

# ALT VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

England & Wales · Charity number 519835

## Details

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**Other names** CROXTETH COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Charitable company

**Company number** [04275541](#)

**Registered** 1988-02-16

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** I) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO RELIEVE NEED AMONG PERSONS RESIDENT IN CROXTETH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION AND LEISURE TRAINING FACILITIES AS WILL ENABLE SUCH PERSONS AS AFORESAID TO ACQUIRE AND DEVELOP VOCATIONAL SKILLS. II) TO TRAIN AND EDUCATE YOUNG PERSONS RESIDENT IN THE AREA THROUGH THEIR LEISURE TIME ACTIVITIES SO AS TO DEVELOP THEIR PHYSICAL, MENTAL AND SPIRITUAL CAPACITIES THAT THEY MAY GROW TO FULL MATURITY AS INDIVIDUALS AND MEMBERS OF SOCIETY AND THAT THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE MAY BE IMPROVED. III) TO PROMOTE ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE IN THE AREA AND IN PARTICULAR CHARITABLE PURPOSES DIRECTED TO THE BENEFIT OF PEOPLE SUFFERING THROUGH UNEMPLOYMENT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION TO PREVENT ILL-HEALTH AND RELIEVE POVERTY, DISTRESS AND SICKNESS AND TO PROMOTE OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES CONNECTED WITH THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE ENVIROMENT OF THE AREA.

**Activities:** Providing education, training and sports/wellbeing activities and opportunities to people of all ages in Alt Valley and the surrounding areas of Liverpool and the city region. To support community development

and wellbeing activities and to work with partners to support and promote community cohesion and sustainable communities

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** CROXTETH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
- Liverpool City

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£2,117,711	£1,700,614	£6,363,402	30
2023-08-31	£3,484,702	£1,662,176	£5,946,305	30
2022-08-31	£1,322,532	£1,341,401	£4,205,756	32
2021-08-31	£2,216,933	£1,604,449	£4,224,625	32
2020-08-31	£1,772,152	£1,440,309	£3,612,141	50

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>ALMA MARGARET MASON</b>	Chair	
ANTHONY JENNINGS		
Anthony Rimmer		2017-05-15
Dr BRIAN MCDONOUGH		2013-06-12
GERRY BRENNAN		
LESLEY BAUGH		2016-03-01
Pauline Thornley		2022-11-14
Peter Hooton		2022-11-14
Roy Meredith		2020-10-13
Sheila Sweeney		2017-05-15

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04275541 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519835**

Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2024  
for  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

MAR Kilshaw Limited  
99 Stanley Road  
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Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

Alt Valley Community Trust (AVCT) is a Social Business based in The North East of Liverpool. It serves several electoral wards experiencing significant social and economic challenges (as identified by the 'indices of Multiple Deprivation'). It was founded as an Educational charity in 1988 but has since developed into a multi-faceted anchor organisation contributing to Individual Well-Being and sustainable Communities.

### **Vision**

Sustainable communities where everybody achieves their full potential and leads happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

### **Mission**

We bring about positive change in Alt Valley and the wider community by developing innovative partnerships to maximise opportunities in community engagement, education and training, sport and wellbeing, and business and enterprise.

### **The charity's core objectives are:**

- 1) To contribute to the creation of sustainable communities.
- 2) To provide education and leisure training facilities to enable people to acquire and develop vocational skills.
- 3) To train and educate people through their leisure time activities so their health and wellbeing and conditions of life may be improved.

The charity's objectives are promoted through 4 key operational areas namely;

- Business and Employment
- Community Development
- Education and Training
- Sports and Wellbeing

### **Public benefit**

AVCT was established to provide a range of services to address disadvantage in the Alt Valley and surrounding neighbourhoods of Liverpool. Our activities are intended to improve access to education and training, support for people entering employment and to provide community facilities and well-being activities, all of which build a sustainable community.

AVCT has grown to be one of the biggest social enterprise, community organisations in Liverpool, offering a unique range of services and facilities. AVCT has contracts with Liverpool City Council for the delivery of education and sports activities, the ESFA for the delivery of vocational training and has taken over the management of some City Council community assets to keep them open and to maintain local services for local people. Not only has local provision been retained, the footfall and the community use has increased.

AVCT is increasingly being called on to provide additional support to local community organisations to keep them going. This includes providing advice, staff expertise and affordable office and meeting space. The range of services, resources, partners and experience has made AVCT an invaluable resource for the north east of the city. The Trust's key role as the main 'Anchor' organisation for the Alt Valley communities now extends to the North East wards of Yew Tree and Knotty Ash as well as Croxeth, Norris Green, Clubmoor and Fazakerley.

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The company ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

### **Governance**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

All company policies were reviewed, updated and internal financial controls for charities documentation completed at the AGM on 18th May 2024.

Trustees have also ensured that they have greater insight into operations and delivery by conducting site visits to examine progress and discuss issues with staff.

### **Staff and Management**

Two consultants assist senior staff and Trustees in developing plans for the future. The Executive Director along with the Assistant Chief Executive retain an overview of all Trust activities including finance. Staff re-structuring is a permanent feature of the organisation and a pre-requisite for adapting to changing needs and contexts.

### **Community development**

All of AVCT's Community hubs have youth and elderly focused provision. Both youth and elderly initiatives have secured exceptional progress from a standing start position.

- Ellergreen centre is full to capacity with nine partners in situ, it is the base for the successful DWP Youth Hub who recognised that young people preferred community focused provision to DWP offices. Hope University social work students support service users. Staff have devised detailed case studies of how hard to reach young people with increasing mental health needs have been supported. Intensive intervention is required so arts and creative opportunities provided as a means of improving confidence and self-esteem. DWP commissioned research circulated on 1st August 2024 highlighted the positive impact of AVCT's youth hub in supporting young people into employment.

- Dovecot hub. The community café and library have been merged to establish an older persons' hub space. The sports facility has been re-opened and managed by AVCT's Sports centre staff. The theatre space is being developed.

- Libraries are still operational but with reduced hours as a result of financial constraints/inadequate grant from LCC. Breck Road is the busiest base and now has a high percentage of BAME service users so this issue is being addressed. It is becoming increasingly challenging to run each of our three libraries with a support grant of only 55k per annum.

- Communiversity has two- fold provision as the education base and community hub. Successful grant applications (Trailblazer Music) provided innovative creative projects such as young peoples' music, community podcasts and drama opportunities. The creative strategy has proven to be very effective in encouraging people back into community hubs and outreach youth work is developing well.

### **Sports & well-being centres**

- Increasing footfall has been secured through initiatives such as holiday play schemes for young people. AVCT has refurbished the centre and Walton Sports Centre continues to be a vibrant, busy, inclusive facility with exceptional community support. One significant and recurring challenge is to address the poor fabric of the building as the roof and sports hall floor need replacing (LA had previously pledged to renew these at the point of management transfer)

- More partnerships have been developed with health care services.

### **Education**

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

- The constantly shifting education landscape requires continuous review. Currently have approximately 120 learners on programmes funded by loans, and Include IT- Mersey project to promote digital inclusion. Traineeships are no longer available following a change in Government policy and level 2 programmes of study will be defunded in the near future. The decision to withdraw from the apprenticeship contract was taken due to excessive bureaucratic demands. The remaining contracts are well managed and funders are continually increasing compliance and administrative procedures. We anticipate being offered growth to deliver the adult learner loans contract. Monitoring visits from Ofsted confirm that reasonable progress is being made towards securing identified improvement areas. Adult Learning Service contracts saw AVCT delivering courses for the 19+ age range in Croxteth and Yew Tree. To date all targets have been met and quality of provision cited in various documents such as an Ofsted Consultant's observation reports.

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

The Trust continues to operate extremely tight financial margins. All financial years are equally challenging as public funding continues to be put under increasing pressure. The Finance Manager ensures that rigorous systems are applied to secure efficiencies, value for money and contract compliance.

In summary there is total incoming resources in the accounts for year ended 31 August 2024 of £2,117,711 with expenditure on charitable activities £1,700,614, therefore net income of £417,097.

**Although the net income above is £417,097, as per note 3 and note 9, we received £654,307 from the Youth Investment Fund which was provided specifically to contribute towards the refurbishment of buildings and the provision of youth engagements activities. In accordance with the terms of the grant, £456,001 was spent in this period to fund youth focused capital improvements (note 9) and the remainder on youth provision across four centres.**

Since these costs are capital in nature, they are not shown within the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they were incurred, but rather are gradually 'drip-fed' through the Income Statement over time by way of a depreciation charge. Accordingly, whilst the Statement of Financial Activities shows a surplus for the year within Restricted Funds of £496,108, this is made up of tangible assets (specifically Freehold and Leasehold property) and not liquid cash.

Subsequent to the year-end, we received correspondence from Liverpool City Council in relation to a claim for historical property costs relating to Breck Road Library and Walton Sports Centre. The amount being pursued by Liverpool City Council is disputed by us, as is the method of calculation, and further evidence to substantiate the claim has been requested. While we await further evidence it is impracticable to estimate the financial effect of the contingent liability.

In terms of the charity's unrestricted funds, the Statement of Financial Activities shows that there was a deficit for the year of £79,011 which has reduced the charity's general fund accordingly.

Whilst increased costs have affected service provision we continue to provide services that offer exemplary value for money. Next financial year's forecast will include anticipated losses of revenue, however we anticipate growth going forward. We employ 30 staff and have a strong forward plan which puts AVCT and partners in a good position to respond to community need and provision of services in the future.

The SLT have developed improved systems and processes to create synergy between projects and their funding streams. New procedures have strengthened the impact of initiatives such as elderly, creative and youth hubs, similarly financial monitoring has secured increased effectiveness.

### Youth Investment Fund

In 2023 AVCT became the first successful recipient of a restricted £2.6 million grant from the Youth Investment fund, solely for youth focused capital improvements and to provide engagement activities for young people across four sites.

- The Communiiversity Hub. Outdoor theatre/performance area with stage and seating, training kitchen, recording & podcast studio, music rehearsal rooms, solar panels, toilets and creative café.
- Dovecot MAC Hub. Kitchen has been extended and refurbished, solar panels added and a large multi-activity room for music and creative/theatre-based use. Refurbishment of the gym/sports hall.
- Ellergreen Hub. Youth hub multi activity room, solar panels, training kitchen, offices, interview room and reception upgraded. This building has more confined space so possible future expansion required.
- VNC Hub. New reception area, redesigned and refurbished areas for youth provision including dance/performance studios, bowling green as a new outdoor sports base, solar panels, café, kitchen, multi-function areas.

A range of activities were planned and young people drove the agenda for provision which includes music, drama, podcasting, recording studios, dance, performance and sport. AVCT were the first YIF (Youth Investment Fund) recipient to complete provision hence on 1st August 2023 we hosted a Ministerial visit to The Communiiversity (Lucy Frazer, secretary of state for Culture, Media and Sport formally opened the services).

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees regularly review the finances and budget forecasts in the context of an ever changing environment and monitor the Trust's working capital requirements.

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees believe a good reserves policy helps the organisation to be prepared to deal with unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds, such as an unexpected large repair bill. There could also be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget whereby money needs to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The Trustees, in line with Charity Commission guidance have therefore established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be approximately equal to three months of expenditure at current levels. The Trustees are actively planning to build towards the stated level of reserves.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

### **Partnerships**

AVCT continues to work in collaboration with a range of partners including the City Council, Liverpool City Region, social housing providers, key services and most importantly local community organisations. We are fully committed to partnership working and this aspect is always an integral part of our work.

The Trust continues to develop its work in the wider community, building on its successful partnerships with Neighbourhood Services Company, and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council.

AVCT has close working relationships with several Universities such as Solent (undergraduate work experience), Hope University (social worker placements), Edge Hill University (student nurses placements) and The University of Cambridge (researching the impact of austerity and local support in Liverpool)

### **VNC**

As management agents we have arrested the deterioration and decline in provision by rationalising the premises. A range of services are now established including activities for the Elderly, youth facilities, adult learning classes, food pantry project and holiday play schemes. This is a major community project requiring further thought and partnership work with organisations such as Everton in the Community. The area needs a community base given that so many community- focused organisations have closed.

Our work and responsibilities as a Community Anchor organisation will continue to be the main driver influencing our future strategies for community sustainability and well-being.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association there will be a minimum of four trustees and no more than seventeen. When considering the appointment of trustees the Board has regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed. For example Mrs. L Baugh is an experienced Early Years Practitioner with a Safeguarding Specialism and she joined the board to assist in this regard in the delivery of the education and training programmes for the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Organisational structure**

The board of trustees, which can have up to 17 members, administers the charity. The board normally meets quarterly and there are link directors who liaise with the Education and Training, Community Development, Sport and Well Being and Business and Employment Managers.

A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. In order to facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees in operational matters including finance, employment and programme delivery.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees undergo an induction process to ensure they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees will meet key employees, other trustees and are encouraged to undertake appropriate external training to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Chair of the Board is completing a skills audit to ensure that bespoke support and training is provided to all trustees and that a range of governance competencies are in place.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

04275541 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

519835

### **Registered office**

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Altercross House  
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### **Trustees**

Ms A M Mason  
Mrs L A Baugh  
Mr G Brennan  
Mr A Jennings  
Dr B McDonough  
Mr A L Rimmer  
Ms S A Sweeney  
Mr R Meredith  
Mr P J Hooton  
Ms P Thornley

### **Company Secretary**

Ms S A Sweeney

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Auditors**

MAR Kilshaw Limited  
99 Stanley Road  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, MAR Kilshaw Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....07-08-25..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
Mrs L A Baugh - Trustee

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Emphasis of matter**

We draw attention to Note 15 in the financial statements, which describes a contingent liability relating to Liverpool City Council seeking to recover historical property costs.

As at the date of our report, no formal legal claim has been made, and the outcome remains uncertain.

Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussions with the trustees (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the trustees the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Charities Act 2011, Health and Safety at Work Act and Employment Law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing noncompliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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**CLAIRE RILEY (SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR)**

MAR Kilshaw Limited

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Date: *07.08.2025*

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.24 Total funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	-	-	-	110,524
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Sports and wellbeing	3	147,511	-	147,511	126,570
Education		444,017	127,310	571,327	612,242
Community engagement		401,524	954,798	1,356,322	2,616,261
Other income		42,551	-	42,551	19,105
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,035,603</b>	<b>1,082,108</b>	<b>2,117,711</b>	<b>3,484,702</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Sports and wellbeing	4	165,519	-	165,519	150,611
Education		498,455	241,715	740,170	718,127
Community engagement		450,640	344,285	794,925	793,438
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,114,614</b>	<b>586,000</b>	<b>1,700,614</b>	<b>1,662,176</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		-	-	-	(81,977)
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(79,011)</b>	<b>496,108</b>	<b>417,097</b>	<b>1,740,549</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,260,280	3,686,025	5,946,305	4,205,756
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>2,181,269</b>	<b>4,182,133</b>	<b>6,363,402</b>	<b>5,946,305</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet  
31 August 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.24 Total funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	1,942,986	4,026,021	5,969,007	5,644,935
Social investments	10	23	-	23	23
		<u>1,943,009</u>	<u>4,026,021</u>	<u>5,969,030</u>	<u>5,644,958</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	351,973	-	351,973	264,272
Prepayments and accrued income		6,971	-	6,971	6,313
Cash at bank and in hand		147,091	156,112	303,203	252,279
		<u>506,035</u>	<u>156,112</u>	<u>662,147</u>	<u>522,864</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(267,775)	-	(267,775)	(221,517)
		<u>238,260</u>	<u>156,112</u>	<u>394,372</u>	<u>301,347</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>2,181,269</u>	<u>4,182,133</u>	<u>6,363,402</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>2,181,269</u>	<u>4,182,133</u>	<u>6,363,402</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>2,181,269</u>	<u>4,182,133</u>	<u>6,363,402</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	14			2,181,269	2,260,280
Unrestricted funds				4,182,133	3,686,025
Restricted funds					
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>6,363,402</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2024.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (Registered number: 04275541)

Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2024

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on .....~~07-08-25~~ and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
  
Mrs L A Baugh - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	31.8.24 £	31.8.23 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	613,546	1,679,829
Interest paid		(2,238)	(6,855)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>611,308</u>	<u>1,672,974</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(456,001)</u>	<u>(2,006,675)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(456,001)</u>	<u>(2,006,675)</u>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>			
Loan repayments in year		<u>(104,383)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		<u>(104,383)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>50,924</u>	<u>(333,701)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>252,279</u>	<u>585,980</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>303,203</u></u>	<u><u>252,279</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	417,097	1,740,549
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	131,931	131,884
Losses on investments	-	81,977
Interest paid	2,238	6,855
Increase in debtors	(88,359)	(10,243)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	150,639	(271,193)
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>613,546</u>	<u>1,679,829</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.9.23	Cash flow	At 31.8.24
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>252,279</u>	<u>50,924</u>	<u>303,203</u>
	<u>252,279</u>	<u>50,924</u>	<u>303,203</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Debts falling due within 1 year	<u>(104,381)</u>	<u>104,381</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>(104,381)</u>	<u>104,381</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>147,898</u>	<u>155,305</u>	<u>303,203</u>

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Long leasehold	- at varying rates on cost
Improvements to property	- 1% on cost, at varying rates on cost and straight line over the term of the lease
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 4 years
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Under FRS 102 section 35.10(c) transitional provisions, the Trustees have elected to use the fair value of certain freehold properties as a 'deemed cost'. The valuation was undertaken by Mason Owen Chartered Surveyors. The buildings will be subject to annual depreciation and no further revaluations will be necessary.

### **Social investments**

Programme related social investments are valued at fair value.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Donations	-	110,524

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Grants	-	9,944
Sports Centre income	147,511	116,626
Training income	444,017	442,292
Grants	127,310	169,950
Library management	165,000	165,000
Room hire	53,764	19,395
Room rental	176,095	146,796
Grants	961,463	2,285,070
	<u>2,075,160</u>	<u>3,355,073</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Sports England	-	9,944
Power to Change Trust	-	10,000
Liverpool City Council	143,687	179,368
Big Lottery	-	31,816
Cobalt Housing	1,465	3,750
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	41,578	27,547
Veolia Environmental Trust	-	12,600
Steve Morgan Foundation	-	8,720
Department for Work & Pension	57,734	43,734
New Futures	-	7,520
Youth Investment Fund	654,307	2,056,000
Merseytravel	14,992	14,992
The National Foundation for Youth Music	2,863	25,767
Skills Bootcamps LCR	4,165	4,140
Community Foundations for Lancashire	-	21,848
CLA Charitable Trust	-	2,400
BRACE - University of Birmingham	-	70
Enterprise Credit Union	-	748
Ford Britain Trust	-	1,000
Toynbee Hall Trading Limited	3,450	3,000
Future Stories Fund	8,932	-
Awards for All - CHATS	19,800	-
National Heritage Fund	89,775	-
National Lottery Community Fund	24,247	-
The Progress Partnership	10,778	-
LCVS - Community Innovation Fund	1,500	-
Food Pantry	7,500	-
Tate Liverpool	2,000	-
	<u>1,088,773</u>	<u>2,464,964</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	103,438	62,081	165,519
Education	438,807	301,363	740,170
Community engagement	620,883	174,042	794,925
	<u>1,163,128</u>	<u>537,486</u>	<u>1,700,614</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	General £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	59,868	431	1,782	62,081
Education	294,698	1,299	5,366	301,363
Community engagement	168,015	1,175	4,852	174,042
	<u>522,581</u>	<u>2,905</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>537,486</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Sports and wellbeing £	Education £	Community engagement £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Premises costs	39,434	118,755	107,363	265,552	236,923
Repairs and renewals	5,109	15,387	18,928	39,424	31,902
Travel expenses	398	1,200	1,085	2,683	3,046
Postage and stationery	12	38	34	84	229
Sundries	816	2,458	2,222	5,496	2,870
Legal and professional fees	11,496	34,618	31,297	77,411	80,249
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	2,603	122,242	7,086	131,931	131,884
Bank charges	99	298	270	667	693
Interest payable and similar charges	332	1,001	905	2,238	6,855
Auditors' remuneration	1,782	5,366	4,852	12,000	11,100
	<u>62,081</u>	<u>301,363</u>	<u>174,042</u>	<u>537,486</u>	<u>505,751</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	12,000	11,100
Depreciation - owned assets	131,929	131,884
	<u>131,929</u>	<u>131,884</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2024 nor for the year ended 31 August 2023.

**Trustees' expenses**

Trustees are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties on behalf of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited. The aggregate value reimbursed for the year was £11,443 (2023 £3,611).

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Wages and salaries	654,688	604,258
Social security costs	46,116	46,887
Other pension costs	8,712	8,426
	<u>709,516</u>	<u>659,571</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.24	31.8.23
Teaching staff and trainees	5	6
Caretaker / cleaners	2	3
Office and management	10	10
Sports Centre staff	8	7
Library staff	5	4
	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2023	1,225,304	1,228,841	3,757,182
Additions	-	-	456,001
At 31 August 2024	1,225,304	1,228,841	4,213,183
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2023	108,024	172,654	316,004
Charge for year	12,253	11,289	91,904
At 31 August 2024	120,277	183,943	407,908
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2024	1,105,027	1,044,898	3,805,275
At 31 August 2023	1,117,280	1,056,187	3,441,178

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2023	131,847	522,375	139,950	7,005,499
Additions	-	-	-	456,001
At 31 August 2024	131,847	522,375	139,950	7,461,500
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2023	101,557	522,375	139,950	1,360,564
Charge for year	16,483	-	-	131,929
At 31 August 2024	118,040	522,375	139,950	1,492,493
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2024	13,807	-	-	5,969,007
At 31 August 2023	30,290	-	-	5,644,935

**10. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS**

	Programme related investments equity £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2024	23
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2024	23
At 31 August 2023	23

**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	76,368	79,037
Other debtors	275,605	185,235
	<u>351,973</u>	<u>264,272</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	-	104,381
Trade creditors	71,414	47,654
Social security and other taxes	20,604	-
Other creditors	144,606	22,868
Accruals and deferred income	31,151	46,614
	<u>267,775</u>	<u>221,517</u>

**13. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.24	31.8.23
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	-	104,381
	<u>-</u>	<u>104,381</u>

£700,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 20 years, commencing April 2007 with an interest rate of 3%. This loan is secured by way of a legal charge on the property at Gillmoss Lane, Liverpool.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,260,280	(79,011)	2,181,269
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	682,518	(17,530)	664,988
SEIF Sports	401,197	(19,522)	381,675
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	33,375	(357)	33,018
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	582,141	(6,228)	575,913
The Clothworkers Foundation	25,000	(12,500)	12,500
Youth Investment Fund	1,960,194	422,891	2,383,085
The National Foundation for Youth Music	1,600	(1,600)	-
Future Stories Fund	-	8,932	8,932
Awards for All - CHATS	-	13,200	13,200
National Heritage Fund	-	89,775	89,775
National Lottery Community Fund	-	19,047	19,047
	<u>3,686,025</u>	<u>496,108</u>	<u>4,182,133</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>5,946,305</u>	<u>417,097</u>	<u>6,363,402</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,035,603	(1,114,614)	(79,011)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	123,145	(123,145)	-
Cobalt Housing	250	(250)	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	10,778	(10,778)	-
Include - IT Mersey	41,578	(41,578)	-
HAF Funding	20,542	(20,542)	-
Youth Hub	57,734	(57,734)	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	(12,500)	(12,500)
Youth Investment Fund	654,307	(231,416)	422,891
Merseytravel	14,992	(14,992)	-
The National Foundation for Youth Music	2,863	(4,463)	(1,600)
Skills Bootcamp	4,165	(4,165)	-
Future Stories Fund	8,932	-	8,932
Awards for All - CHATS	19,800	(6,600)	13,200
National Heritage Fund	89,775	-	89,775
National Lottery Community Fund	24,247	(5,200)	19,047
LCVS - Community Innovation Fund	1,500	(1,500)	-
Food Pantry	7,500	(7,500)	-
	<u>1,082,108</u>	<u>(586,000)</u>	<u>496,108</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>2,117,711</u></u>	<u><u>(1,700,614)</u></u>	<u><u>417,097</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,425,388	(165,108)	2,260,280
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	700,048	(17,530)	682,518
SEIF Sports	420,719	(19,522)	401,197
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	33,732	(357)	33,375
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	588,369	(6,228)	582,141
The Clothworkers Foundation	37,500	(12,500)	25,000
Youth Investment Fund	-	1,960,194	1,960,194
The National Foundation for Youth Music	-	1,600	1,600
	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>1,905,657</u>	<u>3,686,025</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>1,740,549</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,034,556	(1,117,687)	(81,977)	(165,108)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
ERDF	-	(17,530)	-	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	-	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	9,944	(10,301)	-	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	-	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	155,040	(155,040)	-	-
Cobalt Housing	3,750	(3,750)	-	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	7,520	(7,520)	-	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	31,816	(31,816)	-	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	12,600	(12,600)	-	-
Include - IT Mersey	27,547	(27,547)	-	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	8,720	(8,720)	-	-
HAF Funding	24,328	(24,328)	-	-
Youth Hub	43,734	(43,734)	-	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	(12,500)	-	(12,500)
Youth Investment Fund	2,056,000	(95,806)	-	1,960,194
Merseytravel	14,992	(14,992)	-	-
The National Foundation for Youth Music	25,767	(24,167)	-	1,600
Skills Bootcamp	4,140	(4,140)	-	-
VRP Sports, Arts and Culture	21,848	(21,848)	-	-
CLA Charitable Trust	2,400	(2,400)	-	-
	<u>2,450,146</u>	<u>(544,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,905,657</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,484,702</u>	<u>(1,662,176)</u>	<u>(81,977)</u>	<u>1,740,549</u>

**15. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES**

Subsequent to the year-end, Alt Valley Community Trust Limited received correspondence from Liverpool City Council in relation to a claim for historical property costs relating to Breck Road Library and Walton Sports Centre. The amount being pursued by Liverpool City Council is disputed by Alt Valley Community Trust Limited, as is the method of calculation, and further evidence to substantiate the claim has been requested. While Alt Valley Community Trust Limited await further evidence it is impracticable to estimate the financial effect of the contingent liability.

As at the date of approval of these financial statements, no formal legal claim has been initiated, and the outcome remains uncertain.

Accordingly, the charity has not recognised a liability in respect of this amount. However, in line with FRS 102 Section 21, the amount is disclosed as a contingent liability, as there is a possible obligation arising from past events, the existence of which will be confirmed only by future events not wholly within the charity's control.

Management continues to monitor the situation and will reassess the position should further developments arise.

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, the charity entered into transactions, on an arms length basis, with community organisations The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited, Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited and NSC Care Ltd; all related parties by virtue of there being common directors.

During the year £80,000 was loaned to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited. At 31st August 2024, the charity was owed £264,935 from Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited by way of other debtors. (31st August 2023 - £184,935)

**17. GOING CONCERN**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis. In forming this view, the trustees have considered the charity's financial position, cash flow forecasts, and operational plans for the next 12 months.

As disclosed in Note 15, the charity is subject to a potential claim from Liverpool City Council in relation to historical property costs. The level of these charges are disputed in the absence of validating evidence.

No formal legal proceedings have commenced, and the trustees consider the likelihood of an outflow of economic resources to be uncertain at this stage.

The trustees have assessed the potential impact of this matter on the charity's financial position and are confident that, even in the event of an adverse outcome, the charity has sufficient resources to continue operating for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the financial statements continue to be prepared on a going concern basis.

**ALT VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 519835

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04275541 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519835**

Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023  
for  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

MAR Kilshaw Limited  
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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

Alt Valley Community Trust (AVCT) is a Social Business based in The North East of Liverpool. It serves several electoral wards experiencing significant social and economic challenges (as identified by the 'indices of Multiple Deprivation'). It was founded as an Educational charity in 1988 but has since developed into a multi-faceted anchor organisation contributing to Individual Well-Being and sustainable Communities.

### **Vision**

Sustainable communities where everybody achieves their full potential and leads happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

### **Mission**

We bring about positive change in Alt Valley and the wider community by developing innovative partnerships to maximise opportunities in community engagement, education and training, sport and wellbeing, and business and enterprise.

### **The charity's core objectives are:**

- 1) To contribute to the creation of sustainable communities.
- 2) To provide education and leisure training facilities to enable people to acquire and develop vocational skills.
- 3) To train and educate people through their leisure time activities so their health and wellbeing and conditions of life may be improved.

The charity's objectives are promoted through 4 key operational areas namely;

- Business and Employment
- Community Development
- Education and Training
- Sports and Wellbeing

### **Public benefit**

AVCT was established to provide a range of services to address disadvantage in the Alt Valley and surrounding neighbourhoods of Liverpool. Our activities are intended to improve access to education and training, support for people entering employment and to provide community facilities and well-being activities, all of which build a sustainable community.

AVCT has grown to be one of the biggest social enterprise, community organisations in Liverpool, offering a unique range of services and facilities. AVCT has contracts with Liverpool City Council for the delivery of education and sports activities, the ESFA for the delivery of vocational training and has taken over the management of some City Council community assets to keep them open and to maintain local services for local people. Not only has local provision been retained, the footfall and the community use has increased.

AVCT is increasingly being called on to provide additional support to local community organisations to keep them going. This includes providing advice, staff expertise and affordable office and meeting space. The range of services, resources, partners and experience has made AVCT an invaluable resource for the north east of the city. The Trust's key role as the main 'Anchor' organisation for the Alt Valley communities now extends to the North East wards of Yew Tree and Knotty Ash as well as Croxteth, Norris Green, Clubmoor and Fazakerley.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The company ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

### **Governance**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

All company policies were reviewed & updated and internal financial controls for charities documentation completed at the AGM on 4th February 2023.

Two new trustees were appointed to ensure that the company had relevant expertise to support the development of youth- based provision. Trustees have also ensured that they have greater insight into operations and delivery by conducting site visits to examine progress and discuss issues with staff.

### **Staff and Management**

Two consultants assist senior staff and Trustees in developing plans for the future. The Executive Director along with the Assistant Chief Executive retain an overview of all Trust activities including finance. Staff re-structuring is a permanent feature of the organisation and a pre-requisite for adapting to changing needs and contexts.

### **Community development**

All of AVCT's Community hubs have youth and elderly focused provision. Both youth and elderly initiatives have secured exceptional progress from a standing start position.

- Ellergreen centre is full to capacity with 9 partners in situ, it is the base for the successful DWP Youth Hub who recognised that young people preferred community focused provision to DWP offices. The Kickstart programme targets 19-24 year olds who have experienced barriers to employment. Hope University social work students support service users. Staff have devised detailed case studies of how hard to reach young people with increasing mental health needs have been supported. Intensive intervention is required so arts and creative opportunities provided as a means of improving confidence and self-esteem. There have been 104 referrals to date with 47 young people progressing into employment.
- Dovecot hub the community café and library will be merged to establish an older persons' hub space. The sports facility will be re-opened in conjunction with new partners and a theatre space created.
- Libraries are gradually increasing their activities after the long closure periods. Breck Road is the busiest base and now has a high percentage of BAME service users so this is being addressed. New strategy to be devised in order to make provision more vibrant, stimulating and inclusive.
- Communiversity has two- fold provision as the education base and community hub. Successful grant applications (Trailblazer Music) provided innovative creative projects such as young peoples' music, community podcasts and drama opportunities. The creative strategy has proven to be very effective in encouraging people back into community hubs following the impact of the pandemic.

### **Sports & well-being centres.**

- Increasing footfall has been secured through initiatives such as holiday play schemes for young people. Walton centre has been refurbished.
- More partnerships have been developed with health care services.

### **Education**

- The constantly shifting education landscape requires continuous review. Currently have approximately 150 learners on programmes funded by loans, apprenticeships, and new futures digi bid. Traineeships are no longer available following a change in Government policy. The contracts are well managed and funders are continually increasing compliance and administrative procedures. AVCT's curriculum offer now focuses upon three pillars; Learning support and Care services/Creative and Digital/Health and Well-Being.

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- Adult Learning Service. This year we delivered courses for the 19+ age range in Croxteth, Yew Tree and Vauxhall. To date all targets have been met and quality of provision cited in various documents such as an Ofsted Consultant's observation reports.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The Trust continues to operate extremely tight financial margins. All financial years are equally challenging as public funding continues to be put under increasing pressure. The Finance Manager ensures that rigorous systems are applied to secure efficiencies, value for money and contract compliance.

In summary there is total incoming resources in the accounts for year ended 31 August 2023 of £3,484,702 with expenditure on charitable activities £1,662,176, impairment loss on programme related investment £81,977 therefore net income of £1,740,549.

Whilst increased costs have affected service provision we continue to provide services that offer exemplary value for money. Next financial year's forecast will include anticipated losses of revenue, however we anticipate growth going forward. We employ 30 staff and have a strong forward plan which puts AVCT and partners in a good position to respond to community need and provision of services in the future.

The SLT have developed improved systems and processes to create synergy between projects and their funding streams. New procedures have strengthened the impact of initiatives such as elderly, creative and youth hubs, similarly financial monitoring has secured increased effectiveness.

The most significant financial development has been the successful application to The Youth Investment fund. A total of £3.5 million will be provided to develop provision for young people across 4 sites. SIB (Social Investment Business) is managing this grant and continues to provide much needed support to AVCT.

### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees regularly review the finances and budget forecasts in the context of the of an ever changing environment and monitor the Trust's working capital requirements.

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees believe a good reserves policy helps the organisation to be prepared to deal with unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds, such as an unexpected large repair bill. There could also be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget whereby money needs to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The Trustees, in line with Charity Commission guidance have therefore established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be approximately equal to three months of expenditure at current levels. The Trustees are actively planning to build towards the stated level of reserves.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

### **Partnerships**

AVCT continues to work in collaboration with a range of partners including the City Council, Liverpool City Region, social housing providers, key services and most importantly local community organisations. We are fully committed to partnership working and this aspect is always an integral part of our work.

The Trust continues to develop its work in the wider community, building on its successful partnerships with Neighbourhood Services Company, and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council.

AVCT has close working relationships with several Universities such as Solent (undergraduate work experience), Hope University (social worker placements), Edge Hill University (student nurses placements) and Uppsala University (developing new approaches to reduce NEET rate amongst young people). In addition we were invited to be a partner with Toynbee Hall (London) to develop peer-based research with our community to examine 'Access to cash'.

### **VNC**

As management agents we have arrested the deterioration and decline in provision by rationalising the premises. A range of services are now established including activities for the Elderly, youth facilities, adult learning classes, food pantry project and holiday play schemes. This is a major community project requiring further thought and partnership work with organisations such as Everton in the Community. The area desperately needs a community base given that so many community- focused organisations have closed.

Our work and responsibilities as a Community Anchor organisation will continue to be the main driver influencing our future strategies for community sustainability and well-being.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association there will be a minimum of four trustees and no more than seventeen. When considering the appointment of trustees the Board has regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed. For example Mrs. L Baugh is an experienced Early Years Practitioner with a Safeguarding Specialism and she joined the board to assist in this regard in the delivery of the education and training programmes for the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### **Organisational structure**

The board of trustees which can have up to 17 members administers the charity. The board normally meets quarterly and there are link directors who liaise with the Education and Training, Community Development, Sport and Well Being and Business and Employment Managers.

A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. In order to facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees in operational matters including finance, employment and programme delivery.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees undergo an induction process to ensure they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees will meet key employees, other trustees and are encouraged to undertake appropriate external training to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Chair of the Board is completing a skills audit to ensure that bespoke support and training is provided to all trustees and that a range of governance competencies are in place.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

04275541 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

519835

### **Registered office**

Communiversy  
Altcross House  
Altcross Road  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L11 0BS

### **Trustees**

Ms A M Mason  
Mrs L A Baugh  
Mr G Brennan  
Mr A Jennings  
Dr B McDonough  
Mr A L Rimmer  
Ms S A Sweeney  
Mr R Meredith  
Mr P J Hooton (appointed 14.11.22)  
Ms P Thornley (appointed 14.11.22)

### **Company Secretary**

Ms S A Sweeney

### **Auditors**

MAR Kilshaw Limited  
99 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L20 7DA

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, MAR Kilshaw Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A M Mason - Trustee

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussions with the trustees (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the trustees the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Charities Act 2011, Health and Safety at Work Act and Employment Law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing noncompliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

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Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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CLAIRE RILEY (SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR)

MAR Kilshaw Limited

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Date: 08.08.2024

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	110,524	-	110,524	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Sports and wellbeing	3	116,626	9,944	126,570	207,045
Education		442,292	169,950	612,242	387,475
Community engagement		346,009	2,270,252	2,616,261	666,487
Covid Funding		-	-	-	39,902
Other income		19,105	-	19,105	21,623
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,034,556</b>	<b>2,450,146</b>	<b>3,484,702</b>	<b>1,322,532</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Sports and wellbeing	4	140,667	9,944	150,611	251,437
Education		548,177	169,950	718,127	430,832
Community engagement		428,843	364,595	793,438	659,132
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,117,687</b>	<b>544,489</b>	<b>1,662,176</b>	<b>1,341,401</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(81,977)	-	(81,977)	-
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>(165,108)</b>	<b>1,905,657</b>	<b>1,740,549</b>	<b>(18,869)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		2,425,388	1,780,368	4,205,756	4,224,625
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>2,260,280</b>	<b>3,686,025</b>	<b>5,946,305</b>	<b>4,205,756</b>

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Balance Sheet  
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	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	9	1,960,510	3,684,425	5,644,935	3,770,144
Social investments	10	23	-	23	82,000
		<u>1,960,533</u>	<u>3,684,425</u>	<u>5,644,958</u>	<u>3,852,144</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	11	264,272	-	264,272	251,172
Prepayments and accrued income		6,313	-	6,313	9,170
Cash at bank and in hand		250,679	1,600	252,279	585,980
		<u>521,264</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>522,864</u>	<u>846,322</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(221,517)	-	(221,517)	(389,077)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>299,747</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>301,347</u>	<u>457,245</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		2,260,280	3,686,025	5,946,305	4,309,389
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-	-	(103,633)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>2,260,280</u>	<u>3,686,025</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	15			2,260,280	2,425,388
Restricted funds				3,686,025	1,780,368
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>5,946,305</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.M. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ms A M Mason - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,679,829	53,853
Interest paid		(6,855)	(4,958)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,672,974</u>	<u>48,895</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(2,006,675)</u>	<u>(53,874)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,006,675)</u>	<u>(53,874)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(333,701)</u>	<u>(4,979)</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>585,980</u>	<u>590,959</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>252,279</u></u>	<u><u>585,980</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
<b>Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	1,740,549	(18,869)
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	131,884	85,910
Losses on investments	81,977	-
Interest paid	6,855	4,958
Increase in debtors	(10,243)	(118,585)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(271,193)	100,439
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>1,679,829</u>	<u>53,853</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.23 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	585,980	(333,701)	252,279
	<u>585,980</u>	<u>(333,701)</u>	<u>252,279</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(23,567)	(80,814)	(104,381)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(103,633)	103,633	-
	<u>(127,200)</u>	<u>22,819</u>	<u>(104,381)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>458,780</u>	<u>(310,882)</u>	<u>147,898</u>

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Long leasehold	- at varying rates on cost
Improvements to property	- 1% on cost, at varying rates on cost and straight line over the term of the lease
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 4 years
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Under FRS 102 section 35.10(c) transitional provisions, the Trustees have elected to use the fair value of certain freehold properties as a 'deemed cost'. The valuation was undertaken by Mason Owen Chartered Surveyors. The buildings will be subject to annual depreciation and no further revaluations will be necessary.

### Social investments

Programme related social investments are valued at fair value.

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Donations	110,524	-

**3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Grants	Sports and wellbeing	9,944	-
Sports Centre income	Sports and wellbeing	116,626	207,045
Training income	Education	442,292	271,086
Grants	Education	169,950	116,389
Library management	Community engagement	165,000	165,000
Room hire	Community engagement	19,395	21,428
Room rental	Community engagement	146,796	154,934
Grants	Community engagement	2,285,070	325,125
Grants	Covid Funding	-	39,902
		<u>3,355,073</u>	<u>1,300,909</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Sports England	9,944	-
Power to Change Trust	10,000	-
Liverpool City Council	179,368	53,011
Big Lottery	31,816	75,317
Cobalt Housing	3,750	3,562
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	27,547	35,837
Awards For All	-	9,983
Veolia Environmental Trust	12,600	50,400
Covid Funding	-	28,520
Steve Morgan Foundation	8,720	14,949
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	-	36,766
Department for Work & Pension	43,734	54,566
Sutton Croft	-	12,962
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	50,000
Big Issue National Lottery	-	13,500
New Futures	7,520	42,043
Youth Investment Fund	2,056,000	-
Merseytravel	14,992	-
The National Foundation for Youth Music	25,767	-
Skills Bootcamps LCR	4,140	-
Community Foundations for Lancashire	21,848	-
CLA Charitable Trust	2,400	-
BRACE - University of Birmingham	70	-
Enterprise Credit Union	748	-
Ford Britain Trust	1,000	-
Toynbee Hall Trading Limited	3,000	-
	<u>2,464,964</u>	<u>481,416</u>

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**4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	101,534	49,077	150,611
Education	526,878	191,249	718,127
Community engagement	528,013	265,425	793,438
	<u>1,156,425</u>	<u>505,751</u>	<u>1,662,176</u>

**5. SUPPORT COSTS**

	General £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	46,730	950	1,397	49,077
Education	182,103	3,702	5,444	191,249
Community engagement	258,270	2,896	4,259	265,425
	<u>487,103</u>	<u>7,548</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>505,751</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Sports and wellbeing £	Education £	Community engagement £	31.8.23 Total activities £	31.8.22 Total activities £
Premises costs	29,818	116,201	90,904	236,923	287,842
Repairs and renewals	2,270	8,844	20,788	31,902	115,307
Travel expenses	383	1,494	1,169	3,046	2,407
Postage and stationery	29	112	88	229	7,209
Sundries	361	1,408	1,101	2,870	2,017
Legal and professional fees	10,100	39,359	30,790	80,249	75,355
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,769	14,685	113,430	131,884	85,910
Bank charges	87	340	266	693	698
Interest payable and similar charges	863	3,362	2,630	6,855	4,958
Auditors' remuneration	1,397	5,444	4,259	11,100	11,100
	<u>49,077</u>	<u>191,249</u>	<u>265,425</u>	<u>505,751</u>	<u>592,803</u>

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**6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	11,100	11,100
Depreciation - owned assets	131,884	85,910
	<u>131,884</u>	<u>85,910</u>

**7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

**Trustees' expenses**

Trustees are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties on behalf of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited. The aggregate value reimbursed for the year was £3,611 (2021 £3,661).

**8. STAFF COSTS**

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	604,258	560,257
Social security costs	46,887	36,683
Other pension costs	8,426	6,765
	<u>659,571</u>	<u>603,705</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
Teaching staff and trainees	6	4
Caretaker / cleaners	3	4
Office and management	10	10
Sports Centre staff	7	8
Library staff	4	6
	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £	
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2022	1,225,304	1,228,841	1,751,182	
Additions	-	-	2,006,000	
At 31 August 2023	1,225,304	1,228,841	3,757,182	
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2022	95,771	161,366	236,561	
Charge for year	12,253	11,288	79,443	
At 31 August 2023	108,024	172,654	316,004	
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2023	1,117,280	1,056,187	3,441,178	
At 31 August 2022	1,129,533	1,067,475	1,514,621	
	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2022	131,172	522,375	139,950	4,998,824
Additions	675	-	-	2,006,675
At 31 August 2023	131,847	522,375	139,950	7,005,499
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2022	85,073	522,375	127,534	1,228,680
Charge for year	16,484	-	12,416	131,884
At 31 August 2023	101,557	522,375	139,950	1,360,564
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2023	30,290	-	-	5,644,935
At 31 August 2022	46,099	-	12,416	3,770,144

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**10. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS**

	Programme related investments equity £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 September 2022	82,000
Impairments	(81,977)
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At 31 August 2023	23
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<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2023	23
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At 31 August 2022	82,000
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**11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Trade debtors	79,037	134,737
Other debtors	185,235	116,435
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	264,272	251,172
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**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Other loans (see note 14)	104,381	23,567
Trade creditors	47,654	198,627
Social security and other taxes	-	10,115
Other creditors	22,868	122,203
Accruals and deferred income	46,614	34,565
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	221,517	389,077
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**13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Other loans (see note 14)	-	103,633
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**14. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>104,381</u>	<u>23,567</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>-</u>	<u>23,567</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>-</u>	<u>70,700</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	-	9,366

£700,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 20 years, commencing April 2007 with an interest rate of 3%. This loan is secured by way of a legal charge on the property at Gillmoss Lane, Liverpool.

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,425,388	(165,108)	2,260,280
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	700,048	(17,530)	682,518
SEIF Sports	420,719	(19,522)	401,197
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	33,732	(357)	33,375
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	588,369	(6,228)	582,141
The Clothworkers Foundation	37,500	(12,500)	25,000
Youth Investment Fund	-	1,960,194	1,960,194
The National Foundation for Youth Music	-	1,600	1,600
	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>1,905,657</u>	<u>3,686,025</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>1,740,549</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>				
General fund	1,034,556	(1,117,687)	(81,977)	(165,108)
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
ERDF	-	(17,530)	-	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	-	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	9,944	(10,301)	-	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	-	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	155,040	(155,040)	-	-
Cobalt Housing	3,750	(3,750)	-	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	7,520	(7,520)	-	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	31,816	(31,816)	-	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	12,600	(12,600)	-	-
Include - IT Mersey	27,547	(27,547)	-	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	8,720	(8,720)	-	-
HAF Funding	24,328	(24,328)	-	-
Youth Hub	43,734	(43,734)	-	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	(12,500)	-	(12,500)
Youth Investment Fund	2,056,000	(95,806)	-	1,960,194
Merseytravel	14,992	(14,992)	-	-
The National Foundation for Youth Music	25,767	(24,167)	-	1,600
Skills Bootcamp	4,140	(4,140)	-	-
VRP Sports, Arts and Culture	21,848	(21,848)	-	-
CLA Charitable Trust	2,400	(2,400)	-	-
	<u>2,450,146</u>	<u>(544,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,905,657</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,484,702</u>	<u>(1,662,176)</u>	<u>(81,977)</u>	<u>1,740,549</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,438,120	(12,732)	2,425,388
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	717,578	(17,530)	700,048
SEIF Sports	440,241	(19,522)	420,719
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,089	(357)	33,732
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	594,597	(6,228)	588,369
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	37,500	37,500
	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>(18,869)</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>

**15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	902,353	(915,085)	(12,732)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	53,011	(53,011)	-
Cobalt Housing	3,562	(3,562)	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	42,043	(42,043)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	75,317	(75,317)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	50,400	(50,400)	-
Include - IT Mersey	35,837	(35,837)	-
Big Lottery - Awards for All	9,983	(9,983)	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	14,949	(14,949)	-
HAF Funding	30,852	(30,852)	-
Youth Hub	33,231	(33,231)	-
Big Issue Investment	13,500	(13,500)	-
Innovation in Communities	7,494	(7,494)	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	50,000	(12,500)	37,500
	<u>420,179</u>	<u>(426,316)</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,322,532</u>	<u>(1,341,401)</u>	<u>(18,869)</u>

**16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, the charity entered into transactions, on an arms length basis, with community organisations The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited, Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited and NSC Care Ltd; all related parties by virtue of there being common directors.

The liability owed to The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited totalling £110,524 was written off as a donation during the year.

During the year £68,500 was loaned to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited. At 31st August 2023, the charity was owed £184,935 from Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited by way of other debtors. (31st August 2022 - £116,435)

**ALT VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 519835

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04275541 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519835**

Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2022  
for  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Andrew D. Kilshaw  
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Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

Alt Valley Community Trust (AVCT) is a Social Business based in The North East of Liverpool. It serves several electoral wards experiencing significant social and economic challenges (as identified by the 'indices of Multiple Deprivation'). It was founded as an Educational charity in 1988 but has since developed into a multi-faceted anchor organisation contributing to Individual Well-Being and sustainable Communities.

### **Vision**

Sustainable communities where everybody achieves their full potential and leads happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

### **Mission**

We bring about positive change in Alt Valley and the wider community by developing innovative partnerships to maximise opportunities in community engagement, education and training, sport and wellbeing, and business and enterprise.

The charity's core objectives are

- 1) To contribute to the creation of sustainable communities.
- 2) To provide education and leisure training facilities to enable people to acquire and develop vocational skills.
- 3) To train and educate people through their leisure time activities so their health and wellbeing and conditions of life may be improved.

The charity's objectives are promoted through 4 key operational areas namely;

- Business and Employment
- Community Development
- Education and Training
- Sports and Wellbeing

### **Public benefit**

AVCT was established to provide a range of services to address disadvantage in the Alt Valley and surrounding neighbourhoods of Liverpool. Our activities are intended to improve access to education and training, support for people entering employment and to provide community facilities and well-being activities, all of which build a sustainable community.

AVCT has grown to be one of the biggest social enterprise, community organisations in Liverpool, offering a unique range of services and facilities. AVCT has contracts with Liverpool City Council for the delivery of education and sports activities, the ESFA for the delivery of vocational training and has taken over the management of some City Council community assets to keep them open and to maintain local services for local people. Not only has local provision been retained, the footfall and the community use has increased.

AVCT is increasingly being called on to provide additional support to local community organisations to keep them going. This includes providing advice, staff expertise and affordable office and meeting space. The range of services, resources, partners and experience has made AVCT an invaluable resource for the north east of the city. The Trust's key role as the main 'Anchor' organisation for the Alt Valley communities now extends to the North East wards of Yew Tree and Knotty Ash as well as Croxteth, Norris Green, Clubmoor and Fazakerley.

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The company ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

### **Governance**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

All company policies were reviewed & updated and internal financial controls for charities documentation completed at the AGM on 12th March 2022.

### **Staff and Management**

Two consultants assist senior staff and Trustees in developing plans for the future. The Executive Director along with the Assistant Chief Executive retain an overview of all Trust activities including finance. Staff re-structuring is a permanent feature of the organisation and a pre-requisite for adapting to changing needs and contexts.

### **Community development**

All of AVCT's Community hubs have youth and elderly focused provision. Both youth and elderly initiatives have secured exceptional progress from a standing start position.

- Ellergreen centre is full to capacity with 9 partners in situ. Architects are currently drawing up plans to extend Ellergreen community hub.

Ellergreen is the base for the successful DWP Youth Hub who recognised that young people preferred community focused provision to DWP offices. The Kickstart programme targets 16-24 year olds who have experienced barriers to employment. Hope University social work students support service users. Staff have devised detailed case studies of how hard to reach young people with increasing mental health needs have been supported. Intensive intervention is required so arts and creative opportunities provided as a means of improving confidence and self-esteem. There have been 104 referrals to date with 47 young people progressing into employment.

- Dovecot hub has drawn up plans to extend the space dedicated to alternative education. The community café and library will be merged to establish an older persons' hub space. The sports facility to be re-opened in conjunction with new partners. 50% of the first floor space dedicated to youth & community group use. The remainder dedicated to a 'Business Start-up Zone and theatre space.

- Libraries are gradually increasing their activities after the long closure periods. Breck Road is the busiest base and now has a high percentage of BAME service users so this is being addressed. New strategy to be devised in order to make provision more vibrant, stimulating and inclusive.

- Communiversity has two fold provision as the education base and community hub. Successful grant applications provided innovative creative projects such as Yukalalee schemes, community podcasts and drama opportunities with an increased emphasis on additional activities for young people.

### **Sports & well-being centres.**

- Increasing footfall has been secured through initiatives such as holiday play schemes for young people and new class and gym provision.

- More partnerships have been developed with health care services.

### **Education**

The Education team moved into The Communiversity In September 2021 following the 470k LCR investment to upgrade training facilities. NSC designed and refurbished the facilities and overcame supply issues very successfully. LCR project Manager applauded the company for completing the transformation so swiftly during extensive lockdown periods

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

- The constantly shifting education landscape requires continuous review. Currently have approximately 200 learners on programmes funded by loans, apprenticeships, traineeships and Include IT Mersey digi bid. The contracts are well managed and funders are continually increasing compliance and administrative procedures. An unsuccessful bid for AEB funding in May 2022 resulted in an inability to offer relevant programmes to many young people so alternative funding streams to be explored.
- AVCT's curriculum offer now focuses upon three pillars; Learning support and Care services/Creative and Digital/Health and Well-Being. Our plans to deliver DEC in partnership with COYO and local secondary schools were abandoned when the LA suspended plans to develop Stonebridge Cross.
- Adult Learning Service. This year we delivered courses for the 19+ age range in Croxteth, Yew Tree and Vauxhall. To date all targets have been met and quality of provision cited in various documents such as an Ofsted Consultant's observation reports.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The Trust continues to operate extremely tight financial margins. All financial years are equally challenging as public funding continues to be put under increasing pressure. The Finance Manager ensures that rigorous systems are applied to secure efficiencies, value for money and contract compliance.

In summary there is total incoming resources in the accounts for year ended 31 August 2022 of £1,322,532 with expenditure on charitable activities £1,341,401 therefore net expenditure of £18,869.

AVCT's financial year finishes in August and whilst we have lost several income streams this year, some of these have been offset by business support income and grants from Power to Change and the lottery to help with on costs and staffing costs. AVCT has also benefited from the continued support from Social Investment Business (SIB) with freezing loan repayments which have been crucial in allowing the company to move forward and plan for the future.

Next financial years forecast will include anticipated losses of revenue, however we anticipate growth going forward. We have retained 31 staff with a robust forward plan which puts AVCT and partners in a good position to respond to community need and provision of services in the future. The government's Furlough scheme ended in October 2021 so staff have resumed their roles.

The SLT have developed improved systems and processes to create synergy between projects and their funding streams. New procedures have strengthened the impact of initiatives such as Kick Start, Elderly and Youth hubs, similarly financial monitoring has secured increased effectiveness and value for money.

### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees regularly review the finances and budget forecasts in the context of the of an ever changing environment and monitor the Trust's working capital requirements.

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees believe a good reserves policy helps the organisation to be prepared to deal with unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds, such as an unexpected large repair bill. There could also be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget whereby money needs to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The Trustees, in line with Charity Commission guidance have therefore established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be approximately equal to three months of expenditure at current levels. The Trustees are actively planning to build towards the stated level of reserves.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

### **Revised strategy map**

Following the post pandemic transitional period AVCT developed a new strategic plan in January 2022. An important aspect being the built-in flexibility to respond swiftly to changing circumstances and conditions. The transformational nature of our work requires increased partnership work to secure the resources and services that people need. The basic hub and spoke model ensures the cross fertilisation of ideas and greater consistency in area based provision. AVCT's staff team most efficacious in bringing about significant improvement and impact upon local communities.

### **Partnerships**

AVCT continues to work in collaboration with a range of partners including the City Council, Liverpool City Region, social housing providers, key services and most importantly local community organisations. We are fully committed to partnership working and this aspect is always an integral part of our work.

The Trust continues to develop its work in the wider community, building on its successful partnerships with Neighbourhood Services Company, and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council.

AVCT has close working relationships with several Universities such as Solent (undergraduate work experience), Hope University (social worker placements) and Uppsala University (developing new approaches to reduce NEET rate amongst young people).

We hosted a study visit on behalf of the Homebaked organisation in April 2022. 15 principals from Swedish Folk Schools spent a day examining community engagement.

In addition Ellergreen Youth hub participated in a QS World Merit literacy initiative with a youth council in Niger and our Community champions worked with Toynbee Hall, London on a peer researcher project exploring community members' access to cash.

### **VNC.**

As management agents we have arrested the deterioration and decline in provision by rationalising the premises. A range of services are now established including activities for the Elderly, youth facilities ,adult learning classes, food pantry project and holiday play schemes. This is a major community project requiring further thought and partnership work with organisations such as Everton in the Community. The area desperately needs a community base given that so many community- focused organisations have closed.

Our work and responsibilities as a Community Anchor organisation will continue to be the main driver influencing our future strategies for community sustainability and well-being.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association there will be a minimum of four trustees and no more than seventeen. When considering the appointment of trustees the Board has regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed. For example Mrs. L Baugh is an experienced Early Years Practitioner with a Safeguarding Specialism and she joined the board to assist in this regard in the delivery of the education and training programmes for the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### **Organisational structure**

The board of trustees which can have up to 17 members administers the charity. The board normally meets quarterly and there are link directors who liaise with the Education and Training, Community Development, Sport and Well Being and Business and Employment Managers.

A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. In order to facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees in operational matters including finance, employment and programme delivery.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees undergo an induction process to ensure they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees will meet key employees, other trustees and are encouraged to undertake appropriate external training to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Chair of the Board is completing a skills audit to ensure that bespoke support and training is provided to all trustees and that a range of governance competencies are in place.

### **Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

### **Registered Company number**

04275541 (England and Wales)

### **Registered Charity number**

519835

### **Registered office**

Communiversy  
Altercross House  
Altercross Road  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L11 0BS

### **Trustees**

Ms A M Mason  
Mrs L A Baugh  
Mr G Brennan  
Mr J Donnelly (resigned 11.7.22)  
Mr A Jennings  
Dr B McDonough  
Mr A L Rimmer  
Ms S A Sweeney  
Mr R Meredith  
Mr P J Hooton (appointed 14.11.22)  
Ms P Thornley (appointed 14.11.22)

### **Company Secretary**

Ms S A Sweeney

### **Auditors**

Andrew D. Kilshaw  
Chartered Accountant and  
Registered Auditor  
99 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L20 7DA

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Andrew D. Kilshaw, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A M Mason - Trustee

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussions with the trustees (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the trustees the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Charities Act 2011, Health and Safety at Work Act and Employment Law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing noncompliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Andrew D. Kilshaw

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

Chartered Accountant and

Registered Auditor

99 Stanley Road

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24 May 2023

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	2				
Sports and wellbeing		207,045	-	207,045	107,234
Education		292,421	95,054	387,475	651,699
Community engagement		341,362	325,125	666,487	1,045,303
Covid Funding		39,902	-	39,902	412,697
Other income		21,623	-	21,623	-
<b>Total</b>		<u>902,353</u>	<u>420,179</u>	<u>1,322,532</u>	<u>2,216,933</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Charitable activities</b>	3				
Sports and wellbeing		225,330	26,107	251,437	105,033
Education		318,248	112,584	430,832	866,765
Community engagement		371,507	287,625	659,132	632,651
<b>Total</b>		<u>915,085</u>	<u>426,316</u>	<u>1,341,401</u>	<u>1,604,449</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(12,732)</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>	<u>(18,869)</u>	<u>612,484</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<u>2,438,120</u>	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>2,425,388</u></u>	<u><u>1,780,368</u></u>	<u><u>4,205,756</u></u>	<u><u>4,224,625</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Balance Sheet  
31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	1,989,776	1,780,368	3,770,144	3,802,180
Social investments	9	82,000	-	82,000	82,000
		<u>2,071,776</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>3,852,144</u>	<u>3,884,180</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	10	251,172	-	251,172	134,967
Prepayments and accrued income		9,170	-	9,170	6,790
Cash at bank and in hand		585,980	-	585,980	590,959
		<u>846,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>846,322</u>	<u>732,716</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(389,077)	-	(389,077)	(265,230)
		<u>457,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>457,245</u>	<u>467,486</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>457,245</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>457,245</u>	<u>467,486</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>2,529,021</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>4,309,389</u>	<u>4,351,666</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(103,633)	-	(103,633)	(127,041)
		<u>2,425,388</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>2,425,388</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted funds	14			2,425,388	2,438,120
Restricted funds				1,780,368	1,786,505
				<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2022.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2022

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 24 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A M Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ms A M Mason - Trustee

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	Notes	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	53,853	224,662
Interest paid		(4,958)	(10,658)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>48,895</u>	<u>214,004</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(53,874)</u>	<u>(48,636)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(53,874)</u>	<u>(48,636)</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>(4,979)</u>	<u>165,368</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>590,959</u>	<u>425,591</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>585,980</u></u>	<u><u>590,959</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

**1. RECONCILIATION OF NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES**

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	(18,869)	612,484
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	85,910	72,691
Interest paid	4,958	10,658
Increase in debtors	(118,585)	(89,847)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	100,439	(381,324)
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>53,853</u>	<u>224,662</u>

**2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS**

	At 1.9.21	Cash flow	At 31.8.22
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	590,959	(4,979)	585,980
	<u>590,959</u>	<u>(4,979)</u>	<u>585,980</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(23,723)	156	(23,567)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(127,041)	23,408	(103,633)
	<u>(150,764)</u>	<u>23,564</u>	<u>(127,200)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>440,195</u>	<u>18,585</u>	<u>458,780</u>

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Long leasehold	- at varying rates on cost
Improvements to property	- 1% on cost and Straight line over the term of the lease
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 4 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Under FRS 102 section 35.10(c) transitional provisions, the Trustees have elected to use the fair value of certain freehold properties as a 'deemed cost'. The valuation was undertaken by Mason Owen Chartered Surveyors. The buildings will be subject to annual depreciation and no further revaluations will be necessary.

### **Social investments**

Programme related social investments are valued at fair value.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

		31.8.22	31.8.21
	Activity	£	£
Sports Centre income	Sports and wellbeing	165,413	107,234
Sports Centre recharges	Sports and wellbeing	41,632	-
Training income	Education	271,086	262,985
Grants	Education	116,389	388,714
Library management	Community engagement	165,000	165,000
Room hire	Community engagement	21,428	6,407
Room rental	Community engagement	154,934	181,617
Grants	Community engagement	325,125	692,279
Grants	Covid Funding	39,902	412,697
		<u>1,300,909</u>	<u>2,216,933</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

		31.8.22	31.8.21
		£	£
Sports England		-	54,263
Liverpool City Council		53,011	339,118
Big Lottery		75,317	92,000
Cobalt Housing		3,562	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service		35,837	61,683
Liverpool Community College		-	4,811
Other		-	250
Awards For All		9,983	-
Veolia Environmental Trust		50,400	14,664
Merseyside Play in Action		-	2,000
Covid Funding		28,520	417,877
National Lottery Community Fund		-	69,000
Steve Morgan Foundation		14,949	36,127
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service		36,766	9,980
Department for Work & Pension		54,566	21,725
Social Enterprise Investment Fund		-	173,969
Future Builders England		-	196,223
Sutton Croft		12,962	-
The Clothworkers Foundation		50,000	-
Big Issue National Lottery		13,500	-
New Futures		42,043	-
		<u>481,416</u>	<u>1,493,690</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	105,695	145,742	251,437
Education	243,977	186,855	430,832
Community engagement	398,926	260,206	659,132
	<u>748,598</u>	<u>592,803</u>	<u>1,341,401</u>

**4. SUPPORT COSTS**

	General £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	141,616	1,393	2,733	145,742
Education	181,027	1,967	3,861	186,855
Community engagement	253,404	2,296	4,506	260,206
	<u>576,047</u>	<u>5,656</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>592,803</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Sports and wellbeing £	Education £	Community engagement £	Total activities £	Total activities £
Premises costs	70,878	100,105	116,859	287,842	210,117
Repairs and renewals	15,895	22,806	76,606	115,307	58,874
Travel expenses	577	816	1,014	2,407	3,589
Postage and stationery	1,775	2,507	2,927	7,209	836
Sundries	497	701	819	2,017	609
Legal and professional fees	18,555	26,207	30,593	75,355	29,714
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	33,439	27,885	24,586	85,910	72,691
Bank charges	172	243	283	698	675
Interest payable and similar charges	1,221	1,724	2,013	4,958	10,658
Auditors' remuneration	2,733	3,861	4,506	11,100	11,100
	<u>145,742</u>	<u>186,855</u>	<u>260,206</u>	<u>592,803</u>	<u>398,863</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	11,100	11,100
Depreciation - owned assets	85,910	72,691
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

**Trustees' expenses**

Trustees are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties on behalf of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited. The aggregate value reimbursed for the year was £3,611 (2021 £3,661).

**7. STAFF COSTS**

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Wages and salaries	560,257	506,713
Social security costs	36,683	48,234
Other pension costs	6,765	4,910
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	603,705	559,857
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.22	31.8.21
Teaching staff and trainees	4	4
Caretaker / cleaners	4	4
Office and management	10	9
Sports Centre staff	8	9
Library staff	6	6
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	32	32
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £
<b>COST</b>			
At 1 September 2021	1,225,304	1,228,841	1,751,182
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 August 2022	1,225,304	1,228,841	1,751,182
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>			
At 1 September 2021	83,518	150,078	202,924
Charge for year	12,253	11,288	33,637
At 31 August 2022	95,771	161,366	236,561
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>			
At 31 August 2022	1,129,533	1,067,475	1,514,621
At 31 August 2021	1,141,786	1,078,763	1,548,258

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2021	77,298	522,375	139,950	4,944,950
Additions	53,874	-	-	53,874
At 31 August 2022	131,172	522,375	139,950	4,998,824
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2021	68,758	522,375	115,117	1,142,770
Charge for year	16,315	-	12,417	85,910
At 31 August 2022	85,073	522,375	127,534	1,228,680
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2022	46,099	-	12,416	3,770,144
At 31 August 2021	8,540	-	24,833	3,802,180

9. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

		Programme related investments equity £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>		
At 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022		82,000
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>		
At 31 August 2022		82,000
At 31 August 2021		82,000

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Trade debtors	134,737	84,967
Other debtors	116,435	50,000
	<u>251,172</u>	<u>134,967</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	23,567	23,723
Trade creditors	198,627	60,928
Social security and other taxes	10,115	7,880
Other creditors	122,203	131,451
Accruals and deferred income	34,565	41,248
	<u>389,077</u>	<u>265,230</u>

12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	<u>103,633</u>	<u>127,041</u>

13. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>23,567</u>	<u>23,723</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>23,567</u>	<u>23,723</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>70,700</u>	<u>71,168</u>

**13. LOANS - continued**

	31.8.22	31.8.21
	£	£
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	9,366	32,150

£700,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 20 years, commencing April 2007 with an interest rate of 3%. This loan is secured by way of a legal charge on the property at Gillmoss Lane, Liverpool.

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	At 1.9.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	2,438,120	(12,732)	2,425,388
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	717,578	(17,530)	700,048
SEIF Sports	440,241	(19,522)	420,719
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,089	(357)	33,732
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	594,597	(6,228)	588,369
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	37,500	37,500
	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>(18,869)</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	902,353	(915,085)	(12,732)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	53,011	(53,011)	-
Cobalt Housing	3,562	(3,562)	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	42,043	(42,043)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	75,317	(75,317)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	50,400	(50,400)	-
Include - IT Mersey	35,837	(35,837)	-
Big Lottery - Awards for All	9,983	(9,983)	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	14,949	(14,949)	-
HAF Funding	30,852	(30,852)	-
Youth Hub	33,231	(33,231)	-
Big Issue Investment	13,500	(13,500)	-
Innovation in Communities	7,494	(7,494)	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	50,000	(12,500)	37,500
	<u>420,179</u>	<u>(426,316)</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,322,532</u></u>	<u><u>(1,341,401)</u></u>	<u><u>(18,869)</u></u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,464,313	973,807	2,438,120
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	735,108	(17,530)	717,578
SEIF Sports	459,763	(19,522)	440,241
Power to Change	25,000	(25,000)	-
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,446	(357)	34,089
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	600,825	(6,228)	594,597
Veolia Environmental Trust	44,156	(44,156)	-
Skills Capital Funding	222,798	(222,798)	-
Sport England - Croxteth	25,732	(25,732)	-
	<u>2,147,828</u>	<u>(361,323)</u>	<u>1,786,505</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>3,612,141</u></u>	<u><u>612,484</u></u>	<u><u>4,224,625</u></u>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,506,132	(532,325)	973,807
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Power to Change	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	86,070	(86,070)	-
Liverpool Community College - Enterprise Hub	4,811	(4,811)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	92,000	(92,000)	-
Other Restricted Funds	5,430	(5,430)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	14,664	(58,820)	(44,156)
Include - IT Mersey	26,751	(26,751)	-
Skills Capital Funding	253,048	(475,846)	(222,798)
Merseyside Play Action Council	2,000	(2,000)	-
Sport England - Croxteth	8,311	(34,043)	(25,732)
VOLA New Futures	34,932	(34,932)	-
National Lottery Covid Community Fund	69,000	(69,000)	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	36,127	(36,127)	-
HAF Funding	9,980	(9,980)	-
Youth Hub	21,725	(21,725)	-
Sports England National Leisure Recovery Fund	45,952	(45,952)	-
	<u>710,801</u>	<u>(1,072,124)</u>	<u>(361,323)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>2,216,933</u>	<u>(1,604,449)</u>	<u>612,484</u>

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, the charity entered into transactions, on an arms length basis, with community organisations The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited, Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited and NSC Care Ltd; all related parties by virtue of there being common directors.

At 31st August 2022, the charity owed The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited the sum of £117,466 by way of other creditors.

During the year £66,435 was loaned to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited. At 31st August 2022, the charity was owed £116,435 from Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited by way of other debtors.

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Training income	271,086	262,985
Library management	165,000	165,000
Room hire	21,428	6,407
Room rental	154,934	181,617
Grants	481,416	1,493,690
Sports Centre income	165,413	107,234
Sports Centre recharges	41,632	-
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	1,300,909	2,216,933
<b>Other income</b>		
Other income	21,623	-
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	1,322,532	2,216,933
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	560,257	506,713
Social security	36,683	48,234
Pensions	6,765	4,910
Cost of running projects	144,893	645,729
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	748,598	1,205,586
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>General</b>		
Premises costs	287,842	210,117
Repairs and renewals	115,307	58,874
Travel expenses	2,407	3,589
Postage and stationery	7,209	836
Sundries	2,017	609
Legal and professional fees	75,355	29,714
Freehold property	12,253	12,253
Long leasehold	11,288	11,288
Improvements to property	33,637	33,637
Plant and machinery	16,315	3,096
Computer equipment	12,417	12,417
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	576,047	376,430
<b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	698	675
Loan interest	4,958	10,658
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	5,656	11,333

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Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2022

	31.8.22 £	31.8.21 £
<b>Finance</b>		
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	11,100	11,100
Total resources expended	<u>1,341,401</u>	<u>1,604,449</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(18,869)</u>	<u>612,484</u>

**ALT VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 519835

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04275541 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519835**

Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2021  
for  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Andrew D. Kilshaw  
Chartered Accountant and  
Registered Auditor  
99 Stanley Road  
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for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

Alt Valley Community Trust (AVCT) is a Social Business based in The North East of Liverpool. It serves several electoral wards experiencing significant social and economic challenges (as identified by the 'indices of Multiple Deprivation'). It was founded as an Educational charity in 1988 but has since developed into a multi-faceted anchor organisation contributing to Individual Well-Being and sustainable Communities.

### **Vision**

Sustainable communities where everybody achieves their full potential and leads happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

### **Mission**

We bring about positive change in Alt Valley and the wider community by developing innovative partnerships to maximise opportunities in community engagement, education and training, sport and wellbeing, and business and enterprise.

The charity's core objectives are

- 1) To contribute to the creation of sustainable communities.
- 2) To provide education and leisure training facilities to enable people to acquire and develop vocational skills.
- 3) To train and educate people through their leisure time activities so their health and wellbeing and conditions of life may be improved.

The charity's objectives are promoted through 4 key operational areas namely;

- Business and Employment
- Community Development
- Education and Training
- Sports and Wellbeing

### **Public benefit**

AVCT was established to provide a range of services to address disadvantage in the Alt Valley and surrounding neighbourhoods of Liverpool. Our activities are intended to improve access to education and training, support for people entering employment and to provide community facilities and well-being activities, all of which build a sustainable community.

AVCT has grown to be one of the biggest social enterprise, community organisations in Liverpool, offering a unique range of services and facilities. AVCT has contracts with Liverpool City Council for the delivery of education and sports activities, the ESFA for the delivery of vocational training and has taken over the management of some City Council community assets to keep them open and to maintain local services for local people. Not only has local provision been retained, the footfall and the community use has increased.

AVCT is increasingly being called on to provide additional support to local community organisations to keep them going. This includes providing advice, staff expertise and affordable office and meeting space. The range of services, resources, partners and experience has made AVCT an invaluable resource for the north east of the city. The Trust's key role as the main 'Anchor' organisation for the Alt Valley communities now extends to the North East wards of Yew Tree and Knotty Ash as well as Croxteth, Norris Green, Clubmoor and Fazakerley.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

## **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

### **Charitable activities**

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The company ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

### **Governance**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

All company policies were reviewed & updated and internal financial controls for charities documentation completed at the AGM on 24th April 2021.

### **Staff and Management**

Two consultants assist senior staff and Trustees in developing plans for the future. The Executive Director along with the Assistant Chief Executive retain an overview of all Trust activities including finance. Staff re-structuring is a permanent feature of the charity and a pre-requisite for adapting to changing needs and contexts.

### **Response to the impact of the public health crisis**

Clearly, the continuing impact of the pandemic presented challenges which required swift responses, flexibility and new direction setting to ensure that AVCT continued to secure community-focused objectives.

September 2020 to August 2021 was characterised by a period of transition in which services gradually re-opened, premises were re-purposed and new ways of working devised.

Obviously most of AVCT's services and activities had been suspended from March 2020 onwards but by September a programme of evolving /partial re-opening commenced. It was impossible to operate under pre pandemic conditions because further national lockdowns were imposed as well as local tier 3 restrictions in November 2020. By August 2021 restrictions were eased but the new Delta variant caused further disruption. With this backdrop of uncertainty, and national anxiety AVCT continued to work towards supporting these new community-based needs.

### **Community Centres**

- Ellergreen. Remained open and fully operational as a community hub providing essential services such as a food bank services and contact with socially isolated community members.
- In Dovecot hub the Library reopened and discussions took place with potential new tenants.
- Communiversity. The centre remained closed during this period as it was subject to a major £470k refurbishment funded through the Liverpool City Region. A substantive learning/skills base was created including a (Design Engineer Construct (DEC) centre of excellence in conjunction with one of our long term partners, Class of Your Own.

### **Libraries**

- All 3 Libraries re-opened with effect from September 2020 but footfall was low given the continuing level of public anxiety caused by the pandemic.

### **Sports Centres**

- 2 centres (Croxtheth and Walton) partially reopened with social distancing regulations in place. Walton developed innovative on-line activities to maintain health and well-being amongst members.
- Dovecot centre closed as a temporary measure.

### **Education**

- Skills Centre and Construction Training Centre both closed. Premises leased to a film company until December 2020.
- Educational provision had been based upon remote learning since March 2020. In September 2020 all courses were re-located to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Community building as an operational base whilst the new learning centre was developed at the Communiversity.
- AVCT worked with Mayor Joe Anderson and Class of your own to develop an innovative digital learning project based upon the Stonebridge Cross Housing Development.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial position**

The Trust continues to operate extremely tight financial margins. All financial years are equally challenging as public funding continues to be put under increasing pressure. The Finance Manager ensures that rigorous systems are applied to secure efficiencies, value for money and contract compliance.

In summary there is total incoming resources in the accounts for year ended 31 August 2021 of £2,216,933 with expenditure on charitable activities £1,604,449 therefore net incoming resources of £612,484.

AVCT's financial year finishes in August and we have lost a considerable amount of income this year, some of which has been offset by business support income and grants from Power to Change and the Steve Morgan Foundation. AVCT have also benefited from the continued support from SIB with freezing the loan repayments which has been crucial in allowing the company to move forward and plan for the future.

We continue to use the government's furlough scheme which has offered invaluable support and secured viability. Staff redundancies were kept to a minimum by re-structuring operations and rationalising hours of work.

Next financial years forecast will include anticipated losses of revenue, however we anticipate growth in education going forward. We have also secured a grant from the lottery to help with on costs and staff cost during this period of change. We have retained 42 staff with a robust forward plan which puts AVCT and partners in a good position to respond to community need and provide services in the future. Our plans for education are unique and have the full backing of the Mayor who has established a senior management team to support developments, in particular with DEC and creative training. The sports centres will continue to be a challenge for the foreseeable future; we are consulting with staff and anticipate making further cuts in October 2021 when the furlough scheme ends.

The SLT have developed improved systems and processes to create synergy between projects and their funding streams. New procedures have strengthened the impact of initiatives such as Kick Start, Elderly and Youth hubs, similarly financial monitoring has secured increased effectiveness and value for money.

### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees regularly review the finances and budget forecasts in the context of the of an ever changing environment and monitor the Trust's working capital requirements.

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees believe a good reserves policy helps the organisation to be prepared to deal with unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds, such as an unexpected large repair bill. There could also be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget whereby money needs to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The Trustees, in line with Charity Commission guidance have therefore established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be approximately equal to three months of expenditure at current levels. The Trustees are actively planning to build towards the stated level of reserves.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

## **FUTURE PLANS**

Staff worked indefatigably throughout this period to respond to immediate community needs but despite the tumultuous context we also recognised the need to review all services and prepare an amended strategic response. Having experienced such a seismic shift in society it was clear that innovative new approaches were required in order to 'build back better'. Two key approaches were needed. Firstly, a new strategic plan was devised with an accompanying revised staffing structure to secure greater efficiency and effectiveness. Secondly, plans were devised to 'repurpose' some of our community based assets.

Our plans going forward include involving more partners in all aspects of the sports and wellbeing offer, utilising our locations and links within areas to optimise use and create a social base to re-engage our communities. The Sports and Wellbeing Centres will focus on engaging partners to work cooperatively in providing a range of activities and services that maximise community well-being.

We have contacted the City's Film Office to see if there was any plans to capitalise on the City's growing reputation as a location for the film industry, (Liverpool is the most Filmed city outside of London) it was during these discussions that we had the opportunity to offer the Skills and Construction centres as both a film location to build sets and as a production centre. We are working with the Film Office to look at the possibility of developing training opportunities within the creative industries.

### **Community hubs**

A key feature of our future-focused strategy includes the consolidation of AVCT's 3 community hubs. Investment will be sourced from our own resources and through grant awards.

- Expand provision at Ellergreen Community Centre to support Youth and Elderly hubs
- Re-establish the Communiversity as AVCT's main education base with an emphasis on digital, creative and health related provision. The café and library will become dual use entities given the scope to service the centre and members of the public.
- Further development of Dovecot Community hub by extending the space dedicated to alternative education. The community café and library will be merged to establish an older persons' hub space. The sports facility to be re-opened in conjunction with with new partners. 50% of the first floor space dedicated to youth& community group use. The remainder dedicated to a 'Business Start-up Zone with 6 full service units with meeting and support areas.

As previously outlined our plans for a revised operational model are based upon changing community needs and exacerbated problems associated with the impact of Covid 19. We will, of course continue to work in collaboration with a range of partners including the City Council, Liverpool City Region, social housing providers, key services and most importantly local community organisations. We are fully committed to partnership working and this aspect is always an integral part of our work.

### **Partnerships**

The Trust continues to develop its work in the wider community, building on its successful partnerships with Neighbourhood Services Company, Class of Your Own and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council. In addition AVCT has close working relationships with several Universities such as Solent (undergraduate work experience), Hope University (social worker placements) and Uppsala University (developing new approaches to reduce NEET rate amongst young people)

Our work and responsibilities as a Community Anchor organisation will continue to be the main driver influencing our future strategies for community sustainability and well-being.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association there will be a minimum of four trustees and no more than seventeen. When considering the appointment of trustees the Board has regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed. For example Mrs. L Baugh is an experienced Early Years Practitioner with a Safeguarding Specialism and she joined the board to assist in this regard in the delivery of the education and training programmes for the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

**Organisational structure**

The board of trustees which can have up to 17 members administers the charity. The board normally meets quarterly and there are link directors who liaise with the Education and Training, Community Development, Sport and Well Being and Business and Employment Managers.

A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. In order to facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees in operational matters including finance, employment and programme delivery.

**Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees undergo an induction process to ensure they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees will meet key employees, other trustees and are encouraged to undertake appropriate external training to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Chair of the Board is completing a skills audit to ensure that bespoke support and training is provided to all trustees and that a range of governance competencies are in place.

**Risk management**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**

04275541 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**

519835

**Registered office**

Communiversy  
Altcross House  
Altcross Road  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L11 0BS

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

**Trustees**

Ms A M Mason  
Mrs L A Baugh  
Mr G Brennan  
Mr J Donnelly  
Mr A Jennings  
Dr B McDonough  
Mr A L Rimmer  
Ms S A Sweeney  
Mr R Meredith (appointed 13.10.20)

**Company Secretary**

Ms S A Sweeney

**Auditors**

Andrew D. Kilshaw  
Chartered Accountant and  
Registered Auditor  
99 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
Merseyside  
L20 7DA

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Andrew D. Kilshaw, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (Registered number: 04275541)

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 16 August 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A M Mason'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Ms A M Mason - Trustee

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussions with the trustees (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the trustees the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Charities Act 2011, Health and Safety at Work Act and Employment Law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing noncompliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrew D. Kilshaw  
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006  
Chartered Accountant and  
Registered Auditor  
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16 August 2022

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
	2					
Sports and wellbeing		107,234	-	-	107,234	216,728
Education		262,985	-	388,714	651,699	600,071
Community engagement		723,216	-	322,087	1,045,303	557,751
Covid Funding		412,697	-	-	412,697	386,535
Other income		-	-	-	-	11,067
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,506,132</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>710,801</b>	<b>2,216,933</b>	<b>1,772,152</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
	3					
Sports and wellbeing		78,926	-	26,107	105,033	318,466
Education		193,567	-	673,198	866,765	494,643
Community engagement		259,832	-	372,819	632,651	627,200
<b>Total</b>		<b>532,325</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,072,124</b>	<b>1,604,449</b>	<b>1,440,309</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>973,807</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(361,323)</b>	<b>612,484</b>	<b>331,843</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>1,464,313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,147,828</b>	<b>3,612,141</b>	<b>3,280,298</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>2,438,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,786,505</b>	<b>4,224,625</b>	<b>3,612,141</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet  
31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.21 Total funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	8	2,015,675	-	1,786,505	3,802,180	3,826,235
Social investments	9	82,000	-	-	82,000	82,000
		<u>2,097,675</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>3,884,180</u>	<u>3,908,235</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors	10	134,967	-	-	134,967	50,406
Prepayments and accrued income		6,790	-	-	6,790	1,504
Cash at bank and in hand		590,959	-	-	590,959	425,591
		<u>732,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>732,716</u>	<u>477,501</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(265,230)	-	-	(265,230)	(245,620)
		<u>467,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>467,486</u>	<u>231,881</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
		<u>467,486</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>467,486</u>	<u>231,881</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
		2,565,161	-	1,786,505	4,351,666	4,140,116
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(127,041)	-	-	(127,041)	(527,975)
		<u>2,438,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
		<u>2,438,120</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>						
Unrestricted funds	14				2,438,120	1,464,313
Restricted funds					1,786,505	2,147,828
					<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>						
					<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2021.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 16 August 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A M Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'M'.

Ms A M Mason - Trustee

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

	Notes	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	224,662	402,795
Interest paid		(10,658)	(28,860)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>214,004</u>	<u>373,935</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(48,636)	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(48,636)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>		<u>165,368</u>	<u>373,935</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period</b>		<u>425,591</u>	<u>51,656</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>590,959</u></u>	<u><u>425,591</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	612,484	331,843
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	72,691	57,447
Interest paid	10,658	28,860
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(89,847)	96,009
Decrease in creditors	(381,324)	(111,364)
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>224,662</u>	<u>402,795</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET (DEBT)/FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.21 £
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	425,591	165,368	590,959
	<u>425,591</u>	<u>165,368</u>	<u>590,959</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(24,474)	751	(23,723)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(527,975)	400,934	(127,041)
	<u>(552,449)</u>	<u>401,685</u>	<u>(150,764)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>(126,858)</u>	<u>567,053</u>	<u>440,195</u>

## **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Long leasehold	- at varying rates on cost
Improvements to property	- 1% on cost and Straight line over the term of the lease
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 4 years
Motor vehicles	- Straight line over 4 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Under FRS 102 section 35.10(c) transitional provisions, the Trustees have elected to use the fair value of certain freehold properties as a 'deemed cost'. The valuation was undertaken by Mason Owen Chartered Surveyors. The buildings will be subject to annual depreciation and no further revaluations will be necessary.

### **Social investments**

Programme related social investments are valued at fair value.

### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Sports Centre income	Sports and wellbeing	107,234	216,728
Training income	Education	262,985	287,123
Grants	Education	388,714	312,948
Library management	Community engagement	165,000	165,000
Room hire	Community engagement	6,407	12,563
Room rental	Community engagement	181,617	125,172
Grants	Community engagement	692,279	255,016
Grants	Covid Funding	412,697	386,535
		<u>2,216,933</u>	<u>1,761,085</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Sports England	54,263	73,688
Power to Change Trust	-	25,000
Liverpool City Council	339,118	289,628
Big Lottery Fund	92,000	103,000
Cobalt Housing	-	4,805
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	61,683	59,883
Liverpool Community College	4,811	-
Other	250	-
Awards For All	-	9,900
Veolia Environmental Trust	14,664	-
Merseyside Play in Action	2,000	2,060
Covid Funding	417,877	386,535
National Lottery Community Fund	69,000	-
Steve Morgan Foundation	36,127	-
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	9,980	-
Department for Work & Pension	21,725	-
Social Enterprise Investment Fund	173,969	-
Future Builders England	196,223	-
	<u>1,493,690</u>	<u>954,499</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	40,021	65,012	105,033
Education	739,214	127,551	866,765
Community engagement	426,351	206,300	632,651
	<u>1,205,586</u>	<u>398,863</u>	<u>1,604,449</u>

**4. SUPPORT COSTS**

	General	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	£	costs	£
	£	£	£	£
Sports and wellbeing	61,686	1,680	1,646	65,012
Education	119,393	4,122	4,036	127,551
Community engagement	195,351	5,531	5,418	206,300
	<u>376,430</u>	<u>11,333</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>398,863</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Sports and wellbeing	Education	Community engagement	Total activities	Total activities
	£	£	£	£	£
				31.8.21	31.8.20
Premises costs	25,757	63,169	121,191	210,117	252,977
Repairs and renewals	1,191	17,526	40,157	58,874	23,628
Travel expenses	-	-	3,589	3,589	2,590
Postage and stationery	124	304	408	836	9,620
Sundries	90	222	297	609	156
Legal and professional fees	4,109	10,077	15,528	29,714	44,828
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	30,415	28,095	14,181	72,691	57,447
Bank charges	100	246	329	675	879
Interest payable and similar charges	1,580	3,876	5,202	10,658	28,860
Auditors' remuneration	1,646	4,036	5,418	11,100	10,200
	<u>65,012</u>	<u>127,551</u>	<u>206,300</u>	<u>398,863</u>	<u>431,185</u>

**5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)**

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	11,100	10,200
Depreciation - owned assets	<u>72,691</u>	<u>57,447</u>

**6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

**Trustees' expenses**

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2021 nor for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Trustees are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties on behalf of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited. The aggregate value reimbursed for the year was £3,661 (2020 £Nil).

**7. STAFF COSTS**

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Wages and salaries	506,713	814,536
Social security costs	48,234	53,149
Other pension costs	4,910	7,633
	<u>559,857</u>	<u>875,318</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.21	31.8.20
Teaching staff and trainees	4	9
Caretaker / cleaners	4	5
Office and management	9	15
Sports Centre staff	9	15
Library staff	6	6
	<u>32</u>	<u>50</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2020	1,225,304	1,228,841	1,751,182	65,912
Additions	-	-	-	11,386
Disposals	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>1,225,304</u>	<u>1,228,841</u>	<u>1,751,182</u>	<u>77,298</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2020	71,265	138,790	169,287	65,662
Charge for year	12,253	11,288	33,637	3,096
Eliminated on disposal	-	-	-	-
At 31 August 2021	<u>83,518</u>	<u>150,078</u>	<u>202,924</u>	<u>68,758</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2021	<u>1,141,786</u>	<u>1,078,763</u>	<u>1,548,258</u>	<u>8,540</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>1,154,039</u>	<u>1,090,051</u>	<u>1,581,895</u>	<u>250</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued**

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2020	522,375	5,875	102,700	4,902,189
Additions	-	-	37,250	48,636
Disposals	-	(5,875)	-	(5,875)
At 31 August 2021	522,375	-	139,950	4,944,950
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2020	522,375	5,875	102,700	1,075,954
Charge for year	-	-	12,417	72,691
Eliminated on disposal	-	(5,875)	-	(5,875)
At 31 August 2021	522,375	-	115,117	1,142,770
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2021	-	-	24,833	3,802,180
At 31 August 2020	-	-	-	3,826,235

**9. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS**

	Programme related investments equity £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021	82,000
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2021	82,000
At 31 August 2020	82,000

**10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.21 £	31.8.20 £
Trade debtors	84,967	50,206
Other debtors	50,000	200
	134,967	50,406

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	23,723	24,474
Trade creditors	60,928	54,936
Social security and other taxes	7,880	10,223
Other creditors	131,451	121,107
Accruals and deferred income	41,248	34,880
	<u>265,230</u>	<u>245,620</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	<u>127,041</u>	<u>527,975</u>

**13. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.21	31.8.20
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>23,723</u>	<u>24,474</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>23,723</u>	<u>84,696</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>71,168</u>	<u>250,673</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	32,150	192,606

£700,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 20 years, commencing April 2007 with an interest rate of 3%. This loan is secured by way of a legal charge on the property at Gillmoss Lane, Liverpool.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2021

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.21 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,464,313	973,807	2,438,120
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	735,108	(17,530)	717,578
SEIF Sports	459,763	(19,522)	440,241
Power to Change	25,000	(25,000)	-
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,446	(357)	34,089
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	600,825	(6,228)	594,597
Veolia Environmental Trust	44,156	(44,156)	-
Skills Capital Funding	222,798	(222,798)	-
Sport England - Croxteth	25,732	(25,732)	-
	<u>2,147,828</u>	<u>(361,323)</u>	<u>1,786,505</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,612,141</u>	<u>612,484</u>	<u>4,224,625</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,506,132	(532,325)	973,807
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Power to Change	-	(25,000)	(25,000)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	86,070	(86,070)	-
Liverpool Community College - Enterprise Hub	4,811	(4,811)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	92,000	(92,000)	-
Other Restricted Funds	5,430	(5,430)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	14,664	(58,820)	(44,156)
Include - IT Mersey	26,751	(26,751)	-
Skills Capital Funding	253,048	(475,846)	(222,798)
Merseyside Play Action Council	2,000	(2,000)	-
Sport England - Croxteth	8,311	(34,043)	(25,732)
VOLA New Futures	34,932	(34,932)	-
National Lottery Covid Community Fund	69,000	(69,000)	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	36,127	(36,127)	-
HAF Funding			
Youth Hub	9,980	(9,980)	-
Sports England National Leisure Recovery Fund	21,725	(21,725)	-
	45,952	(45,952)	-
	710,801	(1,072,124)	(361,323)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>2,216,933</b>	<b>(1,604,449)</b>	<b>612,484</b>

**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	878,364	105,951	984,315
Dovecot MAC	483,999	(4,001)	479,998
	<u>1,362,363</u>	<u>101,950</u>	<u>1,464,313</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	752,638	(17,530)	735,108
SEIF Sports	479,285	(19,522)	459,763
Power to Change	-	25,000	25,000
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,803	(357)	34,446
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	607,053	(6,228)	600,825
Veolia Environmental Trust	44,156	-	44,156
Skills Capital Funding	-	222,798	222,798
Sport England - Croxteth	-	25,732	25,732
	<u>1,917,935</u>	<u>229,893</u>	<u>2,147,828</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>3,280,298</u></u>	<u><u>331,843</u></u>	<u><u>3,612,141</u></u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
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**14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,204,188	(1,098,237)	105,951
Dovecot MAC	-	(4,001)	(4,001)
	<u>1,204,188</u>	<u>(1,102,238)</u>	<u>101,950</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Drama	1,500	(1,500)	-
Power to Change	25,000	-	25,000
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	62,130	(62,130)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	103,000	(103,000)	-
Include - IT Mersey	31,862	(31,862)	-
Big Lottery - Awards for All	9,900	(9,900)	-
Be Your Own Boss	1,377	(1,377)	-
Skills Capital Funding	222,798	-	222,798
Merseyside Play Action Council	2,060	(2,060)	-
Help to Health	1,928	(1,928)	-
Sport England - Croxteth	73,689	(47,957)	25,732
MNF Fund	4,700	(4,700)	-
VOLA New Futures	28,020	(28,020)	-
	<u>567,964</u>	<u>(338,071)</u>	<u>229,893</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u><u>1,772,152</u></u>	<u><u>(1,440,309)</u></u>	<u><u>331,843</u></u>

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, the charity entered into transactions, on an arms length basis, with community organisations The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited; both related parties by virtue of there being common directors.

At 31st August 2021, the charity owed The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited the sum of £117,466 by way of Other Creditors.

During the year £50,000 was loaned to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited. At 31st August 2021, this was still outstanding and included in other Debtors.

**ALT VALLEY COMMUNITY TRUST LIMITED**

England & Wales - Charity number 519835

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# Accounts

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**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 04275541 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519835**

Report of the Trustees and  
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2020  
for  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Andrew D. Kilshaw  
Chartered Accountant and  
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Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

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Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Objectives and aims**

Alt Valley Community Trust (AVCT) is a Social Business based in The North East of Liverpool. It serves several electoral wards experiencing significant social and economic challenges (as identified by the 'indices of Multiple Deprivation'). It was founded as an Educational charity in 1988 but has since developed into a multi-faceted anchor organisation contributing to Individual Well-Being and sustainable Communities.

### **Vision**

Sustainable communities where everybody achieves their full potential and leads happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

### **Mission**

We bring about positive change in Alt Valley and the wider community by developing innovative partnerships to maximise opportunities in community engagement, education and training, sport and wellbeing, and business and enterprise.

The charity's core objectives are

- 1) To contribute to the creation of sustainable communities.
- 2) To provide education and leisure training facilities to enable people to acquire and develop vocational skills.
- 3) To train and educate people through their leisure time activities so their health and wellbeing and conditions of life may be improved.

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The charity ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

The charity's objectives are promoted through 4 key operational areas namely;

- Business and Employment
- Community Development
- Education and Training
- Sports and Wellbeing

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Public benefit**

AVCT was established to provide a range of services to address disadvantage in the Alt Valley and surrounding neighbourhoods of Liverpool. Our activities are intended to improve access to education and training, support for people entering employment and to provide community facilities and well-being activities, all of which build a sustainable community.

AVCT has grown to be one of the biggest social enterprise, community organisations in Liverpool, offering a unique range of services and facilities. AVCT has contracts with Liverpool City Council for the delivery of education and sports activities, the ESFA for the delivery of vocational training and has taken over the management of some City Council community assets to keep them open and to maintain local services for local people. Not only has local provision been retained, the footfall and the community use has increased.

AVCT is increasingly being called on to provide additional support to local community organisations to keep them going. This includes providing advice, staff expertise and affordable office and meeting space. The range of services, resources, partners and experience has made AVCT an invaluable resource for the north east of the city. The Trust's key role as the main 'Anchor' organisation for the Alt Valley communities now extends to the North East wards of Yew Tree and Knotty Ash as well as Croxteth, Norris Green, Clubmoor and Fazakerley.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

**Charitable activities**

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The company ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

**Governance**

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

All company policies were reviewed & updated and internal financial controls for charities documentation completed at the AGM on 10th January 2020.

**Staff and Management**

Two consultants assist senior staff and Trustees in developing plans for the future. The Executive Director along with the Assistant Chief Executive retain an overview of all Trust activities including finance. Staff re-structuring is a permanent feature of the charity and a pre-requisite for adapting to changing needs and contexts.

**Response to the National lockdown March 2020**

Clearly, the impact of the pandemic presented unprecedented challenges which required swift responses, flexibility and new direction setting to ensure that AVCT remained a going concern.

Obviously most of AVCT's services and activities were suspended from March 2020 onwards but by August a programme of evolving /partial re-opening commenced.

**Community Centres**

- Ellergreen. Remained open and fully operational as a community hub providing essential services such as a food bank.
- Dovecot partially mothballed. Three tenants returned in August 2020 and the Library reopened, in discussions with two community providers re leasing the sports facilities and one community business looking to lease.
- Communiversity. The centre was closed during lockdown but from August it will be subject to a major refurbishment funded through the Liverpool City Region. A substantive learning base will be created including a Design Engineer Construct (DEC) centre of excellence in conjunction with one of our long term partners, Class of Your Own.

**Libraries**

All 3 Libraries re-opened from 12th August 2020

**Sports Centres**

- 2 centres (Croxteth and Walton) partially reopened with social distancing regulations in place. Part roof replacement underway at Walton to future proof provision.
- Dovecot centre closed pending discussions with community partners interested in leasing the facilities.

**Education**

- Skills Centre and Construction Training Centre both closed. Premises leased to a film company until December 2020.
- Educational provision has been based upon remote learning since March 2020. Staff re-located to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council building as an operational base whilst new learning centre was developed at the Communiversity.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**FINANCIAL REVIEW**

**Financial position**

The Trust continues to operate extremely tight financial margins. All financial years are equally challenging as public funding continues to be put under increasing pressure. The Finance Manager ensures that rigorous systems are applied to secure efficiencies, value for money and contract compliance.

During the year under review, the organisation received total income of £1,772,152. Expenditure on charitable activities came to £1,440,309 resulting in net incoming resources for the year of £331,843. Total fund balances at 31st August 2020 equalled £3,612,141 of which £2,147,827 were restricted funds, £479,999 were designated funds and £984,315 were unrestricted funds. At 31st August 2020, net current assets totalled £231,881.

AVCT's financial year finishes in August and we have lost a considerable amount of income this year, some of which has been offset by business support income and grants from Power to Change and the Steve Morgan Foundation. AVCT have also benefited from the continued support from SIB with freezing the loan repayments which has been crucial in allowing the company to move forward and plan for the future.

We continue to use the government's furlough scheme which has offered invaluable support and secured viability. Staff redundancies were kept to a minimum by re-structuring operations and rationalising hours of work.

Next financial years forecast will include anticipated losses of revenue, however we anticipate growth in education going forward, future lockdown permitting. We have also secured a grant from the lottery to help with costs and staff cost during this period of change. We have retained 42 staff with a robust forward plan which puts AVCT and partners in a good position to respond to community need and provide services in the future. Our plans for education are unique and have the full backing of the Mayor who has established a senior management team to support developments, in particular with DEC and creative training. The sports centres will continue to be a challenge for the foreseeable future; we are consulting with staff and anticipate making further cuts in October 2021 when the furlough scheme ends.

**Reserves policy**

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees regularly review the finances and budget forecasts in the context of the of an ever changing environment and monitor the Trust's working capital requirements.

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees believe a good reserves policy helps the organisation to be prepared to deal with unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds, such as an unexpected large repair bill. There could also be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget whereby money needs to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The Trustees, in line with Charity Commission guidance have therefore established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be approximately equal to three months of expenditure at current levels. The Trustees are actively planning to build towards the stated level of reserves.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

### **FUTURE PLANS**

Staff worked indefatigably throughout this period to respond to immediate community needs but despite the tumultuous context we also recognised the need to review all services and prepare an amended strategic response. Given the potential existential crisis the Senior Leadership team conducted a thorough appraisal of current building assets, community based services and financial forecasting. It was recognised that the modus operandi from March 2020 was no longer relevant. Having experienced such a seismic shift in society it was clear that innovative new approaches were required in order to 'build back better'. Two key approaches were needed. Firstly, the staffing structure was rationalised in order to secure greater efficiency and effectiveness. Secondly, plans were devised to 'repurpose' some of our community based assets.

Our plans going forward include involving more partners in all aspects of the sports and wellbeing offer, utilising our locations and links within areas to optimise use and create a social base to re-engage our communities. The Sports and Wellbeing Centres will focus on engaging partners to work cooperatively in providing a range of activities and services that maximise community well-being. Both bases will require new equipment, building repairs and renewal. The business model for both centres will be based on a mutually supportive break-even/future investment model, where all partners subscribe to a joint delivery plan and take responsibility for bespoke areas within the centre.

We have contacted the City's Film Office to see if there was any plans to capitalise on the City's growing reputation as a location for the film industry, (Liverpool is the most Filmed city outside of London) it was during these discussions that we had the opportunity to offer the Skills and Construction centres as both a film location to build sets and as a production centre. We are working with the Film Office to look at the possibility of developing training opportunities within the creative industries.

### **Community hubs**

A key feature of our future-focused strategy includes the consolidation of AVCT's 3 community hubs. Investment will be sourced from our own resources and through grant awards.

- Expand provision at Ellergreen Community Centre to support Youth and Elderly hubs
- Re-establish the Communiversity as AVCT's main education base with an emphasis on digital and health related provision. The café and library will become dual use entities given the scope to service the centre and members of the public.
- Further development of Dovecot Community hub by extending the space dedicated to alternative education. The community café and library will be merged to establish an older persons' hub space. The sports facility to be re-opened in conjunction with with two new partners. 50% of the first floor space dedicated to youth& community group use. The remainder dedicated to a 'Business Start-up Zone with 6 full service units with meeting and support areas.

As previously outlined our plans for a revised operational model are based upon changing community needs and exacerbated problems associated with the impact of Covid 19. We will, of course continue to work in collaboration with a range of partners including the City Council, Liverpool City Region, social housing providers, key services and most importantly local community organisations. We are fully committed to partnership working and this aspect is always an integral part of our work.

### **Partnerships**

The Trust continues to develop its work in the wider community, building on its successful partnerships with Neighbourhood Services Company, Liverpool City Council, Class of Your Own and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council. Our work and responsibilities as a Community Anchor organisation will continue to be the main driver influencing our future strategies for community sustainability and well-being.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

As set out in the Articles of Association there will be a minimum of four trustees and no more than seventeen. When considering the appointment of trustees the Board has regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed. For example Mrs. L Baugh is an experienced Early Years Practitioner with a Safeguarding Specialism and she joined the board to assist in this regard in the delivery of the education and training programmes for the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### **Organisational structure**

The board of trustees which can have up to 17 members administers the charity. The board normally meets quarterly and there are link directors who liaise with the Education and Training, Community Development, Sport and Well Being and Business and Employment Managers.

A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. In order to facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees in operational matters including finance, employment and programme delivery.

### **Induction and training of new trustees**

New trustees undergo an induction process to ensure they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees will meet key employees, other trustees and are encouraged to undertake appropriate external training to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Chair of the Board is completing a skills audit to ensure that bespoke support and training is provided to all trustees and that a range of governance competencies are in place.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Company number**  
04275541 (England and Wales)

**Registered Charity number**  
519835

**Registered office**  
Communiversality  
Altcross House  
Altcross Road  
Liverpool  
Merseyside  
L11 0BS

### **Trustees**

Ms A M Mason  
Mrs L A Baugh  
Mr G Brennan  
Mr J Donnelly  
Mr A Jennings  
Dr B McDonough  
Mr A L Rimmer  
Ms S A Sweeney  
Mr R Meredith (appointed 13.10.20)

**Company Secretary**  
Ms S A Sweeney

Report of the Trustees  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Auditors**

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Registered Auditor  
99 Stanley Road  
Bootle  
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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company 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 audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

**AUDITORS**

The auditors, Andrew D. Kilshaw, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A M Mason - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of  
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2020 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charitable company's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Andrew D. Kilshaw  
Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006  
Chartered Accountant and  
Registered Auditor  
99 Stanley Road  
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15 June 2021

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £	31.8.19 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
	2					
Sports and wellbeing		216,728	-	-	216,728	382,890
Education		287,123	-	312,948	600,071	686,910
Community engagement		302,735	-	255,016	557,751	631,821
Covid Funding		386,535	-	-	386,535	-
Other income		11,067	-	-	11,067	1,750
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,204,188</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>567,964</b>	<b>1,772,152</b>	<b>1,703,371</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>						
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
	3					
Sports and wellbeing		291,300	1,059	26,107	318,466	403,253
Education		385,557	1,406	107,680	494,643	765,629
Community engagement		421,380	1,535	204,285	627,200	453,332
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,098,237</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>338,072</b>	<b>1,440,309</b>	<b>1,622,214</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<b>105,951</b>	<b>(4,000)</b>	<b>229,892</b>	<b>331,843</b>	<b>81,157</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>						
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>878,364</b>	<b>483,999</b>	<b>1,917,935</b>	<b>3,280,298</b>	<b>3,199,141</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>984,315</b>	<b>479,999</b>	<b>2,147,827</b>	<b>3,612,141</b>	<b>3,280,298</b>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet  
31 August 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.20 Total funds £	31.8.19 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>						
Tangible assets	8	1,516,095	479,998	1,830,142	3,826,235	3,883,682
Social investments	9	82,000	-	-	82,000	82,000
		<u>1,598,095</u>	<u>479,998</u>	<u>1,830,142</u>	<u>3,908,235</u>	<u>3,965,682</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors	10	50,406	-	-	50,406	128,367
Prepayments and accrued income		1,504	-	-	1,504	19,552
Cash at bank and in hand		107,905	-	317,686	425,591	51,656
		<u>159,815</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,686</u>	<u>477,501</u>	<u>199,575</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due within one year	11	(245,620)	-	-	(245,620)	(377,076)
		<u>(85,805)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,686</u>	<u>231,881</u>	<u>(177,501)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
		<u>(85,805)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,686</u>	<u>231,881</u>	<u>(177,501)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
		1,512,290	479,998	2,147,828	4,140,116	3,788,181
<b>CREDITORS</b>						
Amounts falling due after more than one year	12	(527,975)	-	-	(527,975)	(507,883)
		<u>984,315</u>	<u>479,998</u>	<u>2,147,828</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>	<u>3,280,298</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>						
		<u>984,315</u>	<u>479,998</u>	<u>2,147,828</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>	<u>3,280,298</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>						
Unrestricted funds	14				1,464,313	1,362,363
Restricted funds					2,147,828	1,917,935
					<u>3,612,141</u>	<u>3,280,298</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>						
					<u>3,612,141</u>	<u>3,280,298</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2020.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

The notes form part of these financial statements


Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (Registered number: 04275541)

Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2020

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.M. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and 'M'.

Ms A M Mason - Trustee

Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

	Notes	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>			
Cash generated from operations	1	402,795	52,765
Interest paid		(28,860)	(39,380)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>373,935</u>	<u>13,385</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>			
Sale of tangible fixed assets		-	1,750
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>-</u>	<u>1,750</u>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		51,656	36,521
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period</b>		<u><u>425,591</u></u>	<u><u>51,656</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
<b>Net income for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)</b>	331,843	81,157
<b>Adjustments for:</b>		
Depreciation charges	57,447	59,341
Profit on disposal of fixed assets	=	(1,750)
Interest paid	28,860	39,380
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	96,009	(14,982)
Decrease in creditors	(111,364)	(110,381)
<b>Net cash provided by operations</b>	<u>402,795</u>	<u>52,765</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET DEBT

	At 1.9.19	Cash flow	At 31.8.20
	£	£	£
<b>Net cash</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand	51,656	373,935	425,591
	<u>51,656</u>	<u>373,935</u>	<u>425,591</u>
<b>Debt</b>			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(99,555)	75,081	(24,474)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(507,883)	(20,092)	(527,975)
	<u>(607,438)</u>	<u>54,989</u>	<u>(552,449)</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>(555,782)</u>	<u>428,924</u>	<u>(126,858)</u>

## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Long leasehold	- at varying rates on cost
Improvements to property	- 1% on cost
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 4 years
Motor vehicles	- Straight line over 4 years
Computer equipment	- Straight line over 3 years

Under FRS 102 section 35.10(c) transitional provisions, the Trustees have elected to use the fair value of certain freehold properties as a 'deemed cost'. The valuation was undertaken by Mason Owen Chartered Surveyors. The buildings will be subject to annual depreciation and no further revaluations will be necessary.

### Social investments

Programme related social investments are valued at fair value.

### Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

### Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

### Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**2. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	Activity	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
Sports Centre income	Sports and wellbeing	216,728	382,890
Training income	Education	287,123	505,825
Grants	Education	312,948	181,085
Library management	Community engagement	165,000	165,000
Room hire	Community engagement	12,563	23,665
Room rental	Community engagement	125,172	116,176
Grants	Community engagement	255,016	326,980
Grants	Covid Funding	386,535	-
		<u>1,761,085</u>	<u>1,701,621</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
Sports England	73,688	-
Power to Change Trust	25,000	-
ESF	-	15,545
Liverpool City Council	289,628	170,040
Big Lottery Fund	103,000	110,947
Cobalt Housing	4,805	758
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	59,883	35,121
Liverpool Community College	-	116,523
Other	-	475
Awards For All	9,900	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	-	58,656
Merseyside Play in Action	2,060	-
Covid Funding	386,535	-
	<u>954,499</u>	<u>508,065</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 4) £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	190,254	128,212	318,466
Education	341,964	152,679	494,643
Community engagement	476,906	150,294	627,200
	<u>1,009,124</u>	<u>431,185</u>	<u>1,440,309</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

4. SUPPORT COSTS

	General £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	117,619	7,888	2,705	128,212
Education	138,657	10,441	3,581	152,679
Community engagement	134,970	11,410	3,914	150,294
	<u>391,246</u>	<u>29,739</u>	<u>10,200</u>	<u>431,185</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Sports and wellbeing £	Education £	Community engagement £	31.8.20 Total activities £	31.8.19 Total activities £
Premises costs	67,101	88,812	97,064	252,977	292,928
Repairs and renewals	6,267	8,295	9,066	23,628	11,309
Travel expenses	-	-	2,590	2,590	4,709
Postage and stationery	2,552	3,377	3,691	9,620	3,375
Sundries	41	55	60	156	1,133
Legal and professional fees	11,890	15,738	17,200	44,828	114,838
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	29,768	22,380	5,299	57,447	59,341
Bank charges	233	309	337	879	1,441
Interest payable and similar charges	7,655	10,132	11,073	28,860	39,380
Auditors' remuneration	2,705	3,581	3,914	10,200	10,200
	<u>128,212</u>	<u>152,679</u>	<u>150,294</u>	<u>431,185</u>	<u>538,654</u>

5. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.20 £	31.8.19 £
Auditors' remuneration	10,200	10,200
Depreciation - owned assets	57,447	59,341
Surplus on disposal of fixed assets	-	(1,750)
	<u>67,647</u>	<u>67,791</u>

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 August 2020 nor for the year ended 31 August 2019.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**7. STAFF COSTS**

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Wages and salaries	814,536	874,532
Social security costs	53,149	61,994
Other pension costs	7,633	7,841
	<u>875,318</u>	<u>944,367</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.20	31.8.19
Teaching staff and trainees	9	10
Caretaker / cleaners	5	4
Office and management	15	15
Sports Centre staff	15	15
Library staff	6	6
	<u>50</u>	<u>50</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	<u>1,225,304</u>	<u>1,228,841</u>	<u>1,751,182</u>	<u>65,912</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2019	59,012	127,501	135,650	65,412
Charge for year	<u>12,253</u>	<u>11,289</u>	<u>33,637</u>	<u>250</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u>71,265</u>	<u>138,790</u>	<u>169,287</u>	<u>65,662</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2020	<u>1,154,039</u>	<u>1,090,051</u>	<u>1,581,895</u>	<u>250</u>
At 31 August 2019	<u>1,166,292</u>	<u>1,101,340</u>	<u>1,615,532</u>	<u>500</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS - continued

	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	522,375	5,875	102,700	4,902,189
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 September 2019	522,357	5,875	102,700	1,018,507
Charge for year	18	-	-	57,447
At 31 August 2020	522,375	5,875	102,700	1,075,954
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 August 2020	-	-	-	3,826,235
At 31 August 2019	18	-	-	3,883,682

9. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

	Programme related investments equity £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020	82,000
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 August 2020	82,000
At 31 August 2019	82,000

10. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Trade debtors	50,206	113,664
Other debtors	200	14,703
	50,406	128,367

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

**11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	24,474	99,555
Trade creditors	54,936	42,052
Social security and other taxes	10,223	15,709
Other creditors	121,107	166,479
Accruals and deferred income	34,880	53,281
	<u>245,620</u>	<u>377,076</u>

**12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Other loans (see note 13)	<u>527,975</u>	<u>507,883</u>

**13. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.20	31.8.19
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>24,474</u>	<u>99,555</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>84,696</u>	<u>90,228</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>250,673</u>	<u>262,975</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	192,606	154,680

£700,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 20 years, commencing April 2007 with an interest rate of 6%. This loan is secured by way of a legal charge on the property at St Swithin's Church, Gillmoss Lane, Liverpool.

£375,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 10 years, commencing August 2013 with an interest rate of 6%. This loan is secured by way of a second legal charge over the Communiversity property, Alt Valley, Liverpool.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.20 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	878,364	105,951	984,315
Dovecot MAC	483,999	(4,001)	479,998
	<u>1,362,363</u>	<u>101,950</u>	<u>1,464,313</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	752,638	(17,530)	735,108
SEIF Sports	479,285	(19,522)	459,763
Power to Change	-	25,000	25,000
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,803	(357)	34,446
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	607,053	(6,228)	600,825
Veolia Environmental Trust	44,156	-	44,156
Skills Capital Funding	-	222,798	222,798
Sport England - Croxteth	-	25,732	25,732
	<u>1,917,935</u>	<u>229,893</u>	<u>2,147,828</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,280,298</u>	<u>331,843</u>	<u>3,612,141</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,204,188	(1,098,237)	105,951
Dovecot MAC	-	(4,001)	(4,001)
	<u>1,204,188</u>	<u>(1,102,238)</u>	<u>101,950</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Drama	1,500	(1,500)	-
Power to Change	25,000	-	25,000
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	62,130	(62,130)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	103,000	(103,000)	-
Include - IT Mersey	31,862	(31,862)	-
Big Lottery - Awards for All	9,900	(9,900)	-
Be Your Own Boss	1,377	(1,377)	-
Skills Capital Funding	222,798	-	222,798
Merseyside Play Action Council	2,060	(2,060)	-
Help to Health	1,928	(1,928)	-
Sport England - Croxteth	73,689	(47,957)	25,732
MNF Fund	4,700	(4,700)	-
VOLA New Futures	28,020	(28,020)	-
	<u>567,964</u>	<u>(338,071)</u>	<u>229,893</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,772,152</u>	<u>(1,440,309)</u>	<u>331,843</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.19 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	766,875	111,488	878,363
Dovecot MAC	488,000	(4,000)	484,000
	<u>1,254,875</u>	<u>107,488</u>	<u>1,362,363</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	770,168	(17,530)	752,638
SEIF Sports	498,807	(19,522)	479,285
Awards for All 15-16	943	(943)	-
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	35,160	(357)	34,803
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	639,188	(32,135)	607,053
Veolia Environmental Trust	-	44,156	44,156
	<u>1,944,266</u>	<u>(26,331)</u>	<u>1,917,935</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>3,199,141</u>	<u>81,157</u>	<u>3,280,298</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	1,195,307	(1,083,819)	111,488
Dovecot MAC	-	(4,000)	(4,000)
	<u>1,195,307</u>	<u>(1,087,819)</u>	<u>107,488</u>
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Awards for All 15-16	-	(943)	(943)
Drama	4,500	(4,500)	-
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(32,135)	(32,135)
Liverpool City Council	165,540	(165,540)	-
Cobalt Housing	758	(758)	-
Liverpool Community College - Enterprise Hub	116,522	(116,522)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	110,947	(110,947)	-
Working Futures - NEET	15,545	(15,545)	-
Other Restricted Funds	475	(475)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	58,656	(14,500)	44,156
Include - IT Mersey	35,121	(35,121)	-
	<u>508,064</u>	<u>(534,395)</u>	<u>(26,331)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>1,703,371</u>	<u>(1,622,214)</u>	<u>81,157</u>

**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

During the year, the charity entered into transactions, on an arms length basis, with community organisations The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited; both related parties by virtue of there being common directors.

At 31st August 2020, the charity owed The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited the sum of £117,466 by way of Other Creditors.