



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1.9.23 Period start date To 31.8.24 Period end date

Charity name: Simpson Memorial Community Association Moston

Charity registration number: 521247

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Moston and the neighbouring districts by association with the local authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants to advance education and to provide facilities for recreation and with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	SMCA manages the hire and use of the building facilities (except a GP Surgery) in keeping with a formal Trust with Manchester City Council (MCC) It is responsible for minor repairs, utility costs and stage systems, using rental income from outside lets, resident affiliated user groups plus grants. The building is in its own gated grounds with a small car park and bowling green. Facilities are on 3 levels with a kitchen on each and include a hall with equipped stage and theatre (seating capacity of 130) plus 5 rooms (total seating capacity of 150). We have 3 pianos, portable presentation and computer equipment plus indoor and outdoor bowling facilities. Outside Lets customers include registered charity groups offering extensive education, advice, support and well being activities (much of which is free) e.g. NMCP, MCC, Sick Festival, Contact Theatre, CAHN diabetes, GP surgery education for staff and patients, One Manchester Ltd a housing association, The Duchy Project and We Stand Together Ltd. MCC are very active in our area promoting community cohesion. Our 2 resident affiliated groups are an amateur theatre group (NMAODS) and a bowling club (60s Club Simpson Memorial) both of which recently celebrated their centenary.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	SMCA Financial Policy as updated in the MCC 2022/23 Governance Review confirms SMCA rules and responsibilities

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are grateful for the for the unpaid work provided by our volunteers, trustees and house committee members. Without their valuable contribution we would not achieve so much.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>SMCA has been in continuous existence since 1886. Post COVID, MCC invited SMCA to complete a Governance Review (Conversion to Cash Project) for a £2K grant. We successfully reviewed all SMCA processes including Health and Safety, Finance Management, Volunteering. This provided internal and external evidence of our competency, enabling a full reopening of our facilities for public use. The grant is being used to replace 2 broken pianos and a new advertising campaign.</p> <p>MCC is especially supportive and recommends use of our facilities for the public e.g. yearly Africa Day event to link local support organisations to develop outreach and integration. So very successful with footfall exceeding 600 and it encourages bookings from highly regarded organisations. A changing population of residents and businesses is responding positively to community support available e.g. NMCP have increased the variety and duration of their sessions.</p> <p>Our upgraded telephone/broadband package and stage systems again in 2023 added to user bookings and satisfaction. Sick Festival bookings included a new 2-week youth theatre festival working with professional technicians to showcase new contemporary presentations.</p> <p>MCC introduced Manchester One Housing Assoc Ltd to launch a new local housing project. We have close relationships with the Simpson GP Surgery and help other community organisations to support each other. They provide free medical assistance to SMCA users during their open hours</p> <p>Our efforts continue to see more positive feedback and bookings.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>It is in a healthy position. Total income doubled to £34459 due to more bookings and a generous payment for GP Surgery utility costs. Expenditure decreased to £16534 because of a cheaper gas supplier and hard management of heating costs. Overall, we had a net gain in the year of £17925.</p> <p>This was despite a huge problem when Barclays Bank closed our accounts in error when their scanning systems failed to record trustee details accurately for their money laundering review. There was a national outcry with similar errors with hundreds of other charities. SMCA battled for justice for 4 months. In this time despite a complaint case, Barclays insisted we apply for a new account which meant reducing our trustees from 4 to 3 to avoid bank charges and a mountain of form filling. SMCA had no access to the old accounts and were unable to pay bills or pay in monies but continued business fully. Our Treasurer personally paid all bills until matters were rectified. Barclays Bank never opened a new account. It conceded our claim, reopened our accounts and paid compensation. It then took weeks to restart direct debits to our suppliers and arrange payments from our users. Our treasurer was reimbursed with thanks. Our retiring trustee remains on the SMCA as Vice President.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Sufficient minimum reserves are need for 3 years operations especially for utility cost where SMCA pays by direct debit in arrear and operates an annual bill back system for the GP Surgery usage. Escalating utility costs and changes of supplier controlled by MCC are a challenge. Also, MCC started charging Business Rates despite our Trust agreement which add to financial pressure and involves annual applications for relief.</p> <p>Our hire rates for outside lets are unchanged to encourage bookings as we rely on building up finance in the spring and summer when we use less lighting and heating.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£69738 at 31/8/24
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>SMCA continues to work hard to sustain this beloved charity run by unpaid volunteers with hire charges unchanged.</p> <p>A large financial drain is utility payments for the GP Surgery and the bill back arrangement which distort our financial figures. We have repeatedly asked MCC to instal separate meters especially when most of the gas and water costs relate to GP Surgery use.</p> <p>Our trustees and volunteers are ageing, and we continue to try and recruit younger folk.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>SMCA retains a savings account with NS&I which generates valuable interest.</p> <p>The amount in the Barclays Bank savings account was increased by £20K from the current account to also generate more valuable interest</p> <p>We plan to open a second bank account to safeguard access to funds</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deeds 1886 and 1947
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Approval by Trustees and House Committee at AGM

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Simpson Memorial Community Association Moston
Other name the charity uses	SMCA
Registered charity number	521247
Charity's principal address	Simpson Memorial Hall, Moston Lane, Moston, Manchester M40 9NB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	David Garside-Trickett	President		SMCA
2	David Gordon	Chairman		SMCA
3	Carol Slade	Secretary & Treasurer		SMCA
4	Colin Garside-Trickett	Deputy President	Until 16/11/23	SMCA
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Carol Slade	
Full name(s)	Carol Ann Slade	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer & Secretary	
Date	19/6/25	

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**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SIMPSON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
MOSTON

On accounts for the year
ended

31st AUGUST 2024

Charity no
(if any)

521247

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Janet Davies

Date:

15/06/2025

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JANET DAVIES

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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