

North East Mitcham



# NORTH EAST MITCHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Registered Charity No: 288659

## ANNUAL REPORT

2020/21

### MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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# Chair's Report



2020-21 was our 38<sup>th</sup> year as a community hub in Graveney Ward

Despite the reduction in Merton's finances from national government, we are grateful to the Council for recognising the work we do and continuing our funding.

From March 2020 the centre went into lockdown. Sadly, the centre had to close its doors. We took the decision to furlough staff immediately. We also, successfully, applied to Merton's Coronavirus Fund to cover our running costs and were successful with that bid. We were also grateful to Rob Elvin at Squires Sanders for providing grant funding for our Toddlers drop-in.

Our management meetings took place on Zoom.

When the lockdown eased and nurseries were able to open again, our playgroup operated a reduced service.

The Young at Hearts Club team was unable to operate but kept in contact with his client group.

Tina and myself ran an interim lunch club until Covid level 4 restrictions kicked in. We then reopened when restrictions lifted and ran it until the end of July. The group that attended were very appreciative of our efforts. Thanks to Sharon, Nita and Priya for their assistance.

Sadly, we were unable to have our Christmas Bazaar, Quiz night or Summer Fair this year, which apart from being great community events are also a good way to raise funds for the centre.

We are very sad that Shirley Stratton, who has been with the centre for many years, had to retired from the playgroup through ill health. We wish her the very best for her health and the future. We were able to host a Covid safe garden party to say a big thank you to her.

During this period of closure we took the time to decorate the main building. New lighting has also been installed throughout.

With Covid restrictions lifting we have been able to open the centre again and clubs are beginning to return. Our numbers in Playgroup are low and sadly, Ballet, Salsa and Aikido are no longer operating at the centre.

Financially, things are tricky but we are doing our best to promote the centre and hope that we can soon be operating at full capacity as soon as possible.

Our thanks to Tina Humphries for keeping the show on the road during this very difficult period.

## NORTH EAST MITCHAM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of North East Mitcham Community Association  
On accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021.

Charity Number: 288659.

I report on the accounts of the Association for the year ended 31st March 2021, which are set out on pages

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- a) examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act,
- b) to follow the applicable Directions given by The Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- c) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of the independent examiners' report

Our examination was 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 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 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 in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

In the course of our examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect,:

the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or

the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature.....

Date.....

14-10-21

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