

SOUTH CROYDON CENTRE TRUST
REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

1. The Management Committee presents its report for the year ended 30 September 2024. 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:-

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.



Gareth Saunders
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

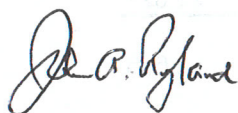
(2022/23)

£		£	£
	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
<u>16,912</u>	Total incoming resources		<u>25,277</u>
	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	-	
<u>19,278</u>			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	
<u>10,837</u>			3,039
<u>30,115</u>	Total expenditure		<u>22,621</u>
-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	
<u>23,039</u>			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	
<u>9,836</u>			<u>12,492</u>

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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	
<u>0</u>			0
3,776	Furniture and fittings - cost	3,776	
-3,776	less depreciation to 30.9.24	-3,776	
<u>0</u>			0
	CURRENT ASSETS		
899	Stocks	664	
1,136	Debtors and prepayments	566	
8,462	Bank current account	11,813	
12	Cash in hand	14	
<u>10,509</u>		<u>13,057</u>	
	Less:		
	CURRENT LIABILITIES		
-673	Creditors and accruals (all due within one year)	-565	
<u>9,836</u>			
	Net current assets		12,492
<u>9,836</u>	NET ASSETS		<u>12,492</u>
	FUNDS		
3,251	Specific purposes funds	3,251	
6,585	General purposes fund	9,241	
<u>9,836</u>		<u>12,492</u>	



John Ryland
Treasurer



Gareth Saunders
Chairman

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

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 (2022/23 - £10,530). 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:

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

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

Computer upgrade	1,500
Furniture and kitchen equipment	<u>1,751</u>
	<u>3,251</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 2024 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.



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23 May 2025

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