

Uxbridge Centre AGM - Chairman's Report for 2023



UXBRIDGE CENTRE

Welcome to the AGM for 2023. I would like to welcome everyone who has kindly given up their Friday night to be here and review how the centre has performed for 2023.

Firstly, I would like to thank all the people involved with running the Centre on a voluntary basis; the Management Committee, their families and friends for their continued support and hard work throughout 2023. We always highlight the huge impact that volunteers have on the running of the centre's activities and this year has been no different; we would not be able to continue to keep the centre open without their contribution – so a big thanks to all our volunteers.

2023 has been another strong year financially and Peter will take us through the numbers later.

However, we would like to thank Shirley for applying for numerous grants to support the various community activities we have provided this year.

Joanna, Helen, Julia, Manju, Teresa, Linda, Sandra, and a whole host of amazing helpers have made sure the 'Coffee and Cake' Thursday morning group continued to be a central part of the local community providing a great social support to many local people. The weekly attendance numbers have grown, and the attendees have been encouraged to take part in bi-annual fundraising activities to financially support the group and draw in other people from within the local area.

Joanna and the centre's group of volunteers also provided homemade soup for monthly free lunch sessions. These were well attended, and the homemade soup provided was often made from the supermarket surplus food that is collected by Manju. The warm food was truly appreciated by all the attendees.

The 'Coffee and Cake' annual Christmas lunch was another success, and everyone was impressed by the fabulous array of food and the wonderful singer who entertained everyone whilst they danced the afternoon away!

The 'Cook and Eat' project (6-week programme) was so well attended Shirley found further funding for it to continue and Manju has been able to teach more people how to cook nutritious, cost-effective meals easily and enjoy the fruits of their labours! A diverse range of locals benefited from this initiative, developing their cooking skills, nutritional knowledge and made great use of surplus food from supermarkets. An added bonus has been the creation of some great friendships amongst the participants. We secured funding for 12 months so the 'Cook and Eat' programme will be able to continue to reach even more people well into 2024.

The Christmas wreath classes were well attended by many local regulars, and we also welcomed some newbies keen to get creative.

Maintaining a historic building always proves to be a challenge and this building is no different! It requires constant maintenance and we have had the help and voluntary support of Mike Hiscox for lots of 'caretaking' and small jobs. Completed by Angie Brydges – Chairperson

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maintenance jobs – we are very grateful for his support throughout the year. Once again, a locally based decorating company – the London Paint Company, provided free assistance treating and filling areas of wet rot and painting the external window frames.

Their support has been a great help, and this is a good point to highlight that as a committee, we are always looking for additional expertise and support so if anyone has some knowledge of Health and Safety and/or Buildings and Maintenance we would love you to come and join us to ensure this valuable community asset continues to be available for the local neighbourhood.

Energy bills have obviously been at the forefront of everyone's minds and in a bid to lower the bills and provide a warmer space for our hirers we have added a suspended ceiling in the main hall to try and create a warmer space. We have had excellent feedback from our user groups.

The renewal of our lease with the Uxbridge Parish (St Peter's Trust) is progressing and we have been advised by the church that we will have a 20-year lease going forward. This means we will be able to look at funding to further improve the future energy efficiency of the building, which continues to be a priority.

Our Centre Co-ordinator, Shirley Simpson, has been integral to the success of the centre maintaining great relationships with our regular hire groups, ensuring we maximise the bookings at weekends and most importantly ensuring all the payments are in on time! The management committee appreciate what an amazing asset we have in Shirley, and we realise the centre would not be able to operate as well as it does without her endless enthusiasm, general good will and dedication to her role – thank you Shirley for all you have done throughout 2023.

It is so pleasing to see that the centre now provides many free, family friendly activities to help improve social isolation and community cohesion. Thank you to all our volunteers (including the committee and their families) that have provided their services for a common goal, generated a wonderful energy, and created a space that is very welcoming and inclusive.

I wish you all, and the Uxbridge Centre, good fortune for 2024.

Angie Brydges

Chairperson of The Uxbridge Centre Management Committee

15th March 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Uxbridge Centre

289924

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/01/2023

To

31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Regular Rents	65,002	-	-	65,002	53,009
Private Lettings	6,136	-	-	6,136	6,862
Deposits	5,975	-	-	5,975	6,800
Grants	12,965	-	-	12,965	3,167
Fundraising/advertising	4,019	-	-	4,019	2,953
Miscellaneous	668	-	-	668	2,110
Interest	-	637	-	637	160
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	94,765	637	-	95,402	75,061
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	94,765	637	-	95,402	75,061
A3 Payments					
Wages	15,562	-	-	15,562	10,478
Rent	5,850	-	-	5,850	5,850
Returned Deposits	6,306	-	-	6,306	8,085
Lighting/Heating	10,211	-	-	10,211	4,742
Cleaning	7,162	-	-	7,162	6,659
Water Rates	1,179	-	-	1,179	1,048
Phone/Computer/Copier	4,411	-	-	4,411	2,638
Repairs/Maintenance	10,812	-	-	10,812	4,038
Insurance/License/Membership	1,851	-	-	1,851	2,187
Health & Safety	1,410	-	-	1,410	1,157
Stationery	178	-	-	178	308
UXC Events	7,517	-	-	7,517	4,228
Miscellaneous	948	-	-	948	1,394
Bank Charges	76	-	-	76	71
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	73,474	-	-	73,474	52,883
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	73,474	-	-	73,474	52,883
Net of receipts/(payments)	21,292	637	-	21,929	22,178
A5 Transfers between funds	-	30,480	-	841	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,521	58,698	-	73,219	51,041
Cash funds this year end	6,174	89,815	-	95,989	73,219

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	6,174	-	-
	HSBC Savings Account	-	33,207	-
	Hillingdon Credit Union	-	56,608	-
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B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Uxbridge Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st December 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

289924

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Tracey Glynn

Date:

21/02/2023

Name:

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qualification(s) or body
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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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