | |
| 4,968 | *Flooring renewal* | - | |
| 874 | Other repairs, maintenance and cleaning | 1,492 | |
| 240 | Independent Examination fee | 240 | |
| 650 | *Website renewal* | - | |
| 97 | *Training* | - | |
| 140 | Licences and DBS fees | 161 | |
| 50 | *Charity donation* | - | |
| 72 | Payroll processing | 72 | |
| 116 | *Covid lockdown provisions* | - | |
| 35 | Miscellaneous expenses | 22 | |
| 8,031 | | | 2,797 |
| 17,391 | Total expenditure | | 18,206 |
| -5,307 | **NET SURPLUS/DEFICIT on continuing operations** | | 11,446 |
| 2,088 | Specific purposes funds brought forward at 1.10.2021 | 2,088 | |
| 14,812 | General purposes fund brought forward at 1.10.2021 | 9,505 | |
| 16,900 | | | 11,593 |
| 2,088 | Specific purposes funds carried forward at 30.9.2022 | 13,757 | |
| 9,505 | General purposes fund carried forward at 30.9.2022 | 9,282 | |
| 11,593 | | | 23,039 |

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

| (2021) £ | | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **FIXED ASSETS** | | |
| 31,890 | Building cost | 31,890 | |
| -31,890 | less depreciation to 30.9.21 | -31,890 | |
| 0 | | | 0 |
| 3,776 | Furniture and fittings - cost | 3,776 | |
| -3,776 | less depreciation to 30.9.21 | -3,776 | |
| 0 | | | 0 |
| | **CURRENT ASSETS** | | |
| 547 | Stocks | 549 | |
| 837 | Debtors and prepayments | 1,022 | |
| 12,281 | Bank current account | 22,080 | |
| 62 | Cash in hand | 42 | |
| 13,727 | | 23,693 | |
| | Less: | | |
| | **CURRENT LIABILITIES** | | |
| -2,134 | Creditors and accruals (all due within one year) | -654 | |
| 11,593 | Net current assets | | 23,039 |
| 11,593 | **NET ASSETS** | | 23,039 |
| | **FUNDS** | | |
| 2,088 | Specific purposes funds | | 13,757 |
| 9,505 | General purposes fund | | 9,282 |
| 11,593 | | | 23,039 |

John Ryland
Treasurer

G. Saunders.

Gareth Saunders
Chairman

## SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. Accounting policies.

General: These accounts have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

Depreciation: The cost of all fixed assets originally capitalised have now been fully depreciated. Minor capital expenditure is written off as incurred. Depending on circumstances more major items may be capitalised and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of those items.

2. Employees' remuneration.

Total remuneration was £9,450 (2020/21 - £6,484). There was one part-time employee throughout the year.

3. Trustees' remuneration.

Mr Frank Ip, who is a Management Committee member, provided Centre management services to the Trust, for which he was paid £9,450. Trustees and members of the Management Committee may be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses on the same basis as applies to unpaid volunteers. Otherwise no remuneration was paid by the Trust to any Trustee or member of the Management Committee or to any person known to be connected to them.

4. Grants and donations.

The following specific purposes items were included within the Grants and Donations:

| | £ | *(2020/21)* |
|---|---|---|
| From Croydon Neighbourhood Care – Covid Champions grant: | 9,669 | *( - )* |
| From Zurich Community – towards refurbishment: | 2,000 | *( - )* |
| *From Ros Harding Trust, towards flooring renewal:* | - | *(3,000)* |
| | 11,669 | *(3,000)* |
| Unspecified grants and donations | 12,205 | *(7,611)* |
| | 23,874 | *(10,611)* |

Specific purposes funds carried forward as at 30 September 2022 were:

| | |
|---|---|
| Covid Champions | 9,669 |
| Refurbishment | 2,337 |
| Furniture and equipment | 1,751 |
| | 13,757 |

**SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST**
**[Charity no.288583]**

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

I report on the accounts of the South Croydon Centre Trust for the year ended 30th September 2022 which are set out on pages 3 to 5

## Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the Charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144[2] of the Charities Act 2011 [the 2011 Act] does not apply and that an Independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145[5](b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

## Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

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 and/or members of the management committee 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 below.

## Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the requirements

   - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
   - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

   have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Neil Carter

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Chartered Accountant

17 April 2023

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