VAUXHALL GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 296876

Details

Other names	VAUXHALL GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND SOCIAL CLUB
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1987-06-24
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre 5 Glasshouse Walk London SE11 5ES
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Website	www.vgcc.org.uk

Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE LONDON SE11 POSTCODE AREA (HEREAFTER CALLED THE AREA OF BENEFIT) WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF SEX OR RACE OR OF POLITICAL, RELIGIOUS OR OTHER OPINIONS, BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND INHABITANTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, RELIEVE POVERTY, SICKNESS AND DISTRESS, FURTHER HEALTH AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: to promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of the triangle in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, further health and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of for the said inhabitants and work with other charities.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£127,158	£162,417	-	-
2024-03-31	£168,094	£169,546	-	-
2023-03-31	£179,891	£180,958	-	-
2022-03-31	£157,015	£139,821	-	-
2021-03-31	£125,309	£96,878	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Bethany Donkin		2025-10-27
Dionne Holmes		2025-10-27
Dorette Newton		2021-06-09
Duncan Hancox		2025-10-27
Ernest Ako		2021-12-08
Pamela Fry		2017-03-25
Patrick Agyeman		2021-12-08

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Report and Accounts

31 March 2025

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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Patrick Agyeman (**Acting Chair** 25/11/2023) Pamela Fry, (Treasurer) Ernest Ako (Secretary) Dorette Newton Rosa Da Cruz Costa (retired 31/03/2025) Bethany Donkin (appointed 27 October 2025) Duncan Hancox (appointed 27 October 2025) Dionne Holmes (appointed 27 October 2025)
Charity number	296876
Principal office	5 Glasshouse Walk London SE11 5ES
Independent Examiner	Mohammad Ali 106 Coventry Road Ilford Essex IG1 4RG
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill Kent ME19 4JQ

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Chair's Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Members,

It is my privilege to present this Chair's Summary for the year ended 31 March 2025 on behalf of the Board of Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre (VGCC).

The past year has been one of consolidation, reflection and resilience. As the cost-of-living crisis continued to affect many households, VGCC remained a trusted and accessible community anchor providing practical support, creative opportunity and safe space for connection to those who needed it most.

Throughout 2024–25, demand for our services remained high. Our open-access foodbank continued to respond to growing need, supported by the dedication of volunteers and the generosity of donors and partner organisations. Alongside this, the Centre sustained a broad range of community, cultural and wellbeing activities, while continuing to provide affordable and flexible space for artists, grassroots groups and local charities.

Partnership working remained central to our impact. We strengthened collaboration with Lambeth Council, Vauxhall One and other partners, enabling us to deliver programmes, cultural events and support services that reflect the diversity and creativity of our local community. These relationships have allowed VGCC to remain adaptable and responsive in a challenging operating environment.

From a governance perspective, the Board placed renewed emphasis on strengthening foundations for the future. Trustees engaged in training, policy review and forward planning to ensure VGCC remains well-governed, compliant and strategically focused, alongside careful financial stewardship in a demanding year.

During the year, we were pleased to welcome Beth Donkin, Duncan Hancox and Dionne Holmes to the Board of Trustees. Their perspectives and commitment have already made a positive contribution to Board discussions and future direction.

We also remember with great respect Tim Kalvis, a long-standing trustee whose integrity, compassion and unwavering commitment to VGCC left a lasting mark on the organisation.

Looking ahead

As we move into the next phase of VGCC's development, the Board is shaping a 2026–2029 strategic framework grounded in realism, community need and long-term sustainability. This is not about rapid expansion, but about sustainable growth ensuring VGCC continues to serve current and future generations as a trusted community asset.

On behalf of the Board, I thank our staff, volunteers, partners, funders and community members for their continued support.

Patrick Agyeman
Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees
Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025
Trustee Annual Report

1. Objectives and Activities

VGCC remains dedicated to supporting our local community through a range of inclusive projects and services aimed at tackling food insecurity, social isolation, and inequality.

Our key objective is to improve the wellbeing and resilience of individuals and families in Lambeth and neighbouring boroughs by providing essential services, affordable space, and creative opportunities.

Throughout 2025, VGCC continued to operate an open food bank, offering assistance without restrictions to anyone in need. As living costs and food insecurity persist, the organisation's work remains vital to the local community.

2. Achievements and Performance

Food Support and Community Assistance

Despite economic pressures, VGCC has successfully sustained its community food bank with help from dedicated partner organisations and donors.
While inflation slowed this year, prices for basic goods continued to rise, leaving many households struggling to afford essentials. Our food bank experienced a significant surge in demand, reflecting ongoing community need.

Cultural and Community Events

Culture Clash 2.0 – Building Belonging Through Culture

During the period, VGCC successfully delivered Culture Clash 2.0, a vibrant social evening designed to create a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for migrants, refugees, asylum seekers, Spanish and Portuguese-speaking communities, and the wider North Lambeth community. The event brought together over 120 attendees, representing a rich mix of cultural backgrounds, languages and lived experiences.

Culture Clash 2.0 was intentionally designed to go beyond a social gathering. It provided a platform for cultural exchange, mutual learning and connection, helping to break down social isolation, challenge stereotypes, and foster a shared sense of belonging within the local community.

3. Outcomes and Impact

Strengthening inclusion and community connection

Over 40% of attendees were from migrant or refugee backgrounds, many of whom reported feeling more connected to the local community as a direct result of the event. This is particularly significant in the context of Lambeth's status as a Borough of Sanctuary, where creating meaningful opportunities for integration and belonging is a shared local priority.

Participants from migrant and asylum-seeking backgrounds often experience acute social isolation due to language barriers, negative media narratives, and the practical challenges of living in temporary accommodation with no recourse to public funds. Culture Clash 2.0 offered a rare,

accessible and welcoming environment where individuals felt seen, valued and able to participate fully.

Reaching under-represented communities

Spanish and Portuguese-speaking communities, which can be more insular and harder to reach due to language barriers, were actively engaged through targeted outreach, culturally familiar food, and partnerships with trusted community organisations such as Madeira. This approach proved highly effective in encouraging attendance and supporting these groups to integrate into the wider VGCC community.

Celebrating diversity and shared experiences

The event welcomed participants from over 10 different cultural communities, with strong engagement across workshops, activities and informal social spaces. Attendees explored cultural practices, values, norms and language in ways that encouraged curiosity, empathy and mutual respect.

Tangible social outcomes

Post-event feedback highlighted the strength of the connections formed:

- 80% of respondents reported an increased sense of inclusion
- Many attendees stated they had met new people they intended to stay in contact with
- Participants described feeling more confident engaging in future community activities

Empowerment through participation

Interactive workshops supported skill-building, personal confidence and cultural exchange, enabling participants not only to share their own stories and traditions, but also to learn from others in a supportive environment.

Joy, creativity and wellbeing

Alongside its social impact, Culture Clash 2.0 delivered something equally important: fun, laughter and celebration. Music, food and entertainment played a vital role in creating a relaxed atmosphere where relationships could form naturally and positively.

Why It Matters

Culture Clash 2.0 demonstrated the power of community-led, culturally responsive programming to reduce isolation, build bridges between communities and strengthen social cohesion. The event reinforced VGCC's role as a trusted, inclusive community anchor—one that not only responds to need, but actively creates opportunities for connection, understanding and shared belonging.

Looking Ahead

Building on the success of Culture Clash 2.0, VGCC will continue to develop inclusive, culturally responsive events that strengthen community connection and reduce social isolation. In 2026, we

aim to deepen engagement with migrant, refugee and under-represented language communities through regular social and cultural programming, stronger partnerships with trusted grassroots organisations, and increased opportunities for co-design with participants themselves.

Future iterations of Culture Clash will place greater emphasis on participant leadership, skills sharing and sustained pathways into wider VGCC activities, ensuring that initial connections translate into long-term involvement, confidence and belonging. By embedding learning from Culture Clash 2.0, VGCC will continue to act as a safe, welcoming community hub that reflects the diversity of North Lambeth and supports cohesive, inclusive neighbourhoods.

Future Proof'd – Equipping Young People for Tomorrow's Economy

Programme Overview

During the period, VGCC, NEON Performing Arts and Through the Lab collaborated to deliver Future Proof'd, a forward-looking skills and employability programme designed to support young people to thrive in an increasingly complex and fast-changing world.

The programme responded directly to the growing gap between formal education and the practical, adaptable skills young people need to access sustainable employment—particularly within the creative and digital economy.

Future Proof'd adopted a three-pronged delivery model:

1. Technical training in digital media, creative production and content creation
2. Hands-on, real-world experience, embedding learning through live projects
3. One-to-one mentoring, offering personalised guidance, confidence-building and career navigation support

The concept of "future proofing," commonly used in business and technology, underpinned the programme's design. Participants were supported not only to develop technical competence, but also adaptability, resilience and an innovative mindset—capabilities essential for long-term employability in uncertain labour markets.

Delivery and Outcomes

With funding from Lambeth Council's Lambeth Made programme, alongside match funding through NEON partnerships, VGCC delivered a paid, six-week programme to 10 young people, creating equitable access to skills development and reducing financial barriers to participation.

Participants received hands-on training using industry-standard digital tools and software, alongside structured learning in:

- Film production and creative content
- Marketing and audience engagement strategies
- Data and analytics for creative outputs
- CV development and interview preparation

A central feature of the programme was the delivery of a live creative brief. Participants were commissioned to produce videography and photography for the Cultures and Cultures Festival,

enabling them to apply their learning in a real-world, public-facing context. This project-based approach supported deeper learning, stronger skill retention and a clear portfolio outcome.

In addition, participants gained valuable experience in event delivery and professional collaboration, working directly with festival organisers, creatives and production teams. This broadened their understanding of the creative industries and strengthened their professional networks.

Impact

Feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive:

- All participants reported increased confidence in their abilities and future prospects
- Many described feeling more ambitious and motivated about their career pathways
- Participants highlighted the value of mentoring and real-world experience in building self-belief
- A stronger sense of community connection and civic pride was consistently reported

Importantly, the programme's impact extends beyond individual outcomes. Participants expressed a clear desire to give back, support peers, and act as positive role models within their networks—creating a ripple effect that strengthens the wider community.

Looking Ahead – Scaling Skills, Employability and Opportunity

Building on the success of Future Proof'd, VGCC aims to expand the programme into a repeatable, partnership-led employability pathway for young people in North Lambeth.

Future iterations will explore innovative collaborations with subject matter experts across creative, digital and growth sectors, including:

- Creative and digital agencies offering masterclasses and live briefs
- Tech, media and marketing professionals providing industry insight and mentoring
- Social enterprises and local employers co-designing paid placements and internships
- Careers specialists supporting progression into further training, apprenticeships or employment

VGCC will also explore thematic programme strands, such as:

- Creative tech and AI for content creation
- Digital storytelling for social impact
- Freelancing, entrepreneurship and portfolio careers
- Transferable skills for employment beyond the creative sector

By embedding employer engagement, accredited skills, and progression pathways, Future Proof'd will evolve from a single programme into a sustainable talent pipeline, supporting young people not only to gain skills, but to access meaningful, long-term opportunities.

Through Future Proof'd, VGCC will continue to play a critical role in bridging the gap between potential and opportunity—ensuring young people are not only prepared for the future, but actively shaping it.

4. Foodbank

VGCC's foodbank has been running since May 2021, and during that time we have witnessed a significant and continuous rise in demand. Initially established to support residents within the Lambeth borough, we soon found that individuals from surrounding areas were also reaching out for assistance. In response, VGCC made the decision to keep our doors open to everyone in need, ensuring that support is provided without restriction to anyone experiencing hardship.

Although inflation has decreased notably over the past two years, this improvement in statistics does not reflect the reality faced by many households. The cost-of-living crisis continues to affect individuals and families deeply, including those in employment who still struggle to meet basic living costs such as utilities, food, and essential goods.

Our foodbank remains a vital community service, and VGCC is fully committed to maintaining this lifeline for as long as we continue to receive the generous support of our donors and partners.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our devoted volunteers, whose tireless dedication, compassion, and time make everything we do possible. We also extend our sincere thanks to our staff team for their commitment and attention to detail, ensuring smooth operations and well-organised distributions.

We are deeply grateful to our amazing donors and partner organisations for their ongoing support throughout the year. Your contributions—both financial and in-kind—have been instrumental in allowing us to continue this essential work.

Special appreciation goes to:

Citywire, Shop&Drop, City Harvest, Plan Zheroes, Felix Project / Fareshare, Lambeth Walk Methodist Church, St. Anselm's Church, and to all the individuals within our community who have donated food, funds, and time to support our mission.

Together, we are ensuring that no one in our local community faces hunger alone.

5. Partnerships and Collaboration

VGCC continues to build and maintain robust partnerships that underpin all aspects of our service delivery. Key partners include:

Citywire	Shop&Drop
Lambeth Council	Vauxhall One
City Harvest	Felix Project
Plan Z Heroes	Care4Calais
Cool it Art	Thursday Art Group
Lambeth Walk Methodist Church	St. Anselm's Church

We also express our gratitude to the many **individual donors and volunteers** who consistently provide financial and in-kind support to sustain our foodbank.

We would also like to highlight our pleasure in collaborating with Louise Wakefield, who reached out to us to help raise funds for the lift repair. A special acknowledgment goes to Su Koe, who worked tirelessly to secure all the prizes for the raffle, contributing significantly to the day's success. Thanks to Su, the funds raised helped to fix the lift.

6. Community Facilities and Services

VGCC continues to offer affordable workspace for resident artists and community groups, fostering creativity and inclusion.
Groups that benefit from our spaces include local churches, Aikido and Taekwon-Do classes, and an Art Support Group.

We are also proud to offer free venue space to Cool it Art and the Lambeth Together Health and Wellbeing Bus, which provides information, advice, and health support within the community.
For more details, visit: https://www.lambethtogether.net/lambeths-health-and-wellbeing-bus

Cool it Art

We finished our 11th yearly programme of Cool it Art Kids at VGCC (Sept 2023 - August 2024) with 675 attendances over 39 classes at the centre and 3 trips to cultural organisations. Funding was disjointed; we received 3 lots of funding to make the year possible. The news of funding being successful was often last minute so this made it more difficult to keep families engaged, though we still greatly appreciated receiving the funding. The uncertainty from month to month impacted our numbers over the programme, which was unfortunate, however we still benefitted many local families through our offerings which is the main thing - many families see the classes as a lifeline in the community.

We started our 12th yearly programme in Sept 2024, facing the same issue, lack of funding - with around 150 funders closing this has been extremely hard in the third sector for charitable organisations to function. Many organisations locally as well as countrywide have ceased running or massively cut back on their programmes. We were able to run from Sept 2024 - Feb 2025 when we had to stop the classes for children and families at VGCC. We were able to run longer due to Citywire contributing to our running costs on top of our grant from Lambeth for which we are really grateful.

We ran our annual "May Makes" at Great Art- celebrating creativity throughout Fridays in May

with free workshops for the community to inspire creativity, as well as a Halloween and Christmas workshop in-store in Shoreditch.

We continued our Young at 'Art programme with 2 short term funded projects, June - August 2024 and October - December 2024 through funding from Lambeth. In March 2025 we successfully secured a 3 year funding bid to cover March 2025 - February 2028. Young at 'Art is our award winning programme minimising isolation and loneliness through creativity. With this long term funding we can provide classes and trips over 48 weeks of the year including an annual exhibition to be held at

The Handbag Factory on Loughborough Street. These classes for adults welcome people from all skill levels and backgrounds; we support a lot of unpaid carers and other potentially vulnerable people

7. Studios and Other Users

VGCC is proud to be home to a thriving community of artists and creative practitioners, most of whom are based on the second floor of the building. We value their contribution to the cultural life of VGCC and regularly invite them to participate in projects that serve the wider community.

In addition to our resident artists, VGCC provides space to a diverse range of community and support groups, including:

- Two church groups
- Various support and wellbeing groups
- Taekwondo and Aikido classes
- Muay Thai classes
- Old English Country Dance classes
- ChoirCo Orchestra rehearsal sessions
- Care4Calais, which runs English classes for asylum seekers
- Cicely Northcote Trust, Lambeth Walk Methodist Church, and Community Housing Trust, who use our facilities for meetings and workshops
- Sudanese Men's and Women's Groups, who meet regularly for community gatherings, including a men's weekly group, a women's monthly group, and a weekly prayer meeting during Ramadan

VGCC remains committed to the guiding mission established by our founders nearly 40 years ago—to serve the community with openness, creativity, and compassion. This legacy continues to inspire all that we do today.

Watch This Space – What's Next at Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

VGCC continues to evolve as a welcoming neighbourhood hub where culture, connection and social action come together. As we look ahead, we are excited to build on the momentum of the past year and develop new programmes that respond directly to local needs, interests, and ideas—creating more opportunities for people to connect, learn and belong.

Over the coming year, we are actively exploring new partnership opportunities with like-minded organisations and subject matter experts to help develop a number of initiatives designed to strengthen community wellbeing, skills and sustainability, including:

Doing our bit to tackle food insecurity!

As the cost-of-living crisis continues, as far as possible VGCC strives to expand our food bank offer with wrap around care and support to ensure that our service users are supported holistically.

A community cooking club using surplus food

We are developing a regular, inclusive cooking club that transforms surplus food into shared meals. The programme will combine practical cooking skills, nutrition, budgeting and sustainability, while creating a relaxed social space where people can cook, eat and learn together. This initiative will support food security, reduce waste and foster connection across generations and cultures.

An open community café

Alongside this, VGCC is exploring the development of an open café model—a welcoming, low-barrier space where local residents can drop in, socialise and take part in community life. The café will act as a social anchor within the centre, offering opportunities for volunteering, skills development and informal peer support, while strengthening everyday connections between people who might not otherwise meet.

Expanded social programmes for older residents

We are continuing to grow our offer for older members of the community, with a focus on regular social activities, creative workshops and interest-led groups that reduce isolation and support wellbeing, confidence and friendship.

A Reuse Hub for practical sustainability

Our Reuse Hub will provide opportunities for the community to donate, share and repurpose everyday items—encouraging sustainable living, creativity and mutual support while reducing waste.

Cultural and community events

VGCC will continue to host accessible, community-building events that celebrate the diversity of North Lambeth. These shared experiences—centred around food, culture and creativity—will offer safe, welcoming spaces for people to come together, learn from one another and build lasting relationships.

Skills and employability pathways

We are developing skills-based and employability-focused programmes that support people to build confidence, gain practical experience and access pathways into work, training or volunteering—often delivered in partnership with subject matter experts and local employers. And this is just the beginning.

Co-Creating the Programme Together

To ensure our programmes genuinely reflect the aspirations and priorities of the community, VGCC is in the process of establishing a Community Programming Committee—and we are currently seeking participants.

The committee will bring together local residents, centre users and community stakeholders to help shape the activities, projects and events delivered at VGCC. Members will play a meaningful role in influencing decisions, sharing ideas and ensuring our programme remains inclusive, relevant and rooted in lived experience.

The group is expected to meet 4–8 times per year, with flexibility to suit members' availability. Meetings will be welcoming, informal and supported—with refreshments provided—but most importantly, they will offer an opportunity to be part of something that creates real, positive change.

Get Involved

If you care about your community and would like to help shape the future of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre, we would love to hear from you.

To register your interest in joining the Community Programming Committee, please contact us:

Phone: 020 7793 1110

Email: admin@vgcc.org.uk

(Subject line: Programme Committee Membership)

8. Financial Review

VGCC continues to operate with careful financial management, ensuring that every donation and grant is used effectively to deliver front-line community services.
We remain deeply thankful for the continued financial support from our donors, partner organisations, and our landlord, whose belief in VGCC's mission enables us to sustain affordable premises for our vital community work.

9. Going Concern

The trustees have considered the charity's financial position and cash flow forecasts and believe that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

10. Independent Examination and Approval

We are pleased to confirm that Mohammad Ali FCCA was reappointed as our Independent Examiner, following approval by members at the Annual General Meeting held on 21 March 2025.

Trustees' Declaration

The Trustees confirm that this report has been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and accurately represents VGCC's activities and achievements for the financial year ending 2025.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on .....30 Jan 2026..... and signed on their behalf by

Pamela Fry
Treasurer

P Agyeman

Patrick Agyeman
Acting Chair

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025 which are set out on pages 14 to 23

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act

Independent examiner's statement

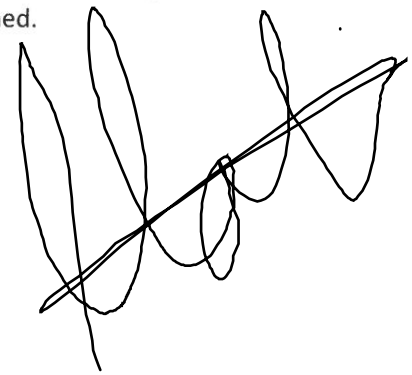
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do 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.



Signed:-

Mohammad Ali - Independent Examiner
Chartered Certified Accountant
106 Coventry Road
Ilford
IG1 4RG
This report was signed on 30 Jan 2026

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre - Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	5	3,720	7,000	**10,720**	15,890
Charitable activities	6	110,760	-	**110,760**	151,485
Other Income	14	5,000	-	**5,000**	-
Investments	7	678	-	**678**	719
Total income		**120,158**	**7,000**	**127,158**	**168,094**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		15,775	-	**15,775**	20,378
Charitable activities	8	140,029	6,613	**146,642**	149,168
Total expenditure		**155,804**	**6,613**	**162,417**	**169,546**
Net income for the year		**(35,646)**	**387**	**(35,259)**	**(1,452)**
Transfers between funds		(55)	55	-	-
Net income after transfers		**(35,701)**	**442**	**(35,259)**	**(1,452)**
Reconciliation of funds:-					
Total funds brought forward		113,640	4,998	**118,638**	120,090
Total funds carried forward		**77,939**	**5,440**	**83,379**	**118,638**

All activities are derived from continuing operations

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre - Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes		2025		2024
			£		£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		4,471		11,469
Total fixed assets			4,471		11,469
Current assets					
Debtors	3	40,668		25,855	
Cash at bank and in hand		54,605		94,976	
Total current assets		95,273		120,831	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(16,365)		(13,662)	
Net current assets			78,908		107,169
The total net assets of the charity			**83,379**		**118,638**
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows:-					
Restricted funds					
Restricted Revenue Funds		5,440		4,998	
			5,440		4,998
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted Revenue Funds		77,939		113,640	
			77,939		113,640
Total charity funds	13		**83,379**		**118,638**

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Pamela Fry

Treasurer

Patrick Agyeman

Acting Chair

Approved by the board of trustees on 30 Jan 2026

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011

Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity can comfortably operate based on confirmed funding with sufficient reserves.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Where donations and grants are restricted to future accounting periods, they are deferred and recognised in those future accounting periods. Grants for immediate financial support and assistance, or to reimburse costs previously incurred, are recognised immediately.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Hall hire, rental and trading income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes of the charity and are available for general use at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Raising funds: Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

Charitable activities: Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs include office costs and those

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity operates a policy of capitalising fixed asset items over £500. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost
Fixtures, fittings & equipment 25% on cost
Office Equipment- 25% on cost

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can

Fundraising

Funds are raised through individual donations, grants from Trusts, Foundations and Government grants and contracts. Some fundraising events may also be carried out.

Pensions

The charity operates an Auto Enrolment defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements as it is impractical to estimate such value.

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and Fittings £	Office Equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	35,748	2,586	38,334
At 31 March 2025	**35,748**	**2,586**	**38,334**
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	25,294	1,571	26,865
Charge for the year	6,581	417	6,998
At 31 March 2025	**31,875**	**1,988**	**33,863**
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	**3,873**	**598**	**4,471**
At 31 March 2024	**10,454**	**1,015**	**11,469**

3 Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	33,057	19,295
Prepayments and accrued income	7,611	6,560
	40,668	**25,855**

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Deposits on Rentals	8,714	9,951
Accruals	5,980	2,450
Rental income received in advance	1,515	1,105
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	156	156
	16,365	**13,662**

5 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	£	£	£	£
London Borough of Lambeth	-	2,000	**2,000**	1,800
Vauxhall One	-	-	**-**	1,600
Citygrove Securities PLC	-	5,000	**5,000**	9,000
Citygrove Securities PLC-Website	-	-	**-**	3,000
Santander	-	-	**-**	150
CLSH Management Ltd.	3,600	-	**3,600**	-
Small donations individually less than	120	-	**120**	340
Total public sector revenue grants	**3,720**	**7,000**	**10,720**	**15,890**
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	**3,720**	**7,000**	**10,720**	**15,890**

6 Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Rental Income Basement	5,610	-	**5,610**	5,628
Rental Income Hall Hire	61,673	-	**61,673**	76,420
Rental Income Cafe	4,660	-	**4,660**	15,014
Rental Income Studio and Office	38,817	-	**38,817**	54,423
Total	**110,760**	**-**	**110,760**	**151,485**

7 Investment income

	Unrestricted 2025 £	Restricted 2025 £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank Interest Receivable	678	-	**678**	719
Total investment income	**678**	**-**	**678**	**719**

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

8 Expenditure

		Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
		£	£	£	£
Salaries		41,301	-	**41,301**	**35,078**
Defined contribution pension costs		843	-	**843**	**718**
Centre management		15,775		**15,775**	**20,378**
Rent and rates		24,066	-	**24,066**	**22,289**
Utilities		14,468	-	**14,468**	**10,809**
Cleaning and waste management		13,567	-	**13,567**	**10,959**
Premises repairs, renewals and		9,211	-	**9,211**	**6,432**
Security		5,160	-	**5,160**	**6,307**
Property insurance		3,908	-	**3,908**	**3,035**
Telephone and internet		1,184	-	**1,184**	**985**
Software licences and IT support		417	-	**417**	**411**
Health and safety costs		1,563	-	**1,563**	**1,028**
Website rebranding		714	-	**714**	**6,000**
Bank charges		60	-	**60**	**55**
Depreciation		6,997	-	**6,997**	**6,972**
Governance costs		723		**723**	**1,142**
Direct Expenditure on Charitable activities	9	-	6,613	**6,613**	**16,570**
Total support costs		**140,029**	**6,613**	**146,642**	**149,168**

Governance cost include Independent Examination Fees for the 24/25:£560 (2023/24:£560)

9 Direct Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted 2025	Restricted 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
VGCC Project-ESOL	-		-	**1,435**
NTEZ Culture Clash	-	1,075	**1,075**	**-**
Over 60s event		-	-	**725**
Black History Month	-	-	-	**1,500**
Food Bank	-	5,538	**5,538**	**12,910**
Total	**-**	**6,613**	**6,613**	**16,570**

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10 Staff costs and emoluments	2025	2024
	£	£
Gross Salaries	41,301	35,078
Employer's operating costs to defined contribution pension schemes	843	718
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**42,144**	**35,796**

There were no full-time members of staff in 2025 (2024: none).
The average monthly number of employees during the year on a part-time basis was 2 (2024: 2). The full-time equivalent for 2025 was 1 (2024: 1).
No staff member received remuneration exceeding £60,000 in either year.

11 Related Party Transactions

No trustee was paid or reimbursed expenses during the year (2024:Nil), no other person connected with trustees received expenses or payments (2024:Nil).

12 Particulars of how funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2025	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	4,471	-	-	**4,471**
Current Assets	89,892		5,381	**95,273**
Current Liabilities	(16,365)	-	-	**(16,365)**
	77,998	**-**	**5,381**	**83,379**

At 1 April 2024	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	11,469	-	-	**11,469**
Current Assets	115,838	-	4,993	**120,831**
Current Liabilities	(13,662)	-	-	**(13,662)**
	113,645	**-**	**4,993**	**118,638**

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

13 Fund reconciliation

	At 1 April 2024	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Transfer	At 31 March 2025
Restricted funds:-					
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted Fixed Asset Funds		-	-		-
Restricted Revaluation Reserve		-	-		-
Black History Month	300				***300***
Vauxhall One	875				***875***
Foodbank	483	5,000	(5,538)	55	-
Sport England Grant	840				***840***
VGCC HAF Project	2,500				***2,500***
NTEZ Culture Clash		2,000	(1,075)		***925***
	4,998	**7,000**	**(6,613)**	**55**	**5,440**
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	113,640	120,158	(155,804)	(55)	***77,939***
	113,640	**120,158**	**(155,804)**	**(55)**	**77,939**
Total Funds	**118,638**	**127,158**	**(162,417)**	**-**	**83,379**

The purposes for which the funds as detailed below

Unrestricted and designated funds:-

These funds are held for the meeting the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and , subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use.

Unrestricted Revenue Funds
Restricted funds:-

Black History Month — A special showcase to entertain, inform and educate invited guests as well as participants to improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area, during Black History Month in October.

Vauxhall One — Over 60's Social Club

NTEZ Culture Clash — Improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area

Foodbank — VGCC project to tackle food poverty so this programme provides food parcels to families who are struggling with cost of living. This is being funded with donations from Citywire,Shop & Drop, Fare Share/Felix Project, Planzheros (surplus food from Borough Market),Lambeth Walk Methodist and St Anselm's churches and individuals.

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14 *Other Income*

During the year ended 31 March 2025, the charity received £5,000 from a property developer in connection with its support for a local development project. The trustees confirmed that this support was consistent with the charity's objects and that no trustee or connected person received any personal benefit.

The charity has also been notified of potential further payments totalling £65,000, payable in instalments subject to the commencement of construction works and the passage of time. As at 31 March 2025, these amounts were not receivable and have therefore not been recognised in the accounts.

15 *Foodbank Donation*

During the year, the method of supporting the foodbank changed. In the earlier part of the year the charity received cash donations and grants, which were recognised as income and used to purchase food items.

In the later part of the year, supporters purchased food and toiletry items directly and paid suppliers themselves, with the charity receiving the goods but not controlling the related funds. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), no amounts have been recognised in respect of these donated goods.

The trustees estimate that the value of donated food and toiletry items received in this way could be approximately £20,000 per year; however, due to the difficulty in obtaining reliable valuation information, these amounts have not been included in the financial statements.

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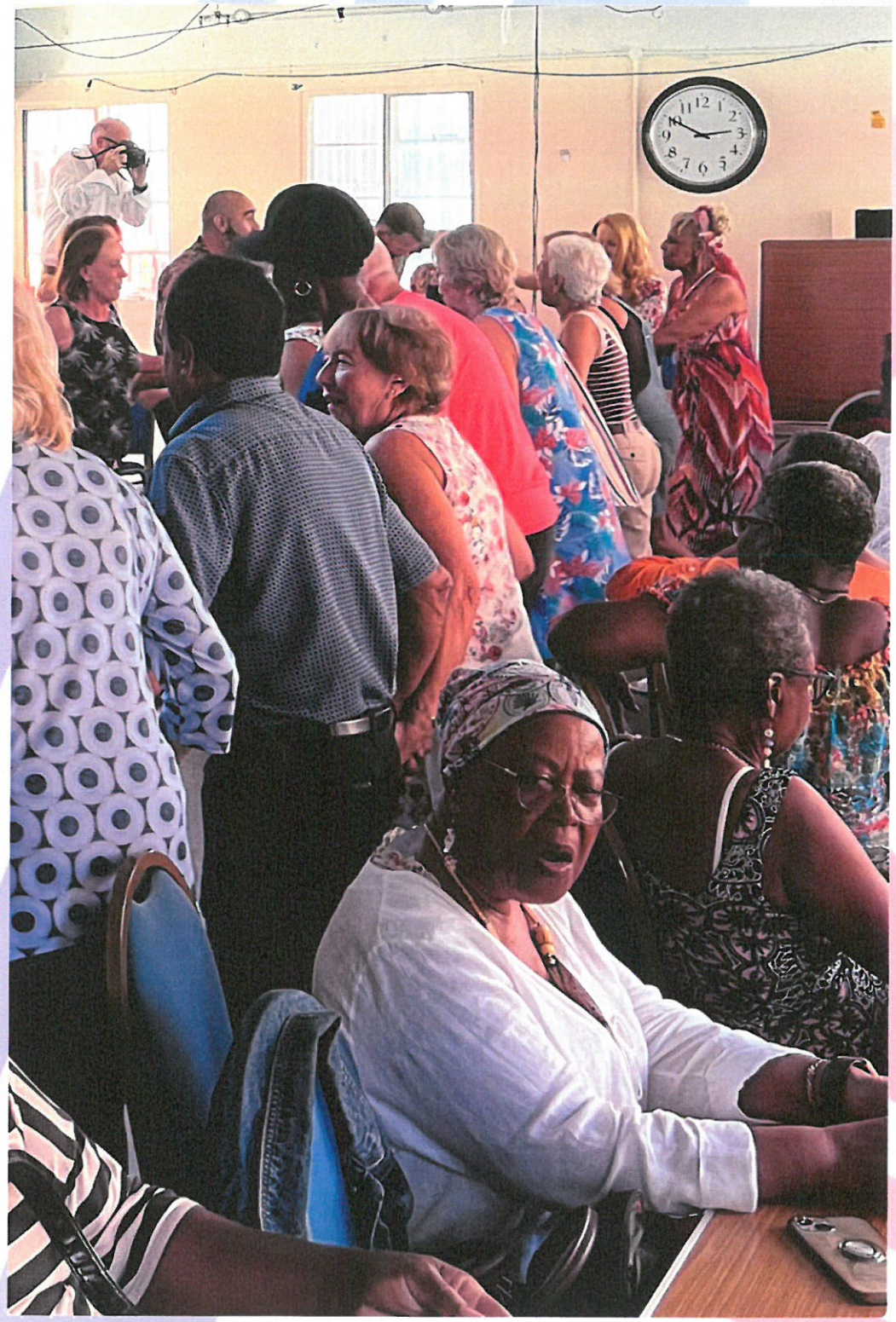
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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2024



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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

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Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Patrick Agyeman (**Acting Chair** 25/11/2023) Natalie Cole (Chair Retired 25/11 2023) Pamela Fry, (Treasurer) Tim Kalvis passed away on 7/12/2024 Dorette Newton Rosa Da Cruz Costa Ernest Ako (Secretary)
Charity number	296876
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Independent Examiner	Mohammad Ali FCCA 106 Coventry Road Ilford Essex IG1 4RG
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill Kent ME19 4JQ

Chair's Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2024

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Members,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I present the 2023/2024 Annual Report of the Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre (VGCC). As we reflect on another transformative year, it is clear that our shared commitment to fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and supportive community continues to make a profound difference in the lives of those we serve.

Over the past year, VGCC has stood as a cornerstone of resilience, adaptability, and collaboration. In a rapidly changing world, our centre remains steadfast in its mission to bring people together, providing a safe and empowering space for connection, growth, and opportunity.

This report captures the essence of what makes VGCC special: the strength

of our community, the dedication of our team, and the generosity of our supporters. From innovative programmes for youth to empowering workshops for adults and vital services for vulnerable individuals, we have continued to evolve and expand our offerings to meet the ever-changing needs of those who rely on us.

In what has been a challenging year, we have witnessed the vital role VGCC plays in shaping the fabric of our community. These achievements would not have been possible without the hard work of our staff, the commitment of our volunteers, and the ongoing support of our donors and partners.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are inspired to build on this momentum. Our vision for VGCC remains bold and ambitious: to be a hub of opportunity, creativity, and solidarity, where individuals from all across SE11 can come together to learn, thrive, and inspire one another.

To everyone who has contributed to our journey this year, thank you. Your support fuels our mission and ensures that VGCC continues to be a beacon of hope and a catalyst for change. Together, let us move forward with determination and optimism, committed to building a community where everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

With sincere appreciation,

Patrick Agyeman
Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Members, Trustee

Annual Report

2024 proved to be another tough year for VGCC as we remained dedicated to supporting our local community. Many individuals are still feeling the effects of rising living costs and food insecurity. Each week, the need for assistance grows, and as long as this situation persists, VGCC will work tirelessly to fill the void.

Although inflation has significantly decreased, it doesn't imply that prices are dropping; rather, they continue to rise, albeit at a slower pace. This ongoing increase makes it challenging for many to afford essential everyday items. VGCC has been actively addressing this issue by running an open food bank that serves the community without restrictions.

The demand for assistance has surged significantly, and thanks to the unwavering support from our dedicated partner organisations, we have continued to successfully provide help to our local community in Lambeth and neighbouring boroughs.

In September 2024, VGCC organised a vibrant cultural celebration, thanks to the grants from Lambeth Council's Night Time Enterprise Zone Team. The event attracted a diverse crowd, bringing together individuals from various backgrounds. Attendees enjoyed a rich array of entertainment, featuring drumming, live music, and dance performances, including a variety of music by the Brixton Chamber Orchestra.

VGCC in collaboration with NEON delivered a programme in August/September 2024. Future Proof'd Digital Media and Marketing was a programme designed to empower Young People with a comprehensive understanding of the digital media and marketing creative industry. Besides VGCC and NEON, other professional partner(s) that supported delivery of the programme were Through the Lab, Abstract Benna and Lambeth Event Team.

VGCC maintains robust partnerships with Lambeth Council, Vauxhall One, Neon Performing Arts, Cool it Art, Care4Calais, and all the donor organisations that contribute to our foodbank. This includes City Harvest, Plan Z Heroes, Felix Project, Citywire, Shop&Drop, City Grove, Lambeth Walk Methodist and St. Anselm's churches, and the dedicated individuals from our community who are enthusiastic about VGCC's mission and consistently provide financial support for the foodbank.

We continue to provide affordable space to our resident artists and other community groups such as churches, Aikido group, Taekwon-Do group, Carers support group.
We also provide free space to the Lambeth Together Health and Wellbeing Bus. This service brings information, advice and support into the heart of our communities, so we are happy to work with them. For more details, please check the link below.
https://www.lambethtogether.net/lambeths-health-and-wellbeing-bus/

We are very grateful to our landlord who have always supported and believed in what we do for the community so our sincere thanks to them for their support during the year.

Sewing Group (Just Like Us) "Just Like Us" is a project that provides space and activities for carers' respite. Although this group was paused due to family members ill health of the facilitator, one member of the group has decided to restart the group in the new year so we are happy that this needed activity will continue.

Foodbank
Our foodbank has been running now for three years, and we've seen a significant rise in demand. Originally established to support the local community, particularly residents of the Lambeth borough, we quickly noticed that individuals from surrounding boroughs were also seeking assistance. In response, we chose to keep our doors open to anyone in need, especially those grappling with the cost-of-living crisis and food insecurity.

While it's been noted in the report that inflation has significantly decreased over the past two years, this doesn't necessarily indicate that conditions have improved for the majority of households. Many individuals who are employed still struggle to cover their basic expenses, especially with the increasing costs of utilities, food, and other essentials.

We are committed to maintaining this essential service as long as we receive support from our donors. A heartfelt thank you once again goes out to our devoted volunteers for their tireless efforts and continuous dedication. Your contributions are invaluable, and we couldn't have achieved this without you. We also extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff for their guidance and hard work, ensuring that everything necessary is ready for distribution.

We also want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our amazing donors who have been instrumental in helping us carry on this important work throughout the year. A special heartfelt thanks to Citywire, Shop&Drop, City Harvest, Plan Zheroes, Felix Project/Fair Share, City grove, the local churches (Lambeth Walk Methodist and St Anselm's), and all the wonderful individuals in the community who have supported us.

Cool it Art

Over the year from April 2023, we finished our 10th yearly programme of Cool it Art Kids at VGCC (Sept 2022 - August 2023) with 1,430 attendances over 43 classes at the centre and 3 trips to cultural organisations; National Portrait Gallery, Tate Britain and the National Gallery over August 2023. Our largest class on the programme had 39 children and 17 adults (parents or other family members) learning about Georges Braque in an Art Focus looking at Cubism; something which was requested by the children when asked for input into what they would like to learn about.

Starting our 11th yearly programme funding was disjointed - through the impact of the cost-of- living crisis on the 3rd sector it has been a hard time for many organisations; us included. We did manage to run a whole year overall, but it was through 3 lots of funding; which given the uncertainty from month to month did have an impact on our numbers over the programme. From Sept 2023 - May 2024, we had 513 attendances over 30 classes (15 classes initially funded, 11 extra classes through emergency funding and 4 from a new funder). Regardless of the struggle, we were grateful to still be able to serve the community with our free classes - which in a time as such, with continued socioeconomic factors impacting families is more important than ever.

We were commissioned by Lambeth Council to run a short programme of 12 art classes for children on the Holland Town estate from April - July 2023, which was well received by families on the estate.

We ran 3 workshops in Great Art over the August to provide children in Shoreditch and surrounding areas free sessions to enhance their summer staycations and we were also invited to run a Halloween themed workshop in the October 2023 and an Easter one in March 2024. We ran our annual "May Makes" at Great Art - celebrating creativity throughout Fridays in May with free workshops for the community to inspire creativity.

We were commissioned to run a "Paper Top Hat Workshop" for the Victorian Vauxhall Festival run by Vauxhall One in August 2023. Lambeth Council approached us to run a workshop for their "Car Free Day" event on Goding Street on the 23rd of September 2023, which was a fun initiative to be a part of.

We were due to resume our Young at 'Art programme in Sept 2023 at the Carmelita Centre but unfortunately the building was condemned which left us venue-less. We thankfully found a new venue at Wheatsheaf Hall in December 2023, but this did delay our programme for a few months after already quite a substantial break. Thankfully now we have found a new home Young at 'Art is going from strength to strength, developing collaborations with mental health, homeless and disability charities for signposting - as well as supporting adults with a variety of needs at our classes.

Whilst things are difficult for many across the board, we are thankful to have continued to develop our partnerships with VGCC, Great Art and Lambeth Council - as well as others. We hope that we can continue to support and benefit our service users at VGCC and beyond.

Studios and other users
VGCC is a home to various artists based on the second floor of the building. We are always happy to engage them in the project we run for the community.

Other than the artists, we have different groups that meet in the building regularly. We have church groups, various support groups, Taekwondo, Aikido, Care4Calais (English class for asylum seekers). Charities such as Cicely Northcote Trust, Lambeth Walk Methodist Church, Community Housing Trust use the space for their meetings or workshops. We also support the Sudanese men and Sudanese women's groups with meeting space. They hold men's weekly group, women's monthly group and as well as a weekly prayer meeting during Ramadan.

The conclusion of the year has brought us profound sorrow. It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Tim Kalvis in December, a cherished trustee who devoted many years to the mission of VGCC. Tim was known for his outspoken yet compassionate nature, consistently embodying the values that VGCC represents. His dedication and compassion will be deeply missed. Throughout his tenure on the board, Tim held various positions, with the role of Secretary being his favourite. He executed his responsibilities with exceptional care and diligence, continuing to serve even when he could no longer write. Tim was a remarkable individual, unafraid to express his thoughts. As the Trustees, staff, and volunteers who had the privilege of knowing and working with him come to terms with this heartbreaking news, we wish to honour his legacy by reflecting on his contributions to VGCC. We are committed to upholding the mission established by those who started VGCC but have now departed, ensuring that VGCC remains true to its founding principles and continues to serve the community in memory of all those who are no longer with us. Farewell, dear friend!

Mohammad Ali FCCA has been appointed as our independent examiner.

Approved by the board of trustees on 28th January 2025 and signed on their behalf by

P. Fry

Pamela Fry
Treasurer

P Agyeman

Patrick Agyeman
Acting Chair

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Vauxhall Garden Community Centre

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 9 to 18

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or

3. the accounts do 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.

Signed: -



Mohammad Ali - Independent Examiner
Chartered Certified Accountant
106 Coventry Road Ilford
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This report was signed on 28th January 2025

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre –
Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Restricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Income & Endowments from:					
Donations & Legacies	5	340	15,550	**15,890**	48,675
Charitable activities	6	151,485	-	**151,485**	130,919
Investments	7	719	-	**719**	297
Total income		**152,544**	**15,550**	**168,094**	**179,891**
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		20,378	-	**20,378**	12,375
Charitable activities	8	130,879	18,289	**149,168**	168,582
Total expenditure		**151,257**	**18,289**	**169,546**	**180,957**
Net income for the year		**1,287**	**(2,739)**	**(1,452)**	**(1,066)**
Transfers between funds		(4)	4	-	-
Net income after transfers		**1,283**	**(2,735)**	**(1,452)**	**(1,066)**
Reconciliation of funds: -					
Total funds brought forward		112,357	7,733	**120,090**	121,157
Total funds carried forward		**113,640**	**4,998**	**118,638**	**120,091**

All activities are derived from continuing operations
The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre –
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Notes		2024		2023
			£		£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	2		11,469		18,441
Total fixed assets			11,469		18,441
Current assets					
Debtors	3	25,855		11,149	
Cash at bank and in hand		94,976		119,298	
Total current assets		120,831		130,447	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	4	(13,662)		(28,798)	
Net current assets			107,169		101,649
The total net assets of the charity			**118,638**		**120,090**
The total net assets of the charity are funded by the funds of the charity, as follows: -					
Restricted funds					
Restricted Revenue Funds		4,998		7,733	
			4,998		7,733
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted Revenue Funds		113,640		112,357	
			113,640		112,357
Total charity funds	13		**118,638**		**120,090**

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of charity legislation with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied that, although the charity is not registered under the Companies Acts, if it were so registered, it would be eligible to prepare accounts in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006. applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements and accompanying notes were approved by the Board of Trustees on 28th January 2025, and were signed on its behalf by:

P. Fry

Pamela Fry
Treasurer

P Agyeman

Patrick Agyeman
Acting Chair

The notes attached form an integral part of these accounts.

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2019): Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity can comfortably operate based on confirmed funding with sufficient reserves.

Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Where donations and grants are restricted to future accounting periods, they are deferred and recognised in those future accounting periods. Grants for immediate financial support and assistance, or to reimburse costs previously incurred, are recognised immediately.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably, and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material. Hall hire, rental and trading income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for charitable purposes.
Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Raising funds

Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

Charitable activities

Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs include office costs and those of other central functions.

Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity operates a policy of capitalising fixed asset items over £500. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% on cost
Office Equipment	25% on cost

Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental charges are charged on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The trustees seek to use short-term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably.

Fundraising

Funds are raised through individual donations, grants from Trusts, Foundations and Government grants and contracts. Some fundraising events may also be carried out.

Pensions

The charity operates an Auto Enrolment defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements as it is impractical to estimate such value.
Where services and facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and Fittings	Office Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	35,748	2,586	38,334
At 31 March 2024	**35,748**	**2,586**	**38,334**
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	18,322	1,571	19,893
Charge for the year	6,972	-	6,972
At 31 March 2024	**25,294**	**1,571**	**26,865**
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	**10,454**	**1,015**	**11,469**
At 31 March 2023	**17,426**	**1,015**	**18,441**

3 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade debtors	19,295	5,423
Prepayments and accrued income	6,560	5,726
	25,855	**11,149**

4 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposits on Rentals	9,951	9,951
Accruals	2,450	5,347
Rental income received in advance	1,105	13,344
PAYE, NIC VAT and other taxes	156	156
	13,662	**28,798**

5 Donations, Grants and Legacies

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
6 Donations and gifts				
from individuals				
Small donations individually less than £1000	340	-	**340**	4,665
Total donations and gifts from	**340**	**-**	**340**	**4,665**
Revenue grants				
from government and public bodies				
	£	**£**	**£**	**£**
London Borough of Lambeth	-	1,800	**1,800**	11,875
Vauxhall One	-	1,600	**1,600**	1,500
Citygrove Securities PLC	-	9,000	**9,000**	11,000
Citygrove Securities PLC-Website	-	3,000	**3,000**	-
Santander	-	150	**150**	-
London Borough of Lambeth-Kickstart	-	-	**-**	9,895
One Day TV Ltd	-	-	**-**	250
Sport England - ESC Lottery	-	-	**-**	9,490
Total public sector revenue grants	**-**	**15,550**	**15,550**	**44,010**
Total Donations, Grants and Legacies	**340**	**15,550**	**15,890**	**48,675**

Income from charitable activities - Trading Activities

	Unrestricted 2024	Restricted 2024	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Rental Income Basement	5,628	-	**5,628**	4,808
Rental Income Hall Hire	76,420	-	**76,420**	55,169
Rental Income Cafe	15,014	-	**15,014**	12,573
Rental Income Studio and Office	54,423	-	**54,423**	58,369
Total	**151,485**	**-**	**151,485**	**130,919**

7 Investment income

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank Interest Receivable	719	-	**719**	297
Total investment income	**719**	**-**	**719**	**297**

8 Expenditure

	Unrestricted 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Salaries	35,078	-	**35,078**	**46,831**
Defined contribution pension costs	718	-	**718**	**800**
Centre management	20,378		**20,378**	**12,375**
Rent and rates	22,289	-	**22,289**	**27,942**
Utilities	10,809	-	**10,809**	**7,420**
Cleaning and waste management	10,959	-	**10,959**	**12,639**
Premises repairs, renewals and	6,278	154	**6,432**	**11,529**
Security	6,307	-	**6,307**	**7,331**
Property insurance	3,035	-	**3,035**	**3,157**
Telephone and internet	985	-	**985**	**2,094**
Software licenses and IT Support	411	-	**411**	**539**
Health and safety costs	1,028	-	**1,028**	**1,501**
Website rebranding	3,000	3,000	**6,000**	**-**
Bank charges	55	-	**55**	**84**
Depreciation	6,972	-	**6,972**	**6,973**
Governance costs	1,142		**1,142**	**1,926**
Direct Expenditure on Charitable activities 9	1,435	15,135	**16,570**	**25,441**
Total support costs	**130,879**	**18,289**	**149,168**	**168,582**

Governance cost include Independent Examination Fees for the 23/24: £560 (2022/23: £1260)

9 Direct Expenditure on charitable activities

VGCC Project-ESOL	1,435		**1,435**	**-**
Over 60s event		725	**725**	
Black History Month	-	1,500	**1,500**	**2,380**
HAF Project	-	-	**-**	**8,405**
Foodbank	-	12,910	**12,910**	**7,906**
Sport England	-	-	**-**	**6,750**
Total	**1,435**	**15,135**	**16,570**	**25,441**

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10 Staff costs and emoluments	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Salaries	35,078	46,831
Employer's operating costs to defined pension schemes	718	800
Total salaries, wages and related costs	**35,796**	**47,631**

There were no full-time members of staff in 2024 (2023: none).
The average monthly number of employees during the year on a part-time basis was 2 (2023: 2). The full-time equivalent for 2024 was 1 (2023: 1).
No staff member received remuneration exceeding £60,000 in either year.

11 Related Party Transactions

No trustee was paid or reimbursed expenses during the year (one trustee 2023: £40), no other person connected with trustees received expenses or payments (2023: Nil).

12 Particulars of how funds are represented by assets and liabilities

At 31 March 2024	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	11,469	-	-	**11,469**
Current Assets	115,833		4,998	**120,831**
Current Liabilities	(13,662)	-	-	**(13,662)**
	113,640	**-**	**4,998**	**118,638**

At 1 April 2023	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,441	-	-	**18,441**
Current Assets	122,714	-	7,733	**130,447**
Current Liabilities	(28,798)	-	-	**(28,798)**
	112,357	**-**	**7,733**	**120,090**

13 Fund reconciliation

	At 1 April 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	Transfer	At 31 March 2024
Restricted funds: -					
Black History Month		1,800	(1,500)		***300***
Vauxhall One		1,600	(725)		***875***
Santander		150	(154)	4	-
Foodbank	4,393	9,000	(12,910)		***483***
Website rebranding		3,000	(3,000)		-
Sport England Grant	840				***840***
VGCC HAF Project	2,500				***2,500***
	7,733	**15,550**	**(18,289)**	**4**	**4,998**
Unrestricted Revenue Funds	112,357	152,544	(151,257)	(4)	***113,640***
	112,357	**152,544**	**(151,257)**	**(4)**	**113,640**
Total Funds	**120,090**	**168,094**	**(169,546)**	**-**	**118,638**

The purpose of the funds

Unrestricted and designated funds: -	These funds are held to meet the objectives of the charity, and to provide reserves for future activities, and subject to charity legislation, are free from all restrictions on their use
Restricted funds: -	
Sport England Grant	To improve physical and psychological wellbeing through tailored and transformative fitness activities that engage minds, improve social cohesion and promote wellness within the local community in partnership with our delivery partner; Sport works.
Black History Month	A special showcase to entertain, inform and educate invited guests as well as participants to improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area, during Black History Month in October
Vauxhall One	Over 60's Social Club
Santander	Funds made available for internal painting
VGCC HAF Project	Lambeth Council funded programme to tackle food poverty, this is targeted to school aged children during holiday periods following the campaign by footballer Marcus Rushford.
Foodbank	VGCC project to tackle food poverty so this programme provides food parcels to families who are struggling with cost of living. This is being funded with donations from Citygrove Securities PLC, Fare Share/Felix Project, Planzheros (surplus food from Borough Market),St Mary's and St Anselm's churches and individuals.
Website rebranding	Citygrove Securities PLC provided half the funding for the web rebranding which was paid directly to the web developer by them

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for the year ending 31 March 2023



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The trustees are pleased to present their annual report together with financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The Trustee Annual Report and Accounts comply with Charity Commission guidance and the Charities Act.

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Foreword

Dear Friends, Supporters, and Community Members,

It is with great pleasure and a profound sense of community pride that I welcome you to the 2022/2023 Annual Report of the Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre (VGCC). As we reflect on the past year, it is evident that our shared commitment to fostering a vibrant and inclusive community has borne fruit in countless ways.

The pages that follow offer a comprehensive glimpse into the heart and soul of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre, where the power of unity, compassion, and collaboration has continued to transform lives. In a world where connection and support are more crucial than ever, our centre has served as a beacon of hope and a hub for positive change. Throughout the year, we have witnessed the resilience of our community members, the unwavering dedication of our staff, and the generosity of our supporters. Together, we have celebrated successes, navigated challenges, and emerged stronger, more connected, and more determined to create an environment where everyone can thrive.

Our programmes and initiatives have touched the lives of individuals of all ages, from dynamic educational opportunities for our youth, to empowering workshops for adults. The diverse range of activities, events, and services offered at Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre reflects our commitment to meeting the evolving needs of our community, ensuring that no one is left behind.

As we look ahead, we envision a future where VGCC continues to be a catalyst for positive change, a place where individuals come together to learn, grow, and build lasting connections. The stories shared in this report illustrate the profound impact that our community centre has had, not only in the lives of individuals but on the fabric of our entire community.

I extend my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, passionate volunteers, and generous supporters who have made all of this possible. Your unwavering commitment to our shared vision has fuelled the success of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre and has helped create a foundation upon which we can continue to build a brighter future.

Thank you for being a part of our journey. Together, let us continue to cultivate a community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, and where the spirit of Vauxhall Gardens is a beacon of hope for generations to come.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Your Chair of the Board of Trustees

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* Rosa joined the board and was subsequently hospitalised due to ill health. She was therefore unable to attend any meetings or send her apologies. We wish her all the best for the future.

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Strategic Report for the year ending 31 March 2023

Achievement and Performance

Since publishing the last annual report, the amazing work at Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre has continued. Our dedicated staff and volunteers have demonstrated true devotion and resilience during an unimaginable crisis in the community. As the cost of living continues to rise, the health and well-being outcomes of substantial portions of the community have become increasingly strained. VGCC serves the community with vital services such as a Foodbank; an Emergency Response to the Cost-of-Living Crisis and a Keep Fit programme to improve mental and physical health. It also continues to be a standalone hub for Arts and Culture in the community, not only through our support of local artists, Neon Performing Art's School and Cool it Art, but also through our collaborations and partnerships that deepen our cultural connections in the community, especially to particularly oppressed communities. The internal operational team have built and developed strategic partnerships through the initiatives we describe below, including with Lambeth Council, Vauxhall One, City Grove, our surplus food providers ZHeroes, Felix project, City Harvest etc. All of this building the resilience of the centre, its profile, and its ability to do more for our stakeholders now and in the future. Additionally, in recognition of our value and contribution to the development of the community in North Lambeth primarily and indeed the borough, VGCC was accepted on to the prestigious Future Connected programme sponsored by Lambeth Council.

By ensuring that our community offers are completely free or affordable, much of what is on offer is accessible to everyone in the community. We will continue to inspire hope and empower agents of change by connecting inspired community members and meeting them at their individual points of need. Our goal remains to unite and build a cohesive, engaged, sustainable community that has access to competitively priced, inclusive arts, culture, and wellbeing activities. None of this would be possible without the ongoing support of our landlord CLS Holdings plc. a special thank you to them for all they do!



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Fun Time Fitness (Keep Fit Programme)

Supported by Sport England, VGCC hosted a 30-week well-being, fitness, and community connectivity programme, primarily aimed at sanctuary seekers in the Lambeth borough. Hour-long sessions of multi-sports activities for all fitness levels ran weekly for mixed and women-only groups. This initiative targeted low-income members of the community, particularly sanctuary seekers (including asylum seekers and refugees). We took into consideration this group's complex mental health needs which can be exacerbated by the challenging circumstances in which they live and difficulties accessing health services. In addition, a lack of integration into local communities as well as negative perceptions towards the group can create or exacerbate poor wellbeing, and social isolation. An understanding that regular moderate physical activity can improve mental health and therefore is a useful strategy to achieve this uplift in wellbeing provided the rationale for the project. Against the backdrop of refreshments, we provided an opportunity for sanctuary seekers to mingle and form connections in an unconfined space without judgment, thereby embedding themselves in the local community.

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A celebration of Black Excellence (Black History Month Showcase)

As part of our mission to improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area, during Black History Month in October 2022; VGCC put together a special showcase to entertain, inform, and educate guests as well as participants. The project involved a special *Hope* themed musical to 'Amapiano' a popular sound that emerged from the Southern African Underground. In addition to spoken word performances from diverse voices on the topics of race relations, integration, and identity formation in the UK, we offered a complimentary 'Soul Food inspired' Afro-Caribbean buffet. The showcase culminated with a premiere of our first-ever documentary, directed, and featuring VGCC staff, volunteers, and members, on the topic of citizenship and acceptance in the UK from the lens of first, second, and third-generation immigrants. The project was a critically acclaimed success, with attendees expressing how 'seen, heard, valued, and included' they felt, with the topics hitting raw nerves for many. This project was supported financially by Vauxhall One.

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Culture Chic Shock (CYP Holiday Programmes)

VGCC partnered with Neon to deliver ***Culture Chic Shock*** an innovative yearlong multi-disciplinary cultural programme throughout the holidays in 2022/2023 celebrating London's diverse, colourful, and multi-ethnic heritage. Through this programme, participants were enriched, by widening their existing knowledge of cultures through music, fashion, and food, as well as diverse arts and crafts workshops in a fun and engaging way. We offered structured, focused combined art activities for 8–16-year-olds aimed at promoting art and culture and highlighting the rich and diverse multiculturalism and heritage present within Lambeth. Children and young people engaged in a range of activities including ceramics, jewellery making, Up-Cycling, music production, drama, creative writing, and performing arts.



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Sewing Group (Just Like Us)

"Just Like Us" is a project that provides space and time for carers to respite. Although the group commenced after the summer (due to the ill health of the facilitator), this did not disaffect the project, with numerous new activities being planned for the rest of the year as well as welcoming several new members to the group. Currently, the group is concentrating on sewing, after feeling inspired by a big comeback of clothes making. Realising the benefits for the participants, but also the environment, coupled with its popularity amongst all age groups eager to learn how to, upcycling became the group's focus. Sylvie (the facilitator) notes that "crochet and knitting too is something that is popular." Sylvie is not just a facilitator but an enthusiastic member of the community happy to pass on her skills.

Participants gain an opportunity to be creative, free and have fun. In recognition of the invaluable support the group offers, they are backed by several organisations including the Old Vic and Morley College. The group has produced several amazing drama workshops with the Old Vic with 100% positive feedback from attendees. A huge thank you to The Old Vic for assisting with this project. In the winter, the group will embark on new activities and venture into making beautiful pots and sculptures as a result of Sylvie achieving a Level 4 qualification in Pottery. They invite anyone in the community with an interest to join in the fun!

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"We are incredibly grateful to the amazing staff and management at VGCC. They have been very accommodating, supportive, and kind to us. We love the space we use as it is amazing with lots of natural light. We have enough resources to use and to work with. This facility makes a significant difference to our group as many attendees are people with disabilities."

Sewing Group Participant (anonymous)

Foodbank

Since opening the doors of our foodbank in 2021, the emergency provision has steadily grown to serve both the local community in Lambeth and other neighbouring boroughs. As more people face financial difficulties due to the soaring cost of living, VGCC continues to aid by distributing food and hygiene products to the growing number of people who walk through the doors every week.

The cost of living is estimated to have increased sharply across the UK during 2021 and 2022, with the annual rate of inflation topping 11.1% in October 2022, a 41-year high. VGCC has seen increasing numbers of people requiring assistance, no doubt as a result. It is a delicate balancing act, with the same number of resources having to be distributed between a rocketing number of households. We are anything if not resourceful, however, thanks to an army of volunteers, devoted staff, and new rules, our foodbank is fair for all.



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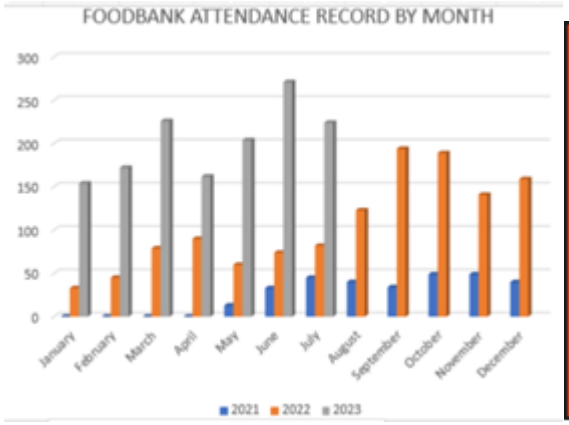
We could not have done this without the continuous support from our partners and sponsors, Citygrove, Fair Share/Felix Project, Plan Zheroes, City Harvest, individual members of the community, and local churches (Lambeth Mission & St Mary's, and St Anslem's). A huge thank you to all our supporters and donors, we are incredibly grateful for your generosity.

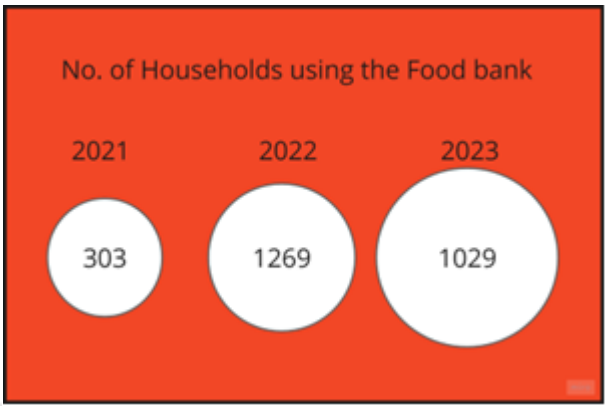
A special mention goes to our volunteers, we are immensely appreciative for your commitment to support your community. We could not have achieved this impact, without your effort and dedication. As the funding for the foodbank draws to a close, we focus our efforts on designing a sustainable ecosystem, in which the community can address their food insecurities. We will co-design this new structure along with our service users and thus invite the recipients of the food bank to be part of this process.



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Foodbank statistics from May 2021 to June 2023







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Cool it Art

Cool it Art had another productive year, continuing the 9th yearly programme of “Cool it Art Kids” at VGCC, starting in Sept 2021 - August 2022, with a total of 1,638 attendances over 44 classes and 3 trips to cultural organisations over August. The trips over the Summer were the first time since the pandemic we could take the class easily to external venues following COVID restrictions, we took the group to the Tate Modern, Wallace Collection & the V&A. Young at ‘Art was funded for another year by the National Lottery as well as an additional month from Lambeth to minimise the break between programmes - March 2022 - April 2023, delivering a total of 55 sessions of creativity for adults in Lambeth, we also went on our first trip - going to Tate Britain to draw from artworks in situ.

We were also asked to curate an exhibition of “Cool it Art Kids: VGCC” and “Young at ‘Arts” artworks at GreatArt Shoreditch Store on Kingsland Road. The exhibition which was up for a month (May/June 2022) was a celebration of all Cool it Art core project attendees' creativity over that year's program with newly created artworks as well as a photographic exhibition alongside it capturing all the attendees to date.



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Cool it Art will celebrate its 10th Anniversary in May 2023, with a party for the children and families at VGCC complete with a visit from Magician Trixy! Looking back over a decade, Amanda, shares her top moments in Cool it Art for 10 years of Creativity; including

1. Designing and building an 8 ft x 6ft sculpture for a float for Lord Mayor's Show 2013 for the Worships Company of Tax Advisors, the theme being around "Green Taxes" with a sculpture made from recycled materials. Running a pop-up Art school in the middle of Waterloo Train Station concourse for the launch of It's Our World in 2014. This innovative platform was the largest digital gallery of artworks made by young people in response to environmental issues; giving future custodians a voice through creativity on what matters most to them. One year later, being part of the Charity Art Auction committee at Christie's, raising over 100k to support The Big Draw and Jupiter Artland.
2. Transition Animation Project in 2015 working with handpicked primary school leavers most at risk of falling through the gaps, to create an animated film about the journey from primary to secondary giving an authentic voice from young people to other young people to benefit from.
3. Collaborating with Vauxhall City Farm as we had raised extra money from our Royal Society of Arts supported Kickstarter for Cool it Art Kids; to benefit even more people in the local community we put on a "Big Draw Event" - "Every Drawing Tells a Story" In 2015, collaborating with storytellers on the event to make it a multifaceted project.
4. Being asked to run a workshop for the Dutch Royal State visit 2018 at Pop Brixton, taking inspiration from Delft pottery to create artworks celebrating the rich tapestry of heritage in Brixton - local children got the opportunity to wow Queen Maxima of the Netherlands with their striking blue and white depictions of their local neighbourhoods.
5. "6 WoW" - one of the online pandemic projects Cool it Art provided in 2020 - combining the Arts and Mindfulness to promote well-being through unprecedented times. We taught Art, Drama, Dance, Mindfulness, Written Word, Sewing/Upcycling, and Yoga for children as a comprehensive online summer program exploring the 6 ways of well-being to enhance children's skills around managing their own well-being.

Cool it Art hopes to be able to continue to provide free creative opportunities for communities in Lambeth and beyond for many more years to come!

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Neon Performing Arts

Neon remains one of the only Performing Arts Schools with a social purpose in the UK, to offer a fully comprehensive multidisciplinary programme for 4 to 30-year-olds. We provide 648 technical classes across the academic year and 45 classes for “Culture Chic Shock” in partnership with VGCC as a play scheme/holiday programme.

Since forming in 2013, to date Neon has worked with families from Lambeth (73%) and Southwark (27%), engaging over 300 students from 214 family units.



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Our main programme of classes from Neon Performing Arts School works with 4-18-year-olds delivering classes in all styles of dance, singing, and acting every afternoon, weekdays during the school term.



In September, we launched NeonELEVATE, a prototype for a Youth Company through funding from Lambeth ELEVATE. This groundbreaking project gave a platform for young Lambeth talents as well as Neon to evolve, building on 8 years of partnership work with Artists and Arts organisations.

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This theatre making Youth Company develops original and innovative creative work, whilst giving ownership to young creatives and developing their employability skills through the multi-disciplinary arts programme. NeonELEVATE, has delivered 2 full production shows, 3 festivals, 5 events, and 6 shows within a school tour with LambethELEVATE Education and Old Vic.

NeonELEVATE's last Show BREATHE has been selected from Lambeth Education and Old Vic to tour secondary schools in Lambeth from Sept 22 to January 23 under the Creative Career Funds. We have offered paid work opportunities to over 45 young people through NeonELEVATE including teaching, commissioned shows and events and working with organisations such as the National Theatre, Channel 4 and ITV. We work in Partnership with Cool it Art; Flawless Dance Hub; Base Studios; Birds Eye View; Birdgang and The Old Vic. We also have a longstanding relationship with Lambeth Council.

To date, we have produced 27 shows with Peckham Theatre, The Vaults Theatre, Blue Elephant Theatre, The Albany Theatre, The Lost Theatre, VGCC, and "The Foundry: A Place for Change. 15 of these shows were written by our students, giving the youth a platform to have an authentic voice. Our mission is to build social capital and open pathways and opportunities for those who are most in need. Two-thirds of our graduates have taken part in professional performances with critically acclaimed artists such as Stormzy and Ashton Merrygold, and have joined prestigious performing arts schools, many on scholarships – including The Royal Opera House, Royal Academy of Dance, The Place, and Trinity Laban CAT Scheme, Rambert, The Royal Ballet, The National Theatre Youth Company, Brits School, Avant Garde Dance Company, ZooNation, IMD Legion.

In January 2023, we set up House of Neon Events to generate more commercial opportunities for our network of creatives. House of Neon curates unique and diverse artistic/cultural events across London. From our AFROFUSION nights to SOULFOOD SUNDAY sessions, we want to highlight underrepresented artists and their work in elegant, warm, and atmospheric environments.

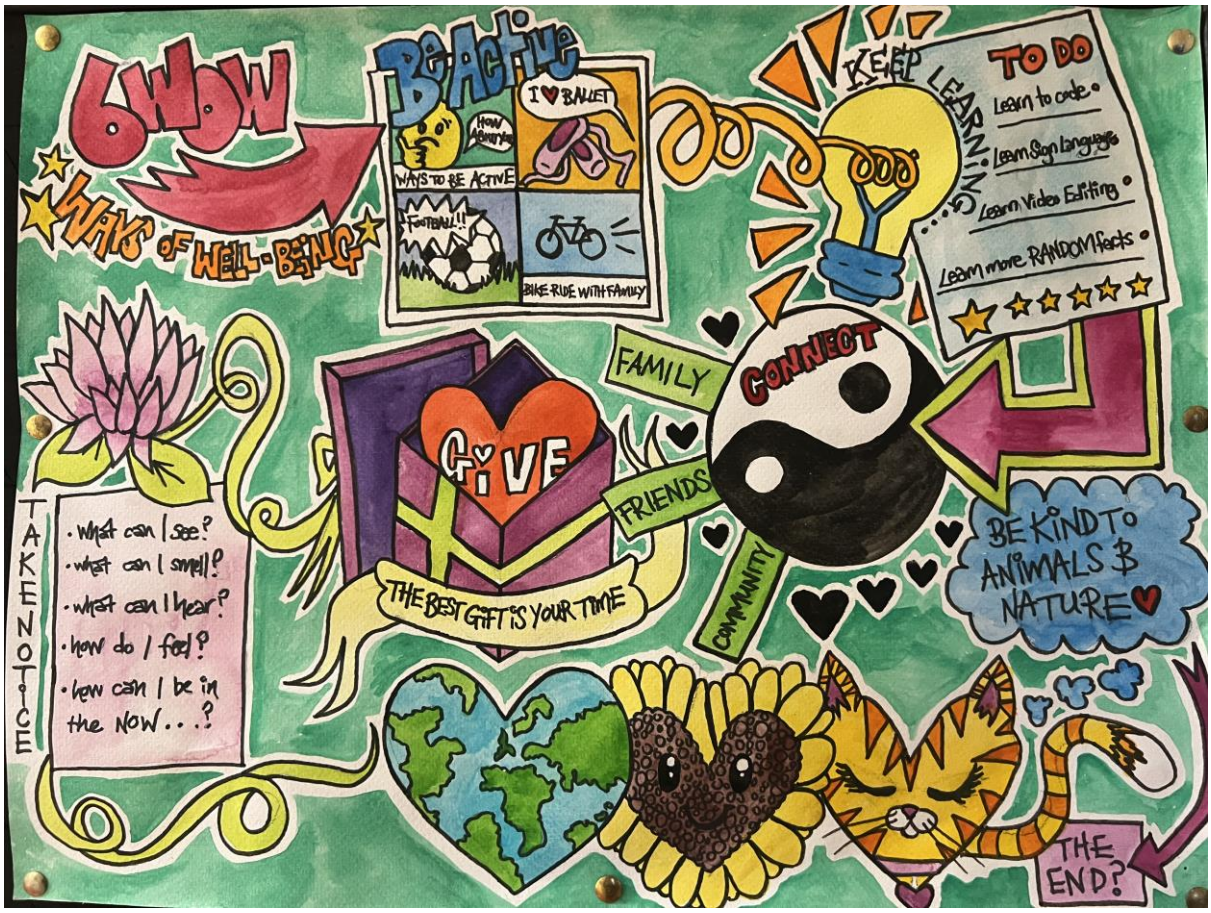
In February 2023 Neon created a partnership with "Love Seega '' founder of Clean Bandit to produce a new Show and Festival in the Summer of 2024 under the "Live + Breathe '' Campaign funded by Purpose funds and Arts Council and partnered with Lambeth Care Leavers (young people aged 16 plus) and The Lambeth Youth Offending Service (youth aged under 18) through "Kalimotxo". Kalimotxo is a networking and performance event for young people – promoting inclusion through creativity. We have used these events to recruit young people to NeonELEVATE to become part of the current programme as well as the paid Youth Company. Giving these young people not just the chance to be creative, training them to be work ready, but also giving them transferable skills as well as increased wellbeing.

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Studios and other users

VGCC continues to actively support the vibrant arts and culture community in Lambeth by supporting various organisations and individuals who positively contribute to the community and the furtherance of the arts and culture within Lambeth (particularly those from marginalised or oppressed communities). We do so by providing low-cost studios and spaces to operate from. Currently, VGCC supports seven artists in different fields, from graphic design to jewellery artists based in our studios on the second floor.

The artists are part of the fabric and core of VGCC and provide a vibrant internal atmosphere full of creativity and entrepreneurship. There is a symbiotic relationship between our artists and the centre as well as the wider community. The internal and external community benefits from the inspiration and improved environment the art provides, and the artists' craft is honed and supported. Furthermore, they are committed to the success and development of the centre and collaborate on projects and volunteer whenever possible.

The Centre has also supported a startup business called Alby's bakery by providing generously competitive rates for the use of the kitchen to expand the business of these 2 young entrepreneurs. In addition, VGCC facilitates fundamental pillars of community such as space for church worship, community workshops, meetings, and training, as well as

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community events such as wedding receptions, birthdays, social events, dance classes, funerals, etc. Supporting our local community is at the core of what we aim to achieve. We are excited to collaborate with the community in the future to expand our current programme of activities. We are looking forward to creating an even more positive impact on the community.

Future Connected

Our development manager was one of 12 cultural leaders awarded a sought-after place and subsequently completed the first 12-month intensive *Future Connected* programme. Future connected, is a values-led leadership development programme that gives Directors of grassroots and smaller-scale organisations tools to grow dynamic businesses that inspire and represent their communities. The yearlong course brought together cultural leaders to develop skills, build connections and make a collective contribution to the vibrancy of our communities. With inspiration offered first hand by national and international experts, we were able to refine and imagine a new model for our business. As a result of our participation, we have developed a new 3-year strategic plan which will allow us to continue to expand VGCC's profile and presence within the community through the delivery and effective co-ordination of our programmes, projects, and management of our inter-dependencies. The programme has been transformational for us in terms of clarity of vision and communication of our organisation and its values.



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Trustees' Report

Major non-financial risks are a decline in community engagement and the safety of our members and, indeed, all users of our facilities. The trustees and staff engage continuously with members of the wider community to keep Centre usage high, and the Centre staff are scrupulous in their oversight of the Centre's health and safety responsibilities, including the relevant accreditation and maintenance procedures.
VGCC continues to run the office with a Centre Manager, a contractor, and a Caretaker. We want to thank them for their hard work during the year and all those who volunteered their time and helped in many ways.

Risk Management

The trustees are aware of any risks facing the charity and have been implementing robust financial procedures to safeguard the stability of the charity.

Financial Review

A thorough review of the accounts has been carried out by the board of trustees and is correct and complete to the best of the trustees' knowledge.

In the year to 31st March 2023, VGCC had total income of £179,891; restricted £34,115 and unrestricted £145,766 in comparison to the previous year: 2022 total £157,015- unrestricted £137,410 restricted £19,605.

The total expenditure in the year to 31st March 2023 was £180,958 of which unrestricted £140,233 and restricted £40,725. This left an unrestricted surplus of £5,543 in comparison to £13,061 in 2022. The restricted Surplus from the previous year; 2022 of £4,133 was carried forward and spent in full, which is why the restricted expenditure of £40,725 in 2023 exceeds the restricted income £34,115.

This means VGCC's total funds carried forward is £120,090 of which £112,357 are unrestricted funds. The trustees have every confidence in the future of the organisation and its ability to remain agile to respond to the rapidly changing environment and needs of the community.

Going Concern

The trustees are confident that with current reserves, as well as committed and expected future income that the charity is a going concern and will continue its operations for the foreseeable future.

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Reserve Policy

It is the policy of the board of trustees to hold reserves an adequate amount to fund the basic running expenses of the Community Centre for six months and to contribute towards its direct charitable activities. Our reserves are currently in excess of this policy to designate funds for updates to the building, to increase staff's wages due to the sharp increase in the cost of living and to expand the team.

Future Plans

We have some exciting plans for VGCC, kicking off with a rebranding project which will also include a much-needed update to the website. The board is keen to invite new members with a broad range of skills as we continue to work on finalising the 5- and 10-year plan as well as streamlining our aims, objectives, and mission. With a new website in place, there will be more capacity to focus on organisational development as opposed to enquiries. We are confident that this work will allow us to be more successful in securing funding to continue and expand on the important work that we do e.g., facilitating support workers to provide wrap around services for our emergency provisions, community support groups, testing new ways of supporting the community that are more sustainable.
Partnerships are imperative to us realising the aims detailed in our strategic plan; we will work with public sector teams, mental health providers, local developers and a range of key stakeholders including local creatives to develop further strategies. This we believe is the most effective and worthwhile way forward to deliver our goal of a resilient, vibrant community. The organisation is moving in an exciting direction, and this is an exhilarating time.



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Trustees' Report *continued*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP (FRS 102)") applicable to charities preparing their report and financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure and Governance

The Community Centre was set up in 1986 and registered as an unincorporated charity on 24 June 1987. The charity is governed by its Constitution and Rules adopted on 13 February 1986 and subsequently amended on 8 March 2016 and 10 May 2016.

Key management personnel are represented by the trustees, who are responsible for the strategic vision of the Community Centre, together with the Centre Manager to whom day-to-day responsibility of running the Centre has been devolved.

Employment and remuneration policy

VGCC is an equal opportunities employer and therefore there is no discrimination between men and women or between full and part time workers in deciding their remuneration.
The remuneration of all staff, including key management personnel other than the trustees, is reviewed each year by the Management Committee. No trustee received any remuneration during the current or prior year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects of the Community Centre have been to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the triangle created by the boundaries formed by the South side of Black Prince Road, the North West side of Kennington Lane and the Railway Viaduct (the "area of benefit"). In 2016 with the permission of the Charity Commission, the area of benefit was expanded to include the whole of postcode SE11, stretching across Bishop's, Prince's and Oval Wards in North Lambeth, to reflect more accurately those using the Centre and to pursue the Centre's vision of working with a wider community while keeping the original area of benefit central to activity.

It does so by associating the Local Authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, further health and 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 aid inhabitants.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees judge that activities in pursuit of the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test which they keep in mind when reviewing their objectives and activities and in the planning of future activities.

In delivering services and in the appointment of staff, volunteers and trustees, the Community Centre operates without distinction of sex or race or of political, religious or other opinions.

Trustees' Report *continued*

Trustee responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charity's examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiners are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Our Independent Examiner, as appointed by the board, Kathleen Moss

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 9/11/23 and signed on their behalf by:

Natalie Cole
Chair

P Fry
Pamela Fry
Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide.
Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kathleen Moss ACMA, CGMA
Kathleen Moss Limited
48 Lawn Terrace
London
SE3 9LP

Dated: 26th January 2024

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 31 March 2023

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	*Unrestricted Funds £*	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total Funds 2022 £*
Donations and legacies	**3**	14,560	34,115	48,675	*14,520*	*19,605*	*34,125*
Charitable activities	**4**	130,919	-	130,919	*122,887*	-	*122,887*
Investments	**5**	297	-	297	*3*	-	*3*
Total income		**145,776**	**34,115**	**179,891**	***137,410***	***19,605***	***157,015***
Expenditure:	**6**						
Raising funds		12,375	-	12,375	*12,851*	-	*12,851*
Charitable activities		127,858	40,725	168,583	*111,498*	*15,472*	*126,970*
Total expenditure		**140,233**	**40,725**	**180,958**	***124,349***	***15,472***	***139,821***
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		5,543	(6,610)	(1,067)	*13,061*	*4,133*	*17,194*
Transfer between funds		(630)	630	-			
		4,913	(5,980)	(1,067)	*13,061*	*4,133*	*17,194*
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		107,444	13,713	121,157	*94,383*	*9,580*	*103,963*
Total funds carried forward		**£ 112,357**	**£ 7,733**	**£ 120,090**	***£ 107,444***	***£ 13,713***	***£ 121,157***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The accompanying notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023	2022
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	9	18,441	*25,414*
Current assets			
Debtors	10	11,149	*26,201*
Cash at bank and in hand		119,297	*92,407*
		130,446	*118,608*
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	11	(28,797)	*(22,865)*
Net current assets / (liabilities)		101,649	*95,743*
Net assets		**120,090**	*121,157*
The funds of the charity:	12		
Restricted income funds	13	7,733	*13,713*
Unrestricted income funds	13	-	-
Designated funds		-	-
General reserve		112,357	*107,444*
Total charity funds		**120,090**	*121,157*

The accompanying notes on the following pages form part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 9/11/23 and signed on their behalf by

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Trustee
Name Natalie Core
Title Chair

P Fry
Pamela Fry
Treasurer

Charity Registration No.: 296876

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023

1 Statutory information

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre is a charity, registered in England and Wales number 296876. The charity's principal address is 5 Glasshouse Walk, London, SE11 5ES. The functional currency is sterling.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 1 January 2019, and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

2.2 Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.3 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity can comfortably operate based on confirmed funding with sufficient reserves.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Where donations and grants are restricted to future accounting periods, they are deferred and recognised in those future accounting periods. Grants for immediate financial support and assistance, or to reimburse costs previously incurred, are recognised immediately.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Hall hire, rental and trading income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: *continued*

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.6 Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

2.7 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Raising funds: Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

Charitable activites: Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs include office costs and those of other central functions.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity operates a policy of capitalising fixed asset items over £500. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% on cost

2.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

2.10 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2.11 Fundraising

Funds are raised through individual donations, grants from Trusts, Foundations and Government grants and contracts. Some fundraising events may also be carried out.

2.12 Pensions

The charity operates an Auto Enrolment defined contribution pension scheme.

Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

2.13 Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements as it is impractical to estimate such value.

Where services and facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2022*
Grants:			**£**			***£***
London Borough of Lambeth	-	11,875	11,875	*12,000*	*15,280*	*27,280*
London Borough of Lambeth: Kickstart	9,895	-	9,895	*2,120*	-	*2,120*
Vauxhall One		1,500	1,500	-	-	-
One Day TV Ltd		250	250	-	-	-
Sport England - ESC Lottery		9,490	9,490	-	-	-
Lambeth Mission Development	-	-	-	-	*2,000*	*2,000*
Citygrove Securities PLC	-	11,000	11,000	-	*2,000*	*2,000*
Donations:						
Sundry donations	4,665	-	4,665	*400*	*325*	*725*
	14,560	**34,115**	**48,675**	***14,520***	***19,605***	***34,125***

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2022*
Community Centre income:			**£**			***£***
Hall hire	55,169	-	55,169	*46,555*	-	*46,555*
Studio and office rentals	58,369	-	58,369	*55,375*	-	*55,375*
Basement/Café rental	12,573	-	12,573	*13,135*	-	*13,135*
Sundry income	4,808	-	4,808	*7,822*	-	*7,822*
	130,919	**-**	**130,919**	***122,887***	**-**	***122,887***

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2022*
			£			***£***
Interest receivable	**297**	**-**	**297**	***3***	**-**	***3***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

6 Analysis of expenditure

	Centre management	Other Centre costs	Community projects	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost of raising funds:	12,375	-	-	**12,375**	***12,851***
Charitable activities:					
Staff costs (note 8)	47,631	-	-	**47,631**	***44,859***
Administrative support	12,375	-	-	**12,375**	***12,851***
Premises costs	-	66,983	-	**66,983**	***49,046***
Office costs	-	3,030	-	**3,030**	***3,334***
Insurance	-	3,157	-	**3,157**	***4,191***
Finance costs	-	84	-	**84**	***(4,659)***
Miscellaneous expenses	-	208	-	**208**	***657***
VGCC Project	-	-	17,563	**17,563**	***10,245***
Foodbank	-	-	7,906	**7,906**	***2,607***
Depreciation charges	-	6,973	-	**6,973**	***2,496***
Other costs	-	989	-	**989**	***623***
Governance Costs:					
Trustee training	-	120	-	**120**	**-**
AGM costs	-	604	-	**604**	**-**
Indepdendent Examination	-	960	-	**960**	***720***
Charitable activities	60,006	83,108	25,469	168,583	*126,970*
Total expenditure 2023	**72,381**	**83,108**	**25,469**	**180,958**	***139,821***

Of the total expenditure:		Unrestricted		Restricted		Total
2023	£	140,233	£	40,725	£	180,958
2022	*£*	*124,349*	*£*	*15,472*	*£*	*139,821*

Analysis of expenditure - prior year comparative

	Centre management	*Other Centre costs*	*Community projects*	***2022 Total***
	£	*£*	*£*	***£***
Cost of raising funds:	*12,851*	-	-	***12,851***
Charitable activities:				
Staff costs (note 8)	*44,859*	-	-	***44,859***
Administrative support	*12,851*	-	-	***12,851***
Premises costs	-	*49,046*	-	***49,046***
Office costs	-	*3,334*	-	***3,334***
Insurance	-	*4,191*	-	***4,191***
Finance costs	-	*(4,659)*	-	***(4,659)***
Miscellaneous expenses	-	*657*	-	***657***
VGCC Project	-	-	*10,245*	***10,245***
Christmas Party	-	*2,607*	-	***2,607***
Depreciation charges	-	*2,496*	-	***2,496***
Other costs	*600*	*23*	-	***623***
Governance costs:				
Indepdendent Examination	-	*720*	-	***720***
Charitable activities	*58,310*	*58,415*	*10,245*	*126,970*
Total expenditure 2022	***71,161***	***58,415***	***10,245***	***139,821***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

7 Net income for the year

The net income for the year is stated after charging:	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the Charity	6,973	*2,496*
Independent Examination	960	*720*

8 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Salaries and wages	46,831	*44,067*
Social Security costs	-	-
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	800	*792*
	47,631	*44,859*

There were no full-time members of staff (2022: none) and two part-time members of support staff (2022: two) during the year, with one additional member of support staff paid on a freelance basis. During the year 2 apprentices were employed under the KickStart programme.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

The key management personnel of the charitable company are the trustees who do not receive remuneration and the centre manager. Total employee benefits in the year paid to key management personnel including NIC and pension were £35,292 (2022: £39,688).

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remunerations from the charity during the year.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fitting £	Boiler	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost:				
At 1 April 2022	10,146	25,602	2,586	38,334
Additions at cost	-	-	-	-
At 31 March 2023	**10,146**	**25,602**	**2,586**	**38,334**
Depreciation:				
At 1 April 2022	9,606	2,134	1,180	12,920
Charge for year	180	6,402	391	6,973
At 31 March 2023	**9,786**	**8,536**	**1,571**	**19,893**
Net book value:				
At 31 March 2023	**360**	**17,066**	**1,015**	**18,441**
At 31 March 2022	*540*	*23,468*	*1,406*	*25,414*

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

10 Debtors

Due within one year:	**2023**	***2022***
	£	***£***
Accrued income and other debtors	-	*2,593*
Trade debtors	5,423	*18,608*
Prepayments	5,726	*5,000*
	11,149	*26,201*

11 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2023	***2022***
	£	***£***
Trade creditors	-	-
Social Security and other taxes	155	*724*
Deposits	9,951	*10,661*
Deferred income	13,344	6,478
Accruals	5,347	*5,002*
	28,797	*22,865*

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund Balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	18,441	-	18,441
Current Assets	122,713	7,733	130,446
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(28,797)	-	(28,797)
Total net assets	**112,357**	**7,733**	**120,090**

Analysis of net assets between funds - *prior year comparative*

	Unrestricted Funds	***Restricted Funds***	***Total Funds***
	£	***£***	***£***
Fund Balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	25,414	-	25,414
Current Assets	*100,762*	*17,846*	*118,608*
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	*(22,865)*	-	*(22,865)*
Total net assets	***103,311***	***17,846***	***121,157***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

13 Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted and unrestricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust:

Restricted Funds	At 1 April 2022 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfer between funds £	At 31 March 2023 £
Sport England Grant	-	9,490	(8,650)	-	**840**
Black History Month	-	1,750	(2,380)	630	**-**
VGCC HAF Project	12,320	11,875	(21,695)	-	**2,500**
Foodbank	1,393	11,000	(8,000)	-	**4,393**
Total Restricted Funds	**13,713**	**34,115**	**(40,725)**	**630**	**7,733**
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	**107,444**	**145,776**	**(140,233)**	**(630)**	**112,357**
Total funds	**121,157**	**179,891**	**(180,958)**	**-**	**120,090**

Description of restricted funds

Sport England Grant – grant from Sport England to continue providing free fitness classes to the local community in partnership with Sportworks.

VGCC HAF Project – this a Lambeth Council funded programme to tackle food poverty, this is targeted to school aged children during holiday periods following the campaign by footballer Marcus Rushford.

Black Hisory month – a special showcase to entertain, inform and educate invited guests as well as participants to improve community cohesion and foster links between the diverse cultural groups of residents in the local area, during Black History Month in October

Foodbank – VGCC project to tackle food poverty so this programme provides food parcels to families who are struggling with cost of living. This is being funded with donations from Citygrove Securities PLC, Fare Share/Felix Project, Planzheros (surplus food from Borough Market), Lambeth Mission and St Mary's and St Anselm's churches and individuals.

Funds - prior year *comparative*	***At 1 April 2021*** £	***Incoming*** £	***Outgoing*** £	***between*** £	***At 31 March 2022*** £
Restricted Funds					
Sport England Grant	*9,580*	*-*	*(9,580)*		*-*
VGCC HAF Project	*-*	*15,605*	*(3,285)*		*12,320*
Foodbank	*-*	*4,000*	*(2,607)*		*1,393*
Total Restricted Funds	*9,580*	*19,605*	*(15,472)*	*-*	*13,713*
Unrestricted funds:					
General funds	*94,383*	*137,410*	*(124,349)*	*-*	*107,444*
Total funds	*103,963*	*157,015*	*(139,821)*	*-*	*121,157*

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023: continued

14 Related parties

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2023 (2022: none).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

15 Trustees

1 trustee was paid or reimbursed expenses during the year amounting to £40 (2022: Nil), no other person connected with trustees received expenses or payments (2022:Nil) and no trustee or person connected with them received any emolument or payment for professional or other services (2022:Nil).

16 Pension and other post-retirement benefit commitments

Defined contribution

	2023 £	*2022* *£*
Contributions payable by the company for the year	800	*792*

At 31 March 2022 £155 was outstanding (2022:£155).

17 Operating lease commitments

There are no commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31 March 2023 (2022:Nil)

18 Contingent assets or liabilities

There are no contingent assets or liabilities at 31 March 2023 (2022: Nil).

Due to its charitable status the Community Centre is a tax exempt entity. The trustees are not aware of any matters which might prejudice the tax status of the Community Centre.

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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Tim Kalvis	
	Natalie Cole, (Chair)	
	Pamela Fry, Treasurer	
	Dorette Newton	
	Patrick Agyeman (Vice Chair)	Appointed January 2022
	Rosa Da Cruz costa	
	Ernest Ako (Secretary)	Appointed January 2022
Charity number	296876	
Principal office	5 Glasshouse Walk London SE11 5ES	
Independent Examiner	Kathleen Moss ACMA, CGMA Kathleen Moss Ltd 48 Lawn Terrace London SE3 9LP	
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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP (FRS 102)") applicable to charities preparing their report and financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Structure and Governance

The Community Centre was set up in 1986 and registered as an unincorporated charity on 24 June 1987. The charity is governed by its Constitution and Rules adopted on 13 February 1986 and subsequently amended on 8 March 2016 and 10 May 2016.

Key management personnel are represented by the trustees, who are responsible for the strategic vision of the Community Centre, together with the Centre Manager to whom day-to-day responsibility of running the Centre has been devolved.

Employment and remuneration policy

VGCC is an equal opportunities employer and therefore there is no discrimination between men and women or between full and part time workers in deciding their remuneration.
The remuneration of all staff, including key management personnel other than the trustees, is reviewed each year by the Management Committee. No trustee received any remuneration during the current or prior year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects of the Community Centre have been to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the triangle created by the boundaries formed by the South side of Black Prince Road, the North West side of Kennington Lane and the Railway Viaduct (the "area of benefit"). In 2016 with the permission of the Charity Commission, the area of benefit was expanded to include the whole of postcode SE11, stretching across Bishop's, Prince's and Oval Wards in North Lambeth, to reflect more accurately those using the Centre and to pursue the Centre's vision of working with a wider community while keeping the original area of benefit central to activity.

It does so by associating the Local Authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, further health and 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 aid inhabitants.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees judge that activities in pursuit of the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test which they keep in mind when reviewing their objectives and activities and in the planning of future activities.

In delivering services and in the appointment of staff, volunteers and trustees, the Community Centre operates without distinction of sex or race or of political, religious or other opinions.

Achievements and Performance

VGCC like many other organisations were impacted by Covid-19. As a result of the pandemic, VGCC was forced to close its doors for most of 2020 and had very few activities taking place in early 2021. Most activities were run online via zoom and others face to face with just a few people attending at a time. VGCC harnessed the community spirit which is the foundation upon with VGCC operates here is what took place over the last year:

FOODBANK- Fridays 11-2

VGCC is continuing with this vital service to help those who are facing food poverty. Throughout the financial year 2021/22 VGCC saw a vast increased in the number of people using the foodbank, this is due to the increase in cost of living and energy prices which has put a lot of financial strain on many households.

We pride ourselves in the way we run our foodbank which is unique from all the others. Our foodbank is self-referral, it is completely free, you do not have to pay for any item at the moment. We intend on keeping access to the foodbank free for as long as we have donations coming from the various organisations and individual who have continued honouring their pledges and support.



We continue to get support from Citygrove, Plan Zhero, Fair Share and individual community members as well as the local churches (Lambeth Mission & St Mary's and St Anslem's).

We are so grateful to all the volunteers who give up their time every week to help run the foodbank. This would have not been possible without their help.

We saw an increase of over 50% of the people accessing foodbank compared to last financial year, about 15% - 20% are those who are working.

We gave out food parcels to 53 households (feeding a total of over 200 people) at Christmas.

Funding and support permitting we intend on keeping this great service going to help those who need it.

"I use the foodbank to feed my family, without it my children would starve"
Anonymous

HAf Programme- school holidays 10-2

In an unprecedented move VGCC, secured funding to deliver a pilot holiday programme to children and young people (CYP) aged 8-16 years. This was aimed at CYP in the local vicinity primarily, but open to young people



across Lambeth. The pilot launched with a 4 week programme across the summer of 2021 with over 40 CYP in attendance. With a skeleton team, we relied on the assistance of a few kind volunteers to bridge the gap and were able to deliver an award winning programme of activities to the cohort. From Thai boxing to assault courses, surrealist art, to pottery, dance to portraiture, creative writing to drama, jewellery making to baking. Our cohort had the opportunity to engage in a variety of enrichment activities that will have a positive impact on their futures. In addition to a range of exciting activities, the cohort were taken on numerous day trips, from the imperial war museum to the cinema at the British Film Institute (BFI) for a private show to a local gallery for a preview of an upcoming art instalment. Every day the children benefitted from a hot meal which met the good schools food guide, and various puddings, snacks and fruit and vegetables. We provided nutrition education, cooking lessons and distributed take and make boxes with meal ingredients. These boxes similar to mail order recipe boxes allowed for family cooking and bonding at home. Given the limited budget and resources, we did an excellent job of leveraging our relationships with our internal stakeholders: social enterprises, tenants etc. as well as local business such as the cabinet gallery, and the BFI as well as Madeira café and Turnquick to name a few. The programme ended with a huge disco for the participants, their siblings and parents/guardians which participants absolutely loved. Given the pandemic had decimated social connections and families income streams this was a welcome opportunity for our local community, to meet, connect, grow, and learn. The result was an overwhelming success, parents and participants were astounded at the quality and considerations we had given to each activity and the carefully curated programme. Participants were grateful for a change from the pandemic doom and gloom and loved the exposure to the different activities we had prepared. So fantastic was the feedback and so impressed were Lambeth; we were immediately awarded funding for a Christmas programme which followed a similar format. With this iteration running for the week just before Christmas of 2021 and which included a festive food delivery from Fare Share/ Felix project which we apportioned into Christmas hampers for each family.

We additionally ran an extended sports and fitness week in October 2021 (half term) with a range of sports, games, and fitness activities to keep children engaged during the half term. To increase the diversity of activities we included drama and facilitated workshops: participants wrote a script and we proceeded to film a short movie which was shown to parents and loved ones. We catered to 20 children who were all very giddy with happiness and very tired by the end of the week this we believe signals a great week!

Building on the success of the programmes delivered in 2021, we launched a brand-new programme of activities, to build upon the success of our previous CYP programme. This was aimed at celebrating London's

diverse, colourful, and multicultural heritage through an exploration of music, fashion, and food. The project was aimed at enhancing and enriching participants' knowledge of different cultures through an engaging series of workshops around combined arts. The first of the trio of holiday programmes launched with music as the main theme and concluded with a showcase on the final day celebrating all the participants had accomplished throughout the programme. The participants were split into four groups, each exploring the music and sounds of different regions of the world and their relationship with the unique histories of each country: the UK, West Africa, South America i.e. Cuba and Asia.

Participants produced their own beats, wrote their own music, as well as a script and delivered an engaging musical performance with exclusive songs and dance routines to family and friends- to critical acclaim. The dedication of the participants was admirable, a key outcome was the opportunity to foster togetherness through an understanding of the differences that make each of us unique.

Neon Performing Arts

Neon Performing Arts School Has continued to Support over 65 Children aged 5-12 with partial or full scholarship with the support of Lambeth Arts and Culture and Vauxhall One, the school has produced 2 Original Show and performed for Happy Feet festival in Wandsworth as well as the Parade.

Neon has officially launched NeonELEVATE, a theatre maker youth company for young people aged 13-25 year old with a focus on Creative Career including paid commissioned work, College and University entrance support and Work Pathways. The Youth Company is composed of 45 Young People, they are currently touring Secondary Schools and Colleges in Lambeth with the support of LambethELEVATE, Lambeth Education, Arts Council and The Old Vic. Under the Creative Career Programme, 60 new Young people will be selected among the Schools and Colleges to join the next Program of NeonELEVATE.

Free fitness for all- Wednesdays 11-12 & 12.30-1.30

The project involved women on low incomes and a mixed group of people over the age of 40. The cohort participated in a 36-week programme involving a range of exercise, fitness, movement, and dance activities. To ensure there was a need from the beneficiaries themselves and that our project was well attended, we wanted to secure buy in and involve those from these two 'low participation groups' in the consultation and project planning process. From the round tables, interviews, and questionnaires, it became evident that those surveyed faced several barriers to their participation in exercise and fitness e.g., cost, lack of opportunities, cultural barriers, and a lack of confidence/self-belief. We worked with them to identify the type of activities they would find most attractive, and they helped choose the fitness and exercise activities offered, with a preference that they were delivered at VGCC which is situated at the heart of the community and to avoid them travelling too far.

Following this consultation and through word of mouth, over 40+ residents from these target groups on the Vauxhall Gardens Estate and beyond took part in the programme which took place in the VGCC

main hall and when the weather was gracious: the Pleasure Gardens. Sessions were ‘free-of-charge’ and lasted 1-hour, with 15-30 minutes following the sessions where participants got to enjoy refreshments and socialise, ask questions, and build relationships.

The project launched in July 2021 and continued till March 2022. There were taster events (two per target group), giving residents the opportunity to trial the proposed activities.

The project delivered on its aim to instil behavioural change, to break down barriers so, participants continue these fitness activities once the project ended. The links between health and well-being are well documented and VGCC is proud that in the post pandemic local and national climate were able to and continue to offer this and other health and well-being services that make a huge difference to people’s lives and even life expectancy! Given its success, Sport England funded us again for a new programme this time aimed at women and Asylum seekers/ Refugees. A special thanks to Sportworks our delivery partners and Sport England our funders.

Women’s Group- Wednesdays 10-12

VGCC runs this peer support group for women. This group is a well received resource by local women who use the group to receive advice, share experiences in a compassionate manner assisting one another to be self reliant and hopefully more equipped to manage issues in their lives.

Just Like us- Thursdays 11-2



Just Like Us (Jlu.lambeth) have continued meeting up as a support group to undertake the different activities they usually do. Although the group have been on a little break towards the end of the year 2022, before this break the group had a nice turn up to the sewing and craft workshops. All involved enjoyed making new clothes with old ones, creating t-shirts design with other old materials (upcycling).

Our plan for 2023 is to start with making some upcycling in the earlier part of the year. This will involve making hearts with embroidery ready for valentine's Day and for mother's Day. The group was offered some tickets to go and watch the Christmas Carols the Old Vic, which they thoroughly enjoyed. They are happy to report that the old Vic has offered a few workshops to the group to explore their theatrical/creativity skill set.

Sylvie the group facilitator has done a mindfulness course and will be introducing a 15 minutes mindfulness class at the beginning of each session. Sylvie believes the group will benefit from these sessions.

Cool it art-Tuesdays 3.30-5.30

Even through what has continued to be unusual times Cool it Art still had a productive year.



Continuing the 8th yearly programme of Art classes for Kids at VGCC which started in Sept 2020 we managed to celebrate our Birthday in May 2021 in person, though it was still a smaller affair with just the children with Covid restrictions still in place it was a welcome change from the year prior. Even with the difficulties faced over the pandemic and with restrictions in place with bubbles/class sizes we still had very good attendance near enough capacity with what was allowed within government guidelines. Over 46 sessions we had 1223 attendances (18 classes were online only, 1 was hybrid and of 27 in person classes parents were permitted to attend 5). The trips we would usually take over August the budget was repurposed to continue to deliver in person sessions at VGCC given the difficulties in taking groups to external venues.

We started our 9th annual programme in Sept 2021 (which runs till Aug 2022) from the 7th Sept - 29th March over the 27 sessions delivered we had 1005 attendances with 17 classes and 3 trips left to deliver.

Leading on from Lambeth Schools using our teaching packs as part of their home-schooling creative resources in 2020 (2,952 views over March, April, May & June 2020) traffic to our website with the free teaching packs has continued with steady engagement with 3,787 views over March 2021-2022 - out of a total 26,371 views since created in 2014. As the website has no paid advertising and has generally been used through word of mouth we are pleased with the organic growth of views.

In August 2021 we finally could restart our award winning programme Young at ‘Art, run at the Carmelita Centre, since pausing it in March 2020, attendance has been lower due to the health issues of attendees and one of core members, Joan, sadly passed away. Attendees from Lambeth Walk Day Centre aren’t predicted to return for the foreseeable future given the issues of Covid and safeguarding their clients. That being said those who are able to come; the benefit to rebuild relationships and minimise loneliness has been paramount. Over the 20 sessions left to deliver from the 2019/20 funding from the National Lottery we had 296 attendances. We successfully secured another year of funding from Awards for All for April 2022-23 but to ensure the gap wasn’t too long Lambeth part funded the project to extend it for a month over March 2022, over the 5 sessions we had 20 attendances - we look forward to slowly increasing our numbers to hopefully pre-pandemic levels of 10-14 per class but we are mindful there is still some reticence to attend indoor group activities for some adults.

We continued to work with Neon Performing Arts on their Youth Company multi-disciplinary programme NeonELEVATE. Cool it Art worked with youth to create artworks as the backdrops for the show to be performed at Vaults in June 2022.

Whilst things have taken longer to get back to “normal” because of the pandemic we are hopeful to be back to full service with pop up art sessions, small term projects and our annual Young at ‘Art exhibition in the next year or so - climate depending.



Kickstarters

As part of our mission to continue to engage and support our community- not just talk about it, we signed up to the kickstarter scheme. A government funded initiative which is designed to help young people gain real skills to improve their career opportunities and provide real life on the job experience to boost their skillset. We created 2 new roles:

Admin Assistant- to upskill somebody to be able to fulfil an entry level admin role smoothly

Communication and Marketing Officer- to provide tangible skills in marketing roles which are notoriously difficult to gain experience with paid work.

As the government only partially fund their roles we made the decision to top up their wages to the London Living Wage. With plenty to do, our kickstarters have hit the ground running and have been handed various responsibilities in our organisation. The Chair and Vice Chair met with the kickstarters last week to understand what further development we can provide as well as feedback on how their placement has been thus far. The feedback has been positive and this initiative has been a success thus far. I hope that the kickstarters continue to grow from strength to strength in the little time that they have left with us. Continue to grow and learn everyday the hard work will pay off!

“Alice and Sophya have been so patient with us and shown us so much” *Kickstarter*

Studios and other users

VGCC continues to house various artists based on the second floor of the building. Some of the artists have lent a hand and got involve with the HAF programme by facilitating workshops with the children and young people who attended the HAF programme.

Unlike the last financial year when the building was closed due covid, we have had a very busy year with different groups restarting in person/face to face activities and it was wonderful to welcome everyone back to the building. The different groups such as church groups, various support groups, Taekwondo, Aikido, and South London Cares all resumed their face to face gathering. Charities such as Cicely Northcote Trust, Lambeth Mission & St Mary's Church continue to use the space for their meetings. A refugee support group (Care 4 Calais), who meet every week to undertake ESOL class also resume their face to face classes.

We are also happy to report that we saw an increased demand in bookings for birthdays, wedding and engagement receptions, baby shower, graduation celebration, funeral, workshops etc.
We will continue to provide space and support for start-up businesses, and we are looking forward to working with many more individuals, charities, and companies in the next financial year.

We are all very grateful for all the help and support we received during the year.

Covid 19

For VGCC the safety of our staff, volunteers and users is of utmost importance and we continue to monitor the covid risk assessment and our procedures, in accordance with government guidelines.

Risk Management

The trustees are aware of any risks facing the charity and convene monthly to discuss these aswell as plan for the future. In addition to this, trustees have set up a WhatsApp group to respond urgent matters quicker..

Financial Review

In the year to 31st March 2022 VGCC had income of £157,015 (2021: £125,309) and expenditure of £139,821 (2021: £96,878) leaving an unrestricted surplus for the year of £13.061, (2021: £18,851).
This means VGCC's unrestricted reserve funds is £107,444. The trustees have every confidence in the future of the organisation and its ability to continue to serve the community

Going Concern

Following another tumultuous year with another centre closure, income has been a matter of concern, many of our tenants continued to pay their rent which contributed to VGCC's favourable financial position. The building is old and in need of renovation, the boiler completely broke down and required a replacement. It is anticipated that the roof may require major work this summer whilst we hope to fundraise as much as possible for this work, the reserves will be used to complete this work.

Fortunately the energy crisis has not directly impacted VGCC as our Centre Manager had the favourable rate locked in for 3 years, when this comes to an end the cost to keep the building open will increase.

The cost of Living Crisis is having a devastating effect on the community and this includes our staff, the board are looking at ways to support our staff with dignity including a 4% increase in wages for all staff and contractors. We hope to secure funding to support our staff and the community that we support.

After employing our fundraising strategy, VGCC has been able to secure several funds for projects which have allowed us to provide projects for our community and to keep our doors open. We will continue to fundraise and run projects which further help to tackle the effect of Covid-19 on the community. Failing this the reserves are £107,444.

Reserves policy

It is the policy of the Management Committee to hold reserves adequate to fund the basic running expenses of the Community Centre for 6 months and to contribute towards its direct charitable activities

Future Plans

Following the success from the HaF programme VGCC is seeking to continue to run such programmes throughout the year government guidelines permitting. VGCC is part of the kickstarter scheme with vacancies awaiting to be filled. We aim to provide a positive impact to the community via this scheme.

VGCC plans to continue to use the arts to engage with the community and find innovative ways to tackle food poverty, social isolation and the effects of Covid-19 in order to help members of the community create a better life for themselves.

Thank you to all of our incredible supporters and partners















Trustees' Report *continued*

Trustee responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charity's examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiners are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Our Independent Examiner, as appointed by the board, Kathleen Moss

Approved by the Board of Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:

Signature
Full name
Postion

Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide.
Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kathleen Moss ACMA, CGMA
Kathleen Moss Limited
48 Lawn Terrace
London
SE3 9LP

K R Moss

Dated: 31st January 2023

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 31 March 2022

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	*Unrestricted Funds £*	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total Funds 2021 £*
Donations and legacies	**3**	14,520	19,605	34,125	*-*	*73,136*	*73,136*
Charitable activities	**4**	122,887	-	122,887	*52,168*	-	*52,168*
Investments	**5**	3	-	3	*5*	-	*5*
Total income		**137,410**	**19,605**	**157,015**	***52,173***	***73,136***	***125,309***
Expenditure:	**6**						
Raising funds		12,851	-	12,851	*3,840*	-	*3,840*
Charitable activities		111,498	15,472	126,970	*29,482*	*63,556*	*93,038*
Total expenditure		**124,349**	**15,472**	**139,821**	***33,322***	***63,556***	***96,878***
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		13,061	4,133	17,194	*18,851*	*9,580*	*28,431*
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		94,383	9,580	103,963	*75,532*	-	*75,532*
Total funds carried forward		**£ 107,444**	**£ 13,713**	**£ 121,157**	***£ 94,383***	***£ 9,580***	***£ 103,963***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 16 - 24 form part of these accounts.

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022

	Note	2022	*2021*
		£	*£*
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	**9**	25,414	-
Current assets			
Debtors	**10**	26,201	*11,188*
Cash at bank and in hand		92,407	*104,759*
		118,608	*115,947*
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	**11**	(22,865)	*(11,984)*
Net current assets / (liabilities)		95,743	*103,963*
Net assets		**121,157**	*103,963*
The funds of the charity:	**12**		
Restricted income funds	**13**	13,713	*9,580*
Unrestricted income funds	**13**	-	-
Designated funds		-	-
General reserve		107,444	*94,383*
Total charity funds		**121,157**	*103,963*

The notes on pages 16-24 form part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the trustees on and signed on their behalf by

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Trustee

Name

Title

Charity Registration No.: 296876

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022

1 Statutory information

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre is a charity, registered in England and Wales number 296876. The charity's principal address is 5 Glasshouse Walk, London, SE11 5ES. The functional currency is sterling.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) 1 January 2019, and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice. The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'.

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

2.2 Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.3 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity can comfortably operate based on confirmed funding with sufficient reserves.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Where donations and grants are restricted to future accounting periods, they are deferred and recognised in those future accounting periods. Grants for immediate financial support and assistance, or to reimburse costs previously incurred, are recognised immediately.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Hall hire, rental and trading income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: *continued*

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.6 Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

2.7 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Raising funds: Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

Charitable activites: Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs include office costs and those of other central functions.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity operates a policy of capitalising fixed asset items over £500. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% on cost

2.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

2.10 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2.11 Fundraising

Funds are raised through individual donations, grants from Trusts, Foundations and Government grants and contracts. Some fundraising events may also be carried out.

2.12 Pensions

The charity operates an Auto Enrolment defined contribution pension scheme.

Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

2.13 Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements as it is impractical to estimate such value.

Where services and facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2021*
Grants:			**£**			***£***
CAF Resilience Fund	-	-	-	-	*25,510*	*25,510*
Sport England Grant	-	-	-		*9,580*	*9,580*
CJRS Grant	-	-	-		*13,046*	*13,046*
London Borough of Lambeth	12,000	15,280	27,280		*25,000*	*25,000*
London Borough of Lambeth: Kickstart	2,120	-	2,120			
Lambeth Mission Development	-	2,000	2,000			
Citygrove Securities PLC	-	2,000	2,000	-	-	-
Donations:						
Sundry donations	400	325	725	-	-	-
	14,520	**19,605**	**34,125**	***-***	***73,136***	***73,136***

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2021*
Community Centre income:			**£**			***£***
Hall hire	46,555	-	46,555	*3,935*	-	*3,935*
Studio and office rentals	55,375	-	55,375	*41,735*	-	*41,735*
Basement/Café rental	13,135	-	13,135	*3,107*	-	*3,107*
Sundry income	7,822	-	7,822	*3,391*	-	*3,391*
	122,887	**-**	**122,887**	***52,168***	***-***	***52,168***

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2022	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2021*
			£			***£***
Interest receivable	**3**	**-**	**3**	***5***	***-***	***5***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

6 Analysis of expenditure

	Centre management	Other Centre costs	Community projects	**2022 Total**	***2021 Total***
	£	£	£	**£**	***£***
Cost of raising funds:	12,851	-	-	**12,851**	***3,840***
Charitable activities:					
Staff costs (note 8)	44,859	-	-	**44,859**	***32,627***
Administrative support	12,851	-	-	**12,851**	***13,805***
Premises costs	-	49,046	-	**49,046**	***37,938***
Office costs	-	3,334	-	**3,334**	***1,734***
Insurance	-	4,191	-	**4,191**	***2,668***
Finance costs	-	(4,659)	-	**(4,659)**	***144***
Miscellaneous expenses	-	657	-	**657**	***1,738***
VGCC Project	-	10,245	-	**10,245**	***-***
Foodbank	-	2,607	-	**2,607**	***-***
Depreciation charges	-	2,496	-	**2,496**	***161***
Other costs	600	23	-	**623**	***1,503***
Governance costs	-	720	-	**720**	***720***
Charitable activities	58,310	68,660	-	126,970	*93,038*
Total expenditure 2022	**71,161**	**68,660**	**-**	**139,821**	***96,878***

Of the total expenditure:	**Unrestricted**	**Restricted**	**Total**
2022	£ 124,349	£ 15,472	£ 139,821
2021	*£ 33,322*	*£ 63,556*	*£ 96,878*

Analysis of expenditure - prior year comparative

	Centre management	*Other Centre costs*	*Community projects*	***2021 Total***
	£	*£*	*£*	***£***
Cost of raising funds:	*3840*			***3,840***
Charitable activities:				
Staff costs (note 8)	*32,627*	*-*	*-*	***32,627***
Administrative support	*13,805*	*-*	*-*	***13,805***
Premises costs	*-*	*37,938*	*-*	***37,938***
Office costs	*-*	*1,734*	*-*	***1,734***
Insurance		*2,668*	*-*	***2,668***
Finance costs	*-*	*144*	*-*	***144***
Miscellaneous expenses	*-*	*1,738*	*-*	***1,738***
VGCC Project	*-*	*-*	*-*	***-***
Christmas Party	*-*	*-*	*-*	***-***
Depreciation charges	*-*	*161*	*-*	***161***
Other costs	*570*	*933*	*-*	***1,503***
Governance costs	*-*	*720*	*-*	***720***
Charitable activities	*47,002*	*46,036*	*-*	*93,038*
Total expenditure 2021	***50,842***	***46,036***	***-***	***96,878***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

7 Net income for the year

The net income for the year is stated after charging:	2022 £	*2021 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the Charity	2,496	*161*
Independent Examination	720	*600*

8 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:	2022 £	*2021 £*
Salaries and wages	44,067	*32,040*
Social Security costs	-	-
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	792	*587*
	44,859	*32,627*

There were no full-time members of staff (2021: none) and two part-time members of support staff (2021: two) during the year, with one additional member of support staff paid on a freelance basis. During the year 2 apprentices were emplyed under the KickStart programme.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

The key management personnel of the charitable company are the trustees who do not receive remuneration and the centre manager. Total employee benefits in the year paid to key management personnel including NIC and pension were £39,688 (2021: £28,259).

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remunerations from the charity during the year.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fitting £	Boiler	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost:				
At 1 April 2021	9,426		998	10,424
Additions at cost	720	25,602	1,588	27,910
At 31 March 2022	**10,146**	**25,602**	**2,586**	**38,334**
Depreciation:				
At 1 April 2021	9,426		998	10,424
Charge for year	180	2,134	182	2,496
At 31 March 2022	**9,606**	**2,134**	**1,180**	**12,920**
Net book value:				
At 31 March 2022	**540**	**23,468**	**1,406**	**25,414**
At 31 March 2021	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

10 Debtors

Due within one year:	**2022**	***2021***
	£	***£***
Accrued income and other debtors	2,593	*5,706*
Trade debtors	18,608	-
Prepayments	5,000	*5,482*
	26,201	*11,188*

11 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2022	***2021***
	£	***£***
Trade creditors	-	2,642
Social Security and other taxes	724	-
Deposits	10,661	*6,988*
Deferred income	6,478	-
Accruals	5,002	*2,354*
	22,865	*11,984*

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund Balances at 31 March 2022 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	25,414	-	25,414
Current Assets	104,895	13,713	118,608
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(22,865)	-	(22,865)
Total net assets	**107,444**	**13,713**	**121,157**

Analysis of net assets between funds - *prior year comparative*

	Unrestricted Funds	***Restricted Funds***	***Total Funds***
	£	***£***	***£***
Fund Balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	-	-	-
Current Assets	*106,367*	*9,580*	*115,947*
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	*(11,984)*	-	*(11,984)*
Total net assets	***94,383***	***9,580***	***103,963***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

13 Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted and unrestricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust:

Restricted Funds	**At 1 April 2021 £**	**Incoming £**	**Outgoing £**	**At 31 March 2022 £**
Sport England Grant	9,580	-	(9,580)	**-**
VGCC HAF Project	-	15,605	(3,285)	**12,320**
Foodbank	-	4,000	(2,607)	**1,393**
Total Restricted Funds	**9,580**	**19,605**	**(15,472)**	**13,713**
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	**94,383**	**137,410**	**(124,349)**	**107,444**
Total funds	**103,963**	**157,015**	**(139,821)**	**121,157**

Description of restricted funds

Sport England Grant – Second round grant from Sport England to continue providing free fitness classes to the local community in partnership with Sportworks.

VGCC HAF Project – this a Lambeth Council funded programme to tackle food poverty, this is targeted to school kids during holiday periods following the campaign by footballer Marcus Rushford.

Foodbank – VGCC project to tackle food poverty so this programme provides food parcels to families who are struggling with cost of living. This is being funded with donations from Citygrove, Fare Share/Felix Project, Planzheros (surplus food from Borough Market), Lambeth Mission and St Mary's and St Anselm's churches and individuals.

CAF Resilience Fund – Funding from CAF bank during Covid-19, we applied and got awarded funding towards our rent, staff salaries, utility bills and part of it was used to start the foodbank.

Sport England Grant – First grant from Sport England to run the fitness class which was run from July 2021 to March 2022.

London Borough of Lambeth – various small grants from Lambeth for support during Covid-19

Funds - prior year *comparative*	*At 1 April 2020*	*Incoming*	*Outgoing*	*At 31 March 2021*
Restricted Funds	*£*	*£*	*£*	*£*
CAF Resilience Fund	*-*	*25,510*	*(25,510)*	*-*
Sport England Grant	*-*	*9,580*	*-*	*9,580*
CJRS Grant	*-*	*13,046*	*(13,046)*	*-*
London Borough of Lambeth	*-*	*25,000*	*(25,000)*	*-*
Total Restricted Funds	*-*	*73,136*	*(63,556)*	*9,580*
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	*75,532*	*52,173*	*(33,322)*	*94,383*
Total funds	*75,532*	*125,309*	*(96,878)*	*103,963*

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022: continued

14 Related parties

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2022 (2021: none).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

15 Trustees

No trustee or person connected with them was paid or reimbursed expenses during the year (2021:Nil) and no trustee or person connected with them received any emolument or payment for professional or other services (2021:Nil).

16 Pension and other post-retirement benefit commitments

Defined contribution

	2022	***2021***
	£	***£***
Contributions payable by the company for the year	792	*587*

At 31 March 2022 £155 was outstanding (2021:£114).

17 Operating lease commitments

There are no commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31 March 2022 (2021:Nil)

18 Contingent assets or liabilities

There are no contingent assets or liabilities at 31 March 2022 (2021: Nil).

19 Taxation

Due to its charitable status the Community Centre is a tax exempt entity. The trustees are not aware of any matters which might prejudice the tax status of the Community Centre.

VAUXHALL GARDENS COMMUNITY CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 296876

Accounts

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Trustees' Report and

Accounts

for the financial year

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Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Reference and administrative information

Trustees	Tim Kalvis	
	Christian Kerrigan	Resigned Oct 2021
	Anna Tapsell	Resigned Jun 2021
	Natalie Cole, (Chair)	Appointed Chair Dec 2021
	Pamela Fry, Treasurer	
	Dorette Newton	Appointed June 2021
	Patrick Agyeman (Vice Chair)	Appointed Dec 2021
	Rosa Da Cruz costa	Appointed Dec 2021
	Ernest Ako (Secretary)	Appointed Dec 2021
Charity number	296876	
Principal office	5 Glasshouse Walk London SE11 5ES	
Independent Examiner	Kathleen Moss ACMA, CGMA Kathleen Moss Ltd 48 Lawn Terrace London SE3 9LP	
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ	

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice ("SORP (FRS 102)") applicable to charities preparing their report and financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Structure and Governance

The Community Centre was set up in 1986 and registered as an unincorporated charity on 24 June 1987. The charity is governed by its Constitution and Rules adopted on 13 February 1986 and subsequently amended on 8 March 2016 and 10 May 2016.

Key management personnel are represented by the trustees, who are responsible for the strategic vision of the Community Centre, together with the Centre Manager to whom day-to-day responsibility of running the Centre has been devolved.

Employment and remuneration policy

VGCC is an equal opportunities employer and therefore there is no discrimination between men and women or between full and part time workers in deciding their remuneration.
The remuneration of all staff, including key management personnel other than the trustees, is reviewed each year by the Management Committee. No trustee received any remuneration during the current or prior year.

Objectives and activities

The charitable objects of the Community Centre have been to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the triangle created by the boundaries formed by the South side of Black Prince Road, the North West side of Kennington Lane and the Railway Viaduct (the "area of benefit"). In 2016 with the permission of the Charity Commission, the area of benefit was expanded to include the whole of postcode SE11, stretching across Bishop's, Prince's and Oval Wards in North Lambeth, to reflect more accurately those using the Centre and to pursue the Centre's vision of working with a wider community while keeping the original area of benefit central to activity.

It does so by associating the Local Authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education, relieve poverty, sickness and distress, further health and 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 aid inhabitants.

Public Benefit

The trustees have complied with their duty under Section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission. The trustees judge that activities in pursuit of the above objectives fully meet the public benefit test which they keep in mind when reviewing their objectives and activities and in the planning of future activities.

In delivering services and in the appointment of staff, volunteers and trustees, the Community Centre operates without distinction of sex or race or of political, religious or other opinions.

Trustees' Report *continued*

Achievement and Performance
VGCC like many other organisations were impacted by Covid-19. As a result of the pandemic, VGCC was forced to close its doors for most of 2020 and had very few activities taking place in early 2021. Most activities were run online via zoom and others face to face with just a few people attending at a time. VGCC harnessed the community spirit which is the foundation upon with VGCC operates.
Here is what took place over the last year:

Foodbank
In a direct response to the lockdown VGCC's duties aimed at tackling food poverty. With the help of funding from CAF bank, VGCC started a foodbank and this has since helped countless households facing food poverty, by providing food parcels which also included necessary toiletries.
We saw our biggest attendance at Christmas when a lot of households came to collect food parcels including turkeys, fresh fruits and vegetables donated through FareShare. We also had a big donation from one committed foodbank supporter (a local lady who would like to remain anonymous) who brought in 3 crates of different items.
We received Sainsbury's supermarket vouchers donated by Vauxhall One which were given to some who came to the Christmas foodbank to help top up their Christmas food shopping.
Two local churches, namely Lambeth Mission & St Mary's and St Anslem's kindly collected a lot of food for the VGCC foodbank. Appreciation goes to the congregation members of these two churches. The items helped to support a lot of families, so thank you very much.
We would like to say a very big thank you to all those who donated items for the foodbank and most of all to all our volunteers who has made this a success. We appreciate your commitment and support.

Fitness Class
VGCC secured funding from Sports England and in partnership with SportWorks and have been delivering fitness class to adults once a week. During the summer programme, the fitness class was delivered to children who attended the summer holiday scheme along with their parents/guardians.
This fitness classes have seen over 40 people attend the sessions and benefit a lot from the exercises. This was a pilot scheme and we would like to continue delivering the sessions funds permitting. We look to continue this in the new financial year (from April).

HaF Programme
Lambeth Council awarded funding to coordinate the Holiday and Activities and Food Programme over the Summer Holiday. The programme was delivered over 4 weeks during summer holiday with over 40 children in attendance
The programme welcomed children from the age of 8 to 16 years old and consisted of physical activities, nutritious meals as well as food advice not only this, several workshops, namely jewellery making, baking, printing, film workshops and pottery.
The feedback was so positive that Lambeth immediately awarded further funds to run such programmes over the next academic year.

Women's Group
Women's Group meets regularly on Wednesdays. This is a talking support group, and all are welcome from the age of 18 years and above. This group was set up to empower women.
The group was unable to meet face to face because of the lockdown. They met via Zoom a few times but felt disconnected, so the group decided to put the meetings on hold. The group has a WhatsApp group where they communicate to keep in touch with each other.
The group hopes to start meeting face to face from February/March 2022.

Sewing Group (Just Like Us)
This support group for carers and the people they care for meet on a weekly basis at the community centre to undertake various activities. This group's activities were also interrupted because of the lockdown, but they stayed in touch and met in the park to do a bit of gardening.
The group resumed their face-to-face activities late 2020. Their activities as always are for carers, people with a disability and people that feel isolated.
The activities include:
Collage with materials and paper prints.
A few workshops with the Old Vic learning theatre technics and fun play.
A trip to the Old Vic theatre to watch A Christmas Carol play.
As always attendees are encouraged to use their initiative and often produce their own ideas, creating various items using the sewing machines as well as painting.

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Cool it Art

Cool it Art rapidly changed to adapt to be able to still engage the families it works with - their first online class was the 24th of March until the end of the 2019/20 programme Sept 2019 - August 2020. With these online sessions they had 997 attendances from children and parents on Zoom over 22 classes. In agreement with their funders; Cool it Art repurposed their budget to be able to create art "care packages" to distribute to children most in need. Just under 40 children had art materials delivered to their homes so they could continue to engage in the sessions during lockdowns.

Cool it Art celebrated their 7th Birthday online with some party games over Zoom and some suitable party crafts! The completed 7th yearly programme had 1550 attendances when it ended in August 2020, the 8th yearly programme which started in Sept 2020 till (March 2021) has had 741 attendances over 26 sessions, online and in person; lockdown dependant.
WATMOS the housing provider for the Ethelred Estate contracted Cool it Art to do some virtual art sessions over Easter for their residents engaging new families with creative activities.

Cool it Art partnered with Neon Performing Arts' "NeonCREATE" project from May - July 2020; delivering online classes across multiple disciplines resulting in a feature length film created from self-filmed footage to celebrate resilience and community through such uncertain times. There were a total of 1645 attendances over 124 classes delivered virtually with Hip Hop, Ballet, Contemporary, Fusion, Singing, Drama, Body Conditioning & Art.

Cool it Art were funded by Lambeth Youth & Play for "6 WoW" - 6 Ways of Well-Being a multidisciplinary Arts project, delivered virtually, over the Summer holidays, August 2020 for Lambeth residents combining Art, Upcycling/Sewing, Dance, Creative Writing, Yoga & Mindfulness to teach children about the 6 ways of well-being to give them transferable skills to implement for their own well-being. Neon Performing Arts was also a partner on this project
Working with Neon Performing Arts with funding from LambethELEVATE to launch NeonELEVATE a prototype for a youth company working with 13-18 year olds to support them to create their own show, Cool it Art worked with youth to create artworks as the backdrops for the show that was filmed at Aures which provided an innovative setting with 360 digital screens at the venue.
Even through trying and uncertain times with the impact of Covid-19 Cool it Art have strived to continue to connect communities through creativity through all the projects we have delivered or partnered on.

Neon Performing Arts

Since the pandemic Neon has managed to secure a total of £100K funding between Arts Council; Vauxhall One and Lambeth Arts and Culture.
These funds have supported Neon to retain the studio space at VGCC; Neon was able to award fully funded places to 65 students, 5-16 years old where parents were unable to pay, having lost their job due to the pandemic.

In October 2020 Lambeth Council co-commissioned a youth-led theatre maker project, 'Let the World Begin' for YP (x25) -filmed in May '21 at Aures London and performed in August '21 at Roundabout, Lambeth Arts & Culture.

Building upon the successful pilot "Let The World Begin" which saw the creation of our Youth Company NeonELEVATE, Neon has secured another £125K funding with Arts Council and Lambeth Arts and Culture to run the Company until December 2023.

The Youth Company is for 13-25 years old with a focus around the creative careers and a more inclusive creative future, giving the Young People an understanding of the profession, ownership of the project and an authentic voice for their vision - and in turn open up pathways and progression routes in the creative industries through working with professional artists on an equal footing. The Youth assume a range of roles from performing, artistic direction, costume design, music production, choreography, scriptwriting, lighting, stage and event management. They also access paid work through commissioned shows; touring and events.

Studios and other users

VGCC is a home to various artists based on the second floor of the building. The artists continued their work during the lockdown, and they played a big part in supporting VGCC financially during the lockdown when VGCC could not hire out space to generate much needed income.
Other than the artists, we have different groups that meet in the building weekly, some monthly others quarterly. Lockdown meant that all groups were unable to meet face to face, some met via Zoom and when

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the lockdown was lifted, they were happy to be back in the building. We have church groups, various support groups, Taekwondo, Aikido, and South London Cares. Charities such as Cicely Northcote Trust, Lambeth Mission & St Mary's Church use the space for their meetings. A refugee support group (Care 4 Calais), whom meet every week to undertake ESOL class also began to use our space.

Bookings declined due to lockdown, once lifted we saw increased demand in bookings for birthdays, wedding and engagement receptions, baby shower, graduation celebration, funeral etc.
We will continue to provide space and support for start-up businesses, and we are looking forward to working with many more individuals, charities, and companies in the next financial year.
Once again thank you to all who supported VGCC during this difficult time.

Covid 19
VGCC continues to monitor the Covid risk assessment; the board has a nominated trustee to work on changes in Government guidelines. The safety of our staff volunteers and users is of utmost importance and VGCC will continue to operate within the latest Government guidelines.

Risk Management
The trustees are aware of any risks facing the charity and will meet once a month to keep abreast of matters arising. The trustees have set up a WhatsApp group to keep up to date in real time.

Financial Review
Review of the accounts have been carried out by the board of trustees and is correct and complete to the best of trustees' knowledge.

In the year to 31st March 2021 VGCC had income of **£125,309,** (**2020: £137,925**) and expenditure of **£96,878** (**2020: £117,853**) leaving an unrestricted surplus for the year of **£18,851** (**2020: £20,342**).
This increases VGCC unrestricted reserve funds to **£94,383**. The trustees have every confidence in the future of the organisation and its ability to continue as a going concern, based on these reserves and confirmed or earned income for the next year.

Going Concern
Following another tumultuous year with another centre closure, income has been a matter of concern, many of our tenants continued to pay their rent which contributed to VGCC's favourable financial position. Further to this we have just replaced our boiler and the roof may require major work this summer which will be costly for VGCC.

After employing our fundraising strategy, VGCC has been able to secure several funds for projects which have allowed us to provide projects for our community and to keep our doors open. We will continue to fundraise and run projects which further help to tackle the effect of Covid-19 on the community. We are fortunate to have reserves of £94,000.

Reserves policy
It is the policy of the Management Committee to hold reserves adequate to fund the basic running expenses of the Community Centre for 6 months and to contribute towards its direct charitable activities, our reserves are in excess of this policy currently.

Future Plans
Following the success from the HaF programme VGCC is seeking to continue to run such programmes throughout the year government guidelines permitting. VGCC is part of the Government Kickstarter scheme with vacancies waiting to be filled. We aim to provide a positive impact to the community via this scheme**.**

VGCC plans to continue to use the arts to engage with the community and find innovative ways to tackle food poverty, social isolation and the effects of Covid-19 in order to help members of the community create a better life for themselves.

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Trustee responsibilities

The charity trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant information of which the charity's examiners are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiners are aware of that information.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website.

Our Independent Examiner, as appointed by the board, Kathleen Moss

Approved by the Board of Trustees on **31st January 2022** and signed on their behalf by:

Natalie Cole

Natalie Cole
Chair of Trustees *Signature*

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Independent Examiner's Report

To the Trustees of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.
This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.
An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the financial statements. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide.
Consequently I express no opinion as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.

Kathleen Moss ACMA, CGMA
Kathleen Moss Limited
48 Lawn Terrace
London
SE3 9LP



Dated: 31/01/2022.

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Statement of Financial Activities including Income and Expenditure Account For the year ended 31 March 2021

Income	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	*Unrestricted Funds £*	*Restricted Funds £*	*Total Funds 2020 £*
Donations and legacies	**3**	-	73,136	73,136	*750*	*5,000*	*5,750*
Charitable activities	**4**	52,168	-	52,168	*132,130*	-	*132,130*
Investments	**5**	5	-	5	*45*	-	*45*
Total income		**52,173**	**73,136**	**125,309**	***132,925***	***5,000***	***137,925***
Expenditure:	**6**						
Raising funds		3,840		3,840	-		-
Charitable activities		29,482	63,556	93,038	*112,583*	*5,000*	*117,583*
Total expenditure		**33,322**	**63,556**	**96,878**	***112,583***	***5,000***	***117,583***
Net income and net movement in funds for the year		18,851	9,580	28,431	*20,342*	-	*20,342*
Reconciliation of funds							
Total funds brought forward		75,532	-	75,532	*55,190*	-	*55,190*
Total funds carried forward		**£ 94,383**	**£ 9,580**	**£ 103,963**	***£ 75,532***	***-***	***£ 75,532***

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derives from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 10-18 form part of these accounts.

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	*2020*
		£	*£*
Fixed assets			
Tangible Assets	**9**	-	*161*
Current assets			
Debtors	**10**	11,188	*6,152*
Cash at bank and in hand		104,759	*78,862*
		115,947	*85,014*
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amount falling due within one year	**11**	(11,984)	*(9,643)*
Net current assets / (liabilities)		103,963	*75,371*
Net assets		**103,963**	*75,532*
The funds of the charity:	**12**		
Restricted income funds	**13**	9,580	-
Unrestricted income funds	**13**	-	-
Designated funds		-	-
General reserve		94,383	*75,532*
Total charity funds		**103,963**	*75,532*

The notes on pages 10-18 form part of these accounts.

The accounts were approved by the trustees on **31st January 2022** and signed on their behalf by

Pamela Fry

Pamela Fry; Treasurer

Charity Registration No.: 296876

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Statutory information

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre is a charity, registered in England and Wales number 296876. The charity's principal address is 5 Glasshouse Walk, London, SE11 5ES. The functional currency is sterling.

2 Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), (Charities SORP FRS 102).

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy or note.

2.2 Public benefit entity

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

2.3 Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. The charity can comfortably operate based on confirmed funding with sufficient reserves.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

2.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and that the amount can be measured reliably.

Where donations and grants are restricted to future accounting periods, they are deferred and recognised in those future accounting periods. Grants for immediate financial support and assistance, or to reimburse costs previously incurred, are recognised immediately.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the charity that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probable when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have not been met, then the legacy is a treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

Hall hire, rental and trading income is accounted for on a receivable basis.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: *continued*

2.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

2.6 Fund accounting

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund.

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

2.7 Expenditure and basis of apportioning costs

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis with the irrecoverable element of VAT included with the item to which it relates and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Raising funds: Costs of raising funds relate to the costs incurred by the charity in inducing third parties to make voluntary contributions to it, as well as the cost of any activities with a fundraising purpose.

Charitable activites: Expenditure on charitable activities includes costs associated with the delivery of the charity's activities and services for its beneficiaries, and include both the direct costs and support costs relating to these activities. Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of the charity and its assets and are primarily associated with constitutional and statutory requirements. Support costs include office costs and those of other central functions.

2.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

The charity operates a policy of capitalising fixed asset items over £500. Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	25% on cost

2.7 Leasing and hire purchase commitments

Rental charges are charged on a straight line basis over the term of the lease.

2.8 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments.

The trustees seek to use short term deposits to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

2.10 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2.11 Fundraising

Funds are raised through individual donations, grants from Trusts, Foundations and Government grants and contracts. Some fundraising events may also be carried out.

2.12 Pensions

The charity operates an Auto Enrolment defined contribution pension scheme.

Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

2.13 Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements as it is impractical to estimate such value.

Where services and facilities are provided to the charity as a donation that would normally be purchased from our suppliers, this contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the value of the contribution to the charity.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2020*
Grants:			**£**			***£***
CAF Resilience Fund	-	25,510	25,510	-	-	-
ESC Lottery		9,580	9,580			
CJRS Grant		13,046	13,046			
London Borough of Lambeth		25,000	25,000			
London Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	*5,000*	*5,000*
Donations:						
Sundry donations	-	-	-	*750*	-	*750*
	-	**73,136**	**73,136**	***750***	***5,000***	***5,750***

4 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2020*
Community Centre income:			**£**			***£***
Hall hire	3,935	-	3,935	*76,549*	-	*76,549*
Studio and office rentals	41,735	-	41,735	*50,402*	-	*50,402*
Basement/Café rental	3,107	-	3,107	*5,179*	-	*5,179*
Sundry income	3,391	-	3,391	-	-	-
	52,168	**-**	**52,168**	***132,130***	**-**	***132,130***

5 Income from investments

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2021	*Unrestricted*	*Restricted*	*Total 2020*
			£			***£***
Interest receivable	**5**	**-**	**5**	***45***	**-**	***45***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

6 Analysis of expenditure

	Centre management	Other Centre costs	Community projects	2021 Total	*2020 Total*
	£	£	£	£	*£*
Cost of raising funds:	3,840			**3,840**	***-***
Charitable activities:					
Staff costs (note 8)	32,627	-	-	**32,627**	***32,580***
Administrative support	13,805	-	-	**13,805**	***22,251***
Premises costs	-	37,938	-	**37,938**	***51,310***
Office costs	-	1,734	-	**1,734**	***2,457***
Insurance		2,668	-	**2,668**	***798***
Finance costs	-	144	-	**144**	***355***
Miscellaneous expenses	-	1,738	-	**1,738**	***1,309***
VGCC Project	-	-	-	**-**	***4,250***
Christmas Party	-	-	-	**-**	***-***
Depreciation charges	-	161	-	**161**	***163***
Other costs	570	933	-	**1,503**	***1,510***
Governance costs	-	720	-	**720**	***600***
Charitable activities	47,002	46,036	-	93,038	*117,583*
Total expenditure 2021	**50,842**	**46,036**	**-**	**96,878**	***117,583***

Of the total expenditure:		**Unrestricted**		**Restricted**		**Total**
2020	£	33,322	£	63,556	£	96,878
2020	*£*	*112,583*	*£*	*5,000*	*£*	*117,583*

Analysis of expenditure - prior year comparative

	Centre management	*Other Centre costs*	*Community projects*	***2020 Total***
	£	*£*	*£*	***£***
Cost of raising funds:				***-***
Charitable activities:				
Staff costs (note 8)	*31,830*	*-*	*750*	***32,580***
Administrative support	*22,251*	*-*	*-*	***22,251***
Premises costs	*-*	*51,310*	*-*	***51,310***
Office costs	*-*	*2,457*	*-*	***2,457***
Insurance		*798*	*-*	***798***
Finance costs	*-*	*355*	*-*	***355***
Miscellaneous expenses	*-*	*1,309*	*-*	***1,309***
VGCC Project	*-*	*-*	*4,250*	***4,250***
Christmas Party	*-*	*-*	*-*	***-***
Depreciation charges	*-*	*163*	*-*	***163***
Other costs	*1,410*	*100*	*-*	***1,510***
Governance costs	*-*	*600*	*-*	***600***
Charitable activities	*55,491*	*57,092*	*5,000*	*117,583*
Total expenditure 2020	***55,491***	***57,092***	***5,000***	***117,583***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

7 Net income for the year

The net income for the year is stated after charging:	2021 £	*2020 £*
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets owned by the Charity	161	*163*
Independent Examination	600	*600*

8 Staff costs

Staff costs during the year were:	2021 £	*2020 £*
Salaries and wages	32,040	*31,993*
Social Security costs	-	-
Employer's contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	587	*587*
	32,627	*32,580*

There were no full-time members of staff (2020: none) and two part-time members of support staff (2020: two) during the year, with one additional member of support staff paid on a freelance basis.

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

The key management personnel of the charitable company are the trustees who do not receive remuneration and the centre manager. Total employee benefits in the year paid to key management personnel including NIC and pension were £28,259 (2020: £28,171).

None of the Trustees (or any person connected with them) received any remunerations from the charity during the year.

9 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures & fitting £	Office equipment £	Total £
Cost:			
At 1 April 2020	9,426	998	10,424
Additions at cost	-	-	-
At 31 March 2021	**9,426**	**998**	**10,424**
Depreciation:			
At 1 April 2020	9,265	998	10,100
Charge for year	161	-	161
At 31 March 2021	**9,426**	**998**	**10,261**
Net book value:			
At 31 March 2021	**-**	**-**	**-**
At 31 March 2020	*161*	*-*	*161*

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

10 Debtors

Due within one year:	**2021**	***2020***
	£	***£***
Accrued income and other debtors	5,706	*6,046*
Prepayments	5,482	*106*
	11,188	*6,152*

11 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

	2021	***2020***
	£	***£***
Trade creditors	2,642	-
Social Security and other taxes	-	*114*
Deposits	6,988	*6,944*
Deferred income	-	-
Accruals	2,354	*2,585*
	11,984	*9,643*

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	**Restricted Funds**	**Total Funds**
	£	**£**	**£**
Fund Balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	0	-	-
Current Assets	115,947	-	115,947
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(11,984)	-	(11,984)
Total net assets	**103,963**	**-**	**103,963**

Analysis of net assets between funds - *prior year comparative*

	Unrestricted Funds	***Restricted Funds***	***Total Funds***
	£	***£***	***£***
Fund Balances at 31 March 2020 are represented by:			
Tangible Fixed Assets	*161*	-	*161*
Current Assets	*85,014*	-	*85,014*
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	*(9,643)*	-	*(9,643)*
Total net assets	***75,532***	***-***	***75,532***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

13 Funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted and unrestricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust:

	At 01-Apr 2019 £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	At 31-Mar 2020 £
Restricted Funds				
CAF Resilience Fund	-	25,510	(25,510)	**-**
ESC Lottery	-	9,580	-	**9,580**
CJRS Grant	-	13,046	(13,046)	**-**
London Borough of Lambeth	-	25,000	(25,000)	**-**
Total Restricted Funds	**-**	**73,136**	**(63,556)**	**9,580**
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	**75,532**	**52,173**	**(33,322)**	**94,383**
Total funds	**75,532**	**125,309**	**(96,878)**	**103,963**

Funds - prior year *comparative*

	At 01-Apr 2019 £	*Incoming £*	*Outgoing £*	*At 31-Mar 2020 £*
Restricted Funds				
London Community Foundation	*5,000*	*-*	*(5,000)*	**-**
Total Restricted Funds	**-**	**-**	***(5,000)***	**-**
Unrestricted funds:				
General funds	***55,190***	***132,925***	***(112,583)***	***75,532***

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021: continued

14 Related parties

There are no related party transactions to disclose for 2021 (2020: none).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties.

15 Trustees

No trustee or person connected with them was paid or reimbursed expenses during the year (2020:Nil) and no trustee or person connected with them received any emolument or payment for professional or other services (2020:Nil).

16 Pension and other post-retirement benefit commitments

Defined contribution

	2021	***2020***
	£	***£***
Contributions payable by the company for the year	587	*587*

At 31 March 2021 £114 was outstanding (2020:£114).

17 Operating lease commitments

There are no commitments under non-cancellable operating leases at 31 March 2021 (2020:Nil)

18 Contingent assets or liabilities

There are no contingent assets or liabilities at 31 March 2021 (2020: Nil).

19 Taxation

Due to its charitable status the Community Centre is a tax exempt entity. The trustees are not aware of any matters which might prejudice the tax status of the Community Centre.