

SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

1. The Management Committee presents its report for the year ended 30 September 2022. 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 on the Committee throughout the year, and as Chairman from July 2022.

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:-

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 do not yet have a replacement for 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. 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.



Gareth Saunders
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

(2020/21)		£	£
	INCOMING RESOURCES - continuing operations		
	Activities to further the charity's objectives:		
-	<i>Funding from London Borough of Croydon</i>	-	
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	<i>Grant towards flooring renewal</i>	-	
7,611	Other grants and donations		23,874
45	Room hire		35
202	Admission fees		927
209	Gift Aid		146
25	<i>Sundry income</i>		-
<u>12,084</u>	Total incoming resources		<u>29,652</u>
	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	
-	<i>Equipment</i>	-	
<u>9,360</u>			15,409
	Administration expenditure:		
789	Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	810	
4,968	<i>Flooring renewal</i>	-	
874	Other repairs, maintenance and cleaning	1,492	
240	Independent Examination fee	240	
650	<i>Website renewal</i>	-	
97	<i>Training</i>	-	
140	Licences and DBS fees	161	
50	<i>Charity donation</i>	-	
72	Payroll processing	72	
116	<i>Covid lockdown provisions</i>	-	
35	Miscellaneous expenses	22	
<u>8,031</u>			2,797
<u>17,391</u>	Total expenditure		<u>18,206</u>
-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	
<u>16,900</u>			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	
<u>11,593</u>			<u>23,039</u>

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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



John Ryland
Treasurer



Gareth Saunders
Chairman

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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	(-)
<i>From Ros Harding Trust, towards flooring renewal:</i>	-	<i>(3,000)</i>
	<u>11,669</u>	<u>(3,000)</u>
Unspecified grants and donations	<u>12,205</u>	<u>(7,611)</u>
	<u>23,874</u>	<u>(10,611)</u>

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

Covid Champions	9,669
Refurbishment	2,337
Furniture and equipment	<u>1,751</u>
	<u>13,757</u>

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[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 Acthave 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
Chartered Accountant

17 April 2023

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