

ALLEN'S CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 522842

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1965-06-01

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS MAY, BY LAW, BE DEEMED TO BE CHARITABLE AND IN PARTICULAR BY ASSOCIATING THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS AND RESIDENTS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION, PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR PHYSICAL AND MENTAL TRAINING AND RECREATION, AND SOCIAL MORAL AND INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO FURTHER HEALTH, AND TO FOSTER A COMMUNITY SPIRIT FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THESE AND OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECTS.

Activities: Our mission is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Allen's Cross and surrounding neighbourhood; aiming to bring together residents, businesses, statutory authorities, voluntary and other organisations to make social, educational and leisure facilities available to all.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** ALLENS CROSS, NORTHFIELD AND ADJACENT DISTRICTS
- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£177,840	£156,193	-	-
2024-03-31	£128,352	£121,270	-	-
2023-03-31	£101,341	£107,729	-	-
2022-03-31	£68,158	£99,354	-	-
2021-03-31	£129,297	£121,040	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Teresa Hussey	Chair	2022-09-30
Emily Foster		2024-11-17
Seb Lovell-Huckle		2025-11-24
Stephen Clark		2022-11-16
Sylvia Stanway		2025-03-20

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Accounts

Allen's Cross Community Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2025

Allen's Cross Community Association

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

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Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2025

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

1.Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and its neighbourhood without discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, political opinion or race.
2. To provide opportunities for people to advance education and to provide facilities and services in the interests of social, recreational and leisure time occupation, with the aim of improving the quality of life for the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and neighbourhood.
3. To manage and maintain Allen's Cross Community Centre for activities in pursuance of those aims.

2.Summary of the main activities in relation to the above purposes for the public benefit

The Association continues to manage a thriving Community Centre which delivers a range of activities for the benefit of all ages and backgrounds. An ongoing challenge for the Association in 2024- 2025 is the funding of our in-house projects. I am pleased to report that we have been successful in the bids submitted. We have received funding from:

- BCC Preventions and Communities
- Inclusive Communities
- EcoBirmingham
- Awards For All
- Edward Cadbury Trust
- NNNS Young adults
- NNNS micro-grant

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

The main projects Allen's Cross Community Association ran during 2024-2025 included:

2.1 Lunch club for older people

A twice-weekly session for up to 20 people who are isolated. In 2024 980 attended over 88 sessions. The Cook, Lorraine Bradshaw, has continued the fine tradition of providing delicious well-balanced, home-cooked meals for the appreciative members. Activities co-ordinator, Michelle Haddock, provides excellent pastoral care for Lunch Club members. To enhance their time with us Michelle and Lorraine have organised D-Day celebrations and a trip out to Bartley Green Reservoir where fish and chips were enjoyed at the Reservoir café. We are truly appreciative of the volunteers who support Lunch Club- Arthur, Paul Chris and Greg who have donated 1056 hours. Without our wonderful volunteers such projects would be difficult to run.

Numbers attending are at capacity which is testimony to the hard work done by Lorraine and Michelle.

Affordable accessible transport is provided if needed.

2.2 An award-winning Community Garden

A space for people of all ages and abilities to work together to grow food and enjoy physical exercise and make friends. The Garden is superbly managed by Jackie Careless. Jackie practices therapeutic horticulture and the Garden is a place of well-being. It is not only the plants that thrive but the many volunteers who work there too. The Garden continues to be popular with volunteers with 4075 volunteer hours. The garden has grown 250 kg of produce which has been donated to St Bart's Local Pantry and used in Lunch Club too.

2.3 The Shed

A project which welcomes all to learn and share new skills. Over 50 sessions there have been 208 attendees donating 627 hours, the impact of which can be seen around the site. The volunteers have developed the Shed area to make it fit for their needs, improved the garden stage and built planters and benches to make the site more attractive. A mention must be made of Sara Hussain who leads the woodwork sessions and is particularly skilled at teaching others and supporting volunteers to reach their potential.

2.4 Free Family events in the Community Garden

Although the rain was torrential it did not dampen the fun that was had. 120 attended the free family event in the garden and main hall. Celebrating Sanctuary provided the music and our Art team ran clay workshops. Forest school was popular as was face painting and the Jerk Chicken Trailer was a hot hit! We were delighted to welcome Councillor John Cotton to our event.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

3. Allen's Cross - the Person-Centred Community

Our courses are now established , popular and include:

3.1. Art therapy

Our Art leads, Ellenormay Hocking and Bev Charles, are truly exceptional at what they do. A safe collaborative space has been created for autistic adults and families where our clients and their carers can explore their own creativity and socialise in a supportive space. Elle and Bev work in a range of media and the pieces created are outstanding.

Over 49 sessions, 402 clients attended the Adult Art and 438 families attended the afternoon Family Art.

We have many success stories but one which we are particularly proud of is the young man who joined the morning Art session whose family and school thought he might struggle with the transport. He never missed a session. This young man has now begun a University course with Animations being his main subject.

To celebrate the impact of the Art, a legacy mural has been completed, made of clay and all our Community have contributed by making at least one clay leaf each. Furthermore, an Art exhibition held later in the year celebrating the work of those who attended the sessions. It was well attended and the art work impressive.

3.2. Forest School

Forest School for home-educated children, many of whom are neuro-divergent, has gained in popularity as it is now being led by Mike, an outstanding practitioner. 311 attended over 26 sessions. There is always a long waiting list for Mike's sessions.

3.3. Cookery

Cooking classes for neurodivergent young people continued in 2024. There were 15 sessions with 75 participants. New skills are learned such as: correct use of equipment; weighing/measuring skills; food hygiene and preparation. The group shared recipes and explored food textures, taste and smell. The young people were supported by family members or support workers during each session.

3.4 Baskerville School and Queen Alexandra College

A tailor-made programme for Baskerville School and Queen Alexandra College has been running. Students work on site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. This has been a highly successful collaboration. Baskerville and QAC students have volunteered in the Community Garden and the Shed wood-work project. Additionally, Baskerville students volunteered in Lunch Club. They also helped in Little Sunshine's Stay and Play.

In the woodwork session Baskerville students gained new skills, using hand and power tools. They used their new skills to build a planter in the shape of their school minibus, which they have displayed proudly in the school outdoor space.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

3.5 Affiliated Groups

Allen's Cross Community Association also provides rooms for hire to aid local delivery of services and a broader range of activities for local people, e.g. Faith groups, Little Sunshine's Stay and Play group, Forest School, Dance, Karate, Fred's Friendship group, Zumba, In Her Shoes, St Bart's.
Local Pantry.

3.6. Contribution made by volunteers

Without the 60 Volunteers who help in the community garden, lunch club, Shed project and St Bart's Local Pantry, Allen's Cross Community Centre could not operate. We rely on our volunteers to help maintain the site, run groups, support events, and offer friendship and support to members. The quality of our volunteers is such that when we appoint new staff, our volunteers are often those who apply and are successful at the interview.

We are extremely grateful for the hours our volunteers donate to the Community. This year over 8000 hours have been donated by our volunteers.

3.7. Partnership with Eco-Birmingham

A three-year Partnership with Eco-Birmingham has been negotiated by Jackie Carless. This partnership will bring so many benefits to Allen's Cross Community Association. To date, it has resulted in air-fryer cookery courses; energy advice sessions; and walking groups. Much advice has been offered on our own energy consumption and updates we can make to our systems.

3.8 Outstanding Staff Team

Under the leadership of Jackie Careless a very strong staff team is now in place. The core team now includes:

- Emma O'Neil - Office administrator
- Lorraine Bradshaw - Lunch Club Cook
- Michelle Haddock - Lunch Club Activities Co-ordinator and Site Cleaner
- Sara Hussein - Woodwork lead Caretaker
- Kevin Corbett - Caretaker

Emma O'Neil was appointed as Office Administrator and the difference she makes to the smooth running of the Association is tangible. Emma has a warm and welcoming personality and is highly competent in her role. It has been a pleasure welcoming her to our team.

Tribute must be paid to all our staff team who have volunteered their time to raise funds for the Association by putting on 30/30 revisited social events. Five evening socials have been put on this year attended by 300 local people. Thank you all for dedication to our Association

4 Site improvements

An aspect of the Trustees strategic plan for Allens Cross Community Association is a program of improving the site.

The top priority for this year was replacing the roof on Florence Pickering Centre. It is through the generosity of the Edward Cadbury Trust that this work was done. Sadly, we also had to cut down much of the iconic Oak Tree in the grounds of the Centre. It was diseased and dangerous. However, in Spring, much to our delight, the tree still produced foliage and has survived!

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Achievements and performance

5. Achievements and performance

5.1 Forward Thinking

As we come to the end of the financial year 2024-2025, plans are already afoot for the future. We are ever mindful of the changing needs of Allen's Cross and it is the knowledge of our Community that drives our vision.

5.2 Your Trustees

A new Board of Trustees was elected in November 2023 with the passion and drive to ensure Allen's Cross delivers its Mission to serve the needs of the local community. The Trustees volunteer so much time and expertise to ensure the vision and strategy keeps Allen's Cross Community Association focused and relevant.

5.3 Funding

After our successful launch of courses for autistic adults and children with funding through All Age Autism, we consolidated the work we do and secured funding. Applications with Inclusive Communities and Awards For All were successful so all projects and staffing will be secure until 2026.

Further funding applications will be made to ASDA for site improvements ; Postcode Lottery to cover core costs; Children in Need for the Tea-Time Club.

5.4 Tea-Time Club

Planning is underway for a new project. If successful, we will run an after-school club for 8-10 year old primary children. We will be targeting Free School Meal children. A hot home-cooked meal will be provided as well as Art, Cookery and Forest School activities.

This is an exciting time for Allens's Cross Community Association as we continue to serve the residents of Allens's Cross and neighbouring areas.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £177,840 (2024: £128,352) which included £118,738 (2024: £71,755) of grants identified as being restricted. Total expenditure for the year was £156,193 (2024: £121,270) of which £90,437 (2024: £88,706) was allocated against restricted funds. £1,806 was transferred from Heart of England-Inclusive Communities fund to unrestricted funds to cover room hire. (2024: £330 was transferred from a National Lottery grant to cover administrative costs incurred). The net result for the year was a deficit on general funds of £4,848 (2024: £24,363-surplus) which has been deducted from reserves at 1 April 2024 making a balance carried forward of £46,281. There was a surplus on restricted funds for the year of £26,495 which has been added to reserves leaving £29,814 carried forward to be spent in future years.

Ongoing funding was secured from Birmingham City Council's Prevention and Early Intervention Grants programme to support the lunch club and shed project. We appreciate the support of all of our other donors during the year including, Eco Birmingham, Awards 4 All, Heart of England, Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust, Neighbourhood Network Schemes as well as numerous individual personal donations.

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Financial review *(continued)*

Policy for holding reserves

The reserves policy of the association takes into account the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the need to provide against the uncertainty of grant income. Certain funding has restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in restricted reserves until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Reserves may be used to:

- cover temporary shortfalls in income.
- fund unexpected, necessary expenditure (e.g. emergency repairs, legal costs).
- support cash flow timing differences.
- meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close, including redundancy pay and amounts due to creditors

The trustees have agreed that the aim should be to maintain reserves equivalent to 6 months of core operating costs which is calculated as £22,500 for 2025-26. The current level of the reserves bank account is calculated at £26,856 (31/10/25) with the view to try and grow this further to help fund capital costs of repair and development of the centre.

Principal sources of funds

A high proportion of our funding comes from grants. Income from lettings is increasing with more groups returning to regular activity and the local community celebrating and marking significant family events with parties and celebrations.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Financial review *(continued)*

Principal risks facing the charity

Every year an organisation-wide risk assessment is conducted by the Trustees which includes assessment of governance, operational activities and calculated risks. The following explains the most significant risks and uncertainties faced by the Association:

Need to widen our reach

The needs of local people remain the same, if not increased as the cost of living crisis begins to take hold. St Bart's Local Pantry project has had an impact on food poverty and continues to be well-used and developing as a social space where local people socialise. Furthermore, Allen's Cross - the Person-Centred Community - will be a hub of collaborative support for autistic adults and families.

Financial risks

A funding plan is being implemented for the year 2025-26 to ensure we have the resources we need to operate for the year. We also have a forward budget which determines funding requirements for the next three years. Continuous action will be taken on this in order to alleviate any gaps in funding.

Ability to demonstrate impact

As an organisation it is important for us to demonstrate impact in order to attract grant income, improve access to services and to ensure we can demonstrate to existing funders that we are fulfilling their requirements. We undertake feedback activities which are also recorded on our shared drive.

The Allen's Cross Community Garden and Centre web page has been completely updated and showcases the current projects.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Allen's Cross Community Association is a registered charity (Reg. charity no 522842). The Constitution and related standing orders is the governing document that sets out rules and requirements relating to Association Members; terms of office and election of Trustees and Honorary Officers; disqualification of Trustees; and proceedings of the Board. All Trustees are required to be members of the Association.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the Board) is the governing body of the Association. The purpose of the Board is to agree the planned direction of the Association and to ensure the organisation delivers on its plans and objectives as set out in the governing documents. The Board is responsible for the Association's compliance with regulation and legislation as well as ensuring that the values and reputation of the Association are upheld. The Board also supports the Chair and officers in carrying out their executive responsibilities. There can be up to 7 Trustees on the Board (with a quorum of three). The Board is the employer of all of the Association's staff. The Board meets monthly and is the final decision-making body for new policy, strategic planning and approval of financial budgets.

Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting by all members present aged 18 and over with the power to vote. They may also be co-opted by the Board until the following AGM. There is a term of office of one year following which they may be re-elected. The number of re-elections is not limited. Members aged 18 and above only are eligible to be elected. All new Trustees receive induction training especially in the following areas: constitution, safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, equal opportunities policy, general data protection policy

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees have a core induction programme supported by induction activities tailored to their role. All Trustees have training in the following policies and procedures:

- Constitution and Standing orders
- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- General Data protection Policy

Remuneration Policy

The Association's pay scales are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and staff are remunerated in accordance with them. All new employee job descriptions, and substantive changes, are subject to evaluation to determine the appropriate pay level.

Trustees and management committee members do not receive any form of remuneration for their roles.

Organisational structure and wider networks

The Board of Trustees are the governing body responsible for determining the vision and plans of the Association and for ensuring effective achievement of those plans. An affiliated group committee meets quarterly with representatives from the Board of Trustees to discuss any issues related to the site and also to focus on the needs of local people.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Leadership

The Association's officers are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers have some powers to make decisions within the approved budget, operational plan and the Association's policies and procedures.

The Association works closely with a number of other organisations within the Northfield area to ensure that its services are widely advertised and meet the needs of the local community. These include:

- Northfield Neighbourhood Community Partnership
- Birmingham City Council
- Local Councillors
- St Bart's Church

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Allen's Cross Community Association

Charity registration number 522842

Principal office 24 Tinkers Farm Road
Northfield
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B31 1RH

The trustees

S Antonio	(Resigned 3 December 2024)
DR Carter	(Resigned 3 December 2024)
S Clark	
Councillor J Deakin	(Resigned 3 December 2024)
T Hussey	
T Morton	
C Roberts-Pitters	(Resigned 31 August 2024)
S Stanway	(Appointed 20 March 2025)
E Pugh	(Appointed 17 November 2024)

Three trustees failed to attend meetings and have been deemed to have resigned on 3 December 2024

Accountants

Accuo Accounting Limited
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Funds held as custodian trustee

The association holds the title deeds to the freehold land and premises at 24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield which was given to the Association to hold on behalf of the community. The exact value of the premises is unknown.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

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

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

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 24 November 2025 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

T Hussey
Trustee

Allen's Cross Community Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Allen's Cross Community Association

Year ended 31 March 2025

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Allen's Cross Community Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

David Seeley FCA
Independent Examiner

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Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

		Unrestricted funds	2025 Restricted funds	Total funds	2024 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	2,379	118,738	121,117	87,506
Charitable activities	5	11,053	–	11,053	9,777
Other trading activities	6	42,840	–	42,840	26,902
Investment income	7	1,470	–	1,470	1,187
Other income	8	1,360	–	1,360	2,980
Total income		<u>59,102</u>	<u>118,738</u>	<u>177,840</u>	<u>128,352</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	65,756	90,437	156,193	121,270
Total expenditure		<u>65,756</u>	<u>90,437</u>	<u>156,193</u>	<u>121,270</u>
Net income		<u>(6,654)</u>	<u>28,301</u>	<u>21,647</u>	<u>7,082</u>
Transfers between funds		1,806	(1,806)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>(4,848)</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>21,647</u>	<u>7,082</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		51,129	3,319	54,448	47,366
Total funds carried forward		<u>46,281</u>	<u>29,814</u>	<u>76,095</u>	<u>54,448</u>

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

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		77,722	57,871
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>1,627</u>	<u>3,423</u>
Net current assets		<u>76,095</u>	<u>54,448</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>76,095</u>	<u>54,448</u>
Net assets		<u>76,095</u>	<u>54,448</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		29,814	3,319
Unrestricted funds		<u>46,281</u>	<u>51,129</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>76,095</u>	<u>54,448</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 24 November 2025, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

T Hussey
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2025

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Allen's Cross Community Centre, 24 Tinkers Farm Road, Northfield, B31 1RH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Significant judgements

There are no judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have any significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. There are no key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have any significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- other income is recognised as it is received, including affiliation fees and Day Centre takings.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Donations			
Donations	1,919	–	1,919
Affiliation fees	215	–	215
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	–	–
Birmingham City Council-Preventions	245	30,000	30,245
Eco Birmingham	–	9,214	9,214
Awards 4 All	–	19,934	19,934
Heart of England	–	32,260	32,260
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	15,000	15,000
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	12,330	12,330
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	–	–
B&Q	–	–	–
Co-op	–	–	–
	<u>2,379</u>	<u>118,738</u>	<u>121,117</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	12,623	–	12,623
Affiliation fees	128	–	128
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	2,000	2,000
Birmingham City Council-Preventions	–	39,475	39,475
Eco Birmingham	–	–	–
Awards 4 All	–	–	–
Heart of England	–	–	–
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	–	–
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	–	–
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	22,780	22,780
B&Q	–	7,500	7,500
Co-op	<u>3,000</u>	–	<u>3,000</u>
	<u>15,751</u>	<u>71,755</u>	<u>87,506</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
DC takings	9,290	9,290	9,777	9,777
Other income from charitable activities	<u>1,763</u>	<u>1,763</u>	–	–
	<u>11,053</u>	<u>11,053</u>	<u>9,777</u>	<u>9,777</u>

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Year ended 31 March 2025

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Fundraising events	6,660	6,660	–	–
Hall lettings	36,180	36,180	26,902	26,902
	<u>42,840</u>	<u>42,840</u>	<u>26,902</u>	<u>26,902</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	1,470	1,470	1,187	1,187

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Other income	1,360	1,360	2,980	2,980

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Community Centre	64,556	90,437	154,993
Support costs	1,200	–	1,200
	<u>65,756</u>	<u>90,437</u>	<u>156,193</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Community Centre	31,566	88,506	120,072
Support costs	998	200	1,198
	<u>32,564</u>	<u>88,706</u>	<u>121,270</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2025 £	Total fund 2024 £
Community Centre	154,993	–	154,993	120,072
Governance costs	–	1,200	1,200	1,198
	<u>154,993</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>156,193</u>	<u>121,270</u>

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11. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs-Comm unity Centre £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Governance costs	1,200	1,200	1,200

12. Independent examination fees

	2025 £	2024 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	1,200	1,200

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	73,098	64,936
Employer contributions to pension plans	1,112	812
Sessional and similar costs	1,860	5,992
	<u>76,070</u>	<u>71,740</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 6 (2024: 8). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by any of the trustees

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,200	1,524
Social security and other taxes	65	1,724
Other creditors	362	175
	<u>1,627</u>	<u>3,423</u>

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16. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £1,112 (2024: £812).

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
General funds	<u>51,129</u>	<u>59,102</u>	<u>(65,756)</u>	<u>1,806</u>	<u>46,281</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>26,766</u>	<u>56,597</u>	<u>(32,564)</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>51,129</u>

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17. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2025 £
Birmingham City Council	864	30,000	(31,594)	–	(730)
Heart of England Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	32,260	(30,454)	(1,806)	–
Celebrating Communities	–	15,000	(15,000)	–	–
National Lottery-Awards 4 All	–	–	–	–	–
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	19,934	(6,458)	–	13,476
B&Q	2,455	–	(2,455)	–	–
Eco Birmingham	–	9,214	(1,625)	–	7,589
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	12,330	(2,851)	–	9,479
	<u>3,319</u>	<u>118,738</u>	<u>(90,437)</u>	<u>(1,806)</u>	<u>29,814</u>

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Birmingham City Council	17,871	39,475	(56,482)	–	864
Heart of England Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	–	–	–	–
Celebrating Communities	–	2,000	(1,670)	(330)	–
National Lottery-Awards 4 All	2,729	–	(2,729)	–	–
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	22,780	(22,780)	–	–
B&Q	–	7,500	(5,045)	–	2,455
Eco Birmingham	–	–	–	–	–
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>20,600</u>	<u>71,755</u>	<u>(88,706)</u>	<u>(330)</u>	<u>3,319</u>

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18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	47,908	29,814	77,722
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,627)	–	(1,627)
Net assets	<u>46,281</u>	<u>29,814</u>	<u>76,095</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	54,552	3,319	57,871
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,423)	–	(3,423)
Net assets	<u>51,129</u>	<u>3,319</u>	<u>54,448</u>

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Management Information

Year ended 31 March 2025

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	1,919	12,623
Affiliation fees	215	128
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	2,000
Birmingham City Council-Preventions	30,245	39,475
Eco Birmingham	9,214	–
Awards 4 All	19,934	–
Heart of England	32,260	–
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	15,000	–
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	12,330	–
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	22,780
B&Q	–	7,500
Co-op	–	3,000
	<u>121,117</u>	<u>87,506</u>
Charitable activities		
DC takings	9,290	9,777
Other income from charitable activities	1,763	–
	<u>11,053</u>	<u>9,777</u>
Other trading activities		
Fundraising events	6,660	–
Hall lettings	36,180	26,902
	<u>42,840</u>	<u>26,902</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	1,470	1,187
Other income		
Other income	1,360	2,980
	<u>177,840</u>	<u>128,352</u>
Total income		

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	32,523	24,993
Wages and salaries	73,098	64,936
Pension costs	1,112	812
Other post-retirement benefits	1,860	5,992
Rates and water	2,477	2,277
Light and heat	7,189	5,155
Repairs and maintenance	31,825	9,671
Insurance	1,566	1,614
Legal and professional fees	1,200	1,198
Telephone	576	1,766
Other office costs	2,197	2,127
Advertising and promotion	570	729
	<u>156,193</u>	<u>121,270</u>
Total expenditure	<u>156,193</u>	<u>121,270</u>
Net income	<u>21,647</u>	<u>7,082</u>

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Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Community Centre		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Activity costs	32,523	24,993
Wages/salaries	73,098	64,936
Pension costs	1,112	812
Sessional and other similar expenses	1,860	5,992
Rates & water	2,477	2,277
Light & heat	7,189	5,155
Repairs & maintenance	31,825	9,671
Insurance	1,566	1,614
Telephone	576	1,766
General office costs	2,197	2,127
Advertising/promotion	570	729
	<u>154,993</u>	<u>120,072</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,198</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u><u>156,193</u></u>	<u><u>121,270</u></u>

ALLEN'S CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 522842

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 522842

Allen's Cross Community Association
Unaudited Financial Statements
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Allen's Cross Community Association

Financial Statements

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Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2024

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

1.Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and its neighbourhood without discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, political opinion or race.
2. To provide opportunities for people to advance education and to provide facilities and services in the interests of social, recreational and leisure time occupation, with the aim of improving the quality of life for the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and neighbourhood.
3. To manage and maintain Allen's Cross Community Centre for activities in pursuance of those aims.

2.Summary of the main activities in relation to the above purposes for the public benefit

The Association continues to manage a thriving Community Centre which delivers a range of activities for the benefit of all ages and backgrounds. A significant challenge for the Association in 2023-2024 was the funding of our main projects. The Preventions and Communities Funding ended in September 2023 and the process of recommissioning for 2023 - 2026 began in March 2023. Trustees decided to focus on our most successful projects when applying for further funding - the over 60s Lunch Club and The Garden and Sheds Project. As Birmingham City Council filed for bankruptcy, it was revealed that 70% of applications would be unsuccessful. Fortunately, we were one of the 30% who were awarded funding. However, it was 50% of our original budget application. Very difficult decisions had to be made. Although our key projects were retained, staffing was drastically reduced. Very sadly we had to dispense with the services of Mandy Scott-Morgan, the Centre Manager. Mandy was an excellent Manager. She joined us at a time of transition and her inclusive welcoming approach was much needed. Mandy developed excellent relationships with all affiliates, brought in new long-term bookings and oversaw many successful community events. We thank her for her service.

We also had to lose Fiona Sewell, the Finance Officer, and significantly reduce the hours of Victoria Silvers, the Lunch Club Activities co-ordinator.

Jackie Careless was appointed as Centre and Garden Manager. Jackie has proven to be an outstanding appointment even though the hours she has to run the Centre and Garden are dramatically less than what is required.

During 2023 - 2024 Allen's Cross has further developed as a Person-Centred Community. In line with our objective to 'improve the quality of life for the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and neighbourhood' we now provide courses for autistic adults and young people. These courses include Art therapy, Cookery, Forest school, Gardening and Woodwork. Funding was applied for and granted from All Age Autism. As provision was across the site and included all our projects funding also contributed to the staffing for Lunch Club and the Community Garden.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

The main projects Allen's Cross Community Association ran during 2023-24 included:

2.1 Lunch club for older people

A twice-weekly session for up to 20 people who are isolated.

The Cook, Lorraine Bradshaw, has continued the fine tradition of providing delicious well-balanced, home-cooked meals for the appreciative members. Activities co-ordinator, Vicki Silvers, resigned from post owing to increasing family commitments. We thank her for her service. Michelle Haddock was appointed as Activities co-ordinator. Lorraine and Michelle have an excellent working relationship and together have organised events for Lunch Club including D Day celebrations and special meals for Christmas and Easter. Numbers attending have significantly increased which is testimony to the hard work done by Lorraine and Michelle. Lunch Club numbers have now reached their maximum of 20 per session.

Affordable accessible transport is provided if needed.

2.2 An award-winning Community Garden

A space for people of all ages and abilities to work together to grow food, enjoy physical exercise and make friends. The Garden is superbly managed by Jackie Careless who was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Jackie practices therapeutic horticulture and the Garden is a place of well-being. It is not only the plants that thrive but the many volunteers who work there too.

2.3 The Shed

A project which welcomes all to learn and share new skills. The impact of which can be seen around the site. The volunteers have developed the Shed area to make it fit for their needs, improved the garden stage and built planters and benches to make the site more attractive.

2.4 Free Family events in the Community Garden

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

3. Allen's Cross - the Person-Centred Community

Before our courses began for neuro-divergent people all staff and volunteers were given training by Lee Burden from Autism West Midlands. Our courses now include:

3.1. Art therapy

Our Art leads, Ellenormay Hocking and Bev Charles, are truly exceptional at what they do. A safe collaborative space has been created for autistic adults and families where our clients and their carers can explore their own creativity and socialise in a supportive space. Elle and Bev work in a range of media and the pieces created are outstanding. One client commented, 'I benefit enormously from Allen's Cross - as a neuro-divergent person Allen's Cross has become a much-needed advocate, and indeed, champion for us.'

Further courses that have been available include Cookery, Forest School, Exploring Nature and Gardening.

3.2. Baskerville School

A tailor-made programme for Baskerville School has been running. Students work on site on Monday and Tuesdays. This has been a highly successful collaboration. Baskerville students have volunteered in the Community Garden; Sheds wood-work project; Lunch Club and Little Sunshine's Stay and Play. One student comes to the Art course on a Wednesday morning. He is exceptionally talented but his major achievement is he travels to and from our site independently.

3.3. Affiliated Groups

Allen's Cross Community Association also provides rooms for hire to aid local delivery of services and a broader range of activities for local people, e.g. Faith groups, Little Sunshine's Stay and Play group, Forest School, Dance, Karate, Fred's Friendship group, Zumba, In Her Shoes, St Bart's Local Pantry

After 40 years of having our site as their Church, it was a sad day when we bid farewell to the 7th day Adventists who moved to a church. The SDA have always been most supportive of all we do and are much missed.

3.4. Contribution made by volunteers

Without the 60 Volunteers who help in the community garden, lunch club, Shed project and St Bart's Local Pantry, Allen's Cross Community Centre could not operate. We rely on our volunteers to help maintain the site, run groups, support events, and offer friendship and support to members. The quality of our volunteers is such that when we appoint new staff, our volunteers are often those who apply and are successful at the interview.

We are extremely grateful for the hours our volunteers donate to the Community. This appreciation was expressed when a 'Celebrating our Volunteers' event was organised in August 2023. It was a special occasion with music provided by Leroy, a Garden volunteer, and Sue, a Pantry volunteer. Lunch was enjoyed and certificates given to all. Special awards and gifts were given to Brian Gregory for his work on site and support of Lunch Club; Sara Hussein for her commitment to the Garden and Sheds projects and Jeanette English for her quiet but complete commitment to St Bart's Local Pantry.

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

3.5. Outstanding Staff Team

Under the leadership of Jackie Careless a very strong staff team is now in place. The core team now includes:

- Lorraine Bradshaw - Lunch Club Cook
- Michelle Haddock - Lunch Club Activities Co-ordinator and Site Cleaner
- Sara Hussein - Caretaker
- Thomas Worthington - Office Administrator

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Achievements and performance

4. Achievements and performance

4.1 Forward Thinking

As we come to the end of the financial year 2023-2024, plans are already afoot for the future. We are ever mindful of the changing needs of Allen's Cross and it is the knowledge of our Community that drives our vision.

Your Trustees

A new Board of Trustees was elected in November 2023 with the passion and drive to ensure Allen's Cross delivers its Mission to serve the needs of the local community. The Trustees volunteer so much time and expertise to ensure the vision and strategy keeps Allen's Cross Community Association focused and relevant.

5 Funding

5.1 Fabric of the Building

A grant from B&Q was successfully applied for and used to repair the roof in the main building and improve electrics. Plumbing work was also carried out.

A major cost will be a completely new roof for Florence Pickering Centre. This is now a top priority.

Future grants will be to improve the front of the Centre.

5.2. New projects

After our successful launch of courses for autistic adults and children with funding through All Age Autism, we now need to consolidate the work we do and ensure funding is secure. Applications are in progress with Inclusive Communities and Awards For All. If successful all projects and staffing will be secure until 2026.

Furthermore, we are committed to developing our links with Baskerville School and building new ones with Arc Oakbridge and Queen Alexandra College.

5.3. After School Club

Planning is underway for a new project. If successful, we will run an after-school club for 8-10 year old primary children. We will be targeting pupil premium children. A hot home-cooked meal will be provided as well as Art, Cookery and Forest School.

5.4. 30/30 Club Revisited

The staff team are volunteering their time to re-introduce the popular and much missed 30/30 events. A program of social evenings will be launched Spring 2024.

This is an exciting time for Allens's Cross Community Association as we continue to serve the residents of Allens's Cross and neighbouring areas.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Financial review

Total income for the year was £128,352 (2023: £101,341) which included £71,755 (2023: £62,299) of grants identified as being restricted. Total expenditure for the year was £121,270 (2023: £107,719) of which £88,706 (2023: £59,891) was allocated against restricted funds. £330 was transferred from a National Lottery grant to cover administrative costs incurred. The net result for the year was a surplus on general funds of £24,363 (2023: £8,726-deficit) which has been added to reserves at 1 April 2023 making a balance carried forward of £51,129. There was a deficit on restricted funds for the year of £17,281 which has been deducted from reserves leaving £3,319 carried forward to be spent in subsequent years.

Ongoing funding was secured from Birmingham City Council's Prevention and Early Intervention Grants programme to support the lunch club and shed project. We appreciate the support of all of our other donors during the year including, National Lottery, All Age Autism, B&Q, Cornerstone Church as well as numerous individual personal donations.

Policy for holding reserves

The reserves policy of the association takes into account the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the need to provide against the uncertainty of grant income. Certain funding has restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in restricted reserves until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Reserves are needed to:

1. Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close, including redundancy pay and amounts due to creditors.
2. Meet unexpected costs like the breakdown of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave and legal costs defending the Association's interests.
3. To replace equipment
4. To ensure the association can continue to provide a stable and quality service
5. To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears

The likelihood of all the above events happening in one year is unlikely, however we aim to build a reserve which represents 25% of our annual running costs. Since we are now entering uncertain times with the cost-of-living crisis we have no real idea of how our future income and expenditure will be affected. In addition, we aim to introduce new activities and at present it is difficult to establish the true underlying costs for which we would hold reserves. Although the current balance of approximately £51,129 is probably greater than current needs, at the present time we consider it prudent not to take any steps to drastically reduce these. The situation will be reviewed when we achieve a more stable position.

Principal sources of funds

A high proportion of our funding comes from grants. Income from lettings is increasing with more groups returning to regular activity and the local community celebrating and marking significant family events with parties and celebrations.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Financial review *(continued)*

Principal risks facing the charity

Every year an organisation-wide risk assessment is conducted by the Trustees which includes assessment of governance, operational activities and calculated risks. The following explains the most significant risks and uncertainties faced by the Association:

Need to widen our reach

The needs of local people remain the same, if not increased as the cost-of-living crisis begins to take hold. St Bart's Local Pantry project has had an impact on food poverty and continues to be well-used and developing as a social space where local people socialise. Furthermore, Allen's Cross - the Person-Centred Community - will be a hub of collaborative support for autistic adults and families.

Financial risks

A funding plan is being implemented for the year 2024-25 to ensure we have the resources we need to operate for the year. We also have a forward budget which determines funding requirements for the next three years. Continuous action will be taken on this in order to alleviate any gaps in funding.

Ability to demonstrate impact

As an organisation it is important for us to demonstrate impact in order to attract grant income, improve access to services and to ensure we can demonstrate to existing funders that we are fulfilling their requirements. We undertake feedback activities which are also recorded on our shared drive. The monitoring done through the All Age Autism funding clearly showed the positive impact the project had on clients.

The Allen's Cross Community Garden and Centre web page has been completely updated and showcases the current projects.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Allen's Cross Community Association is a registered charity (Reg. charity no 522842). The Constitution and related standing orders is the governing document that sets out rules and requirements relating to Association Members; terms of office and election of Trustees and Honorary Officers; disqualification of Trustees; and proceedings of the Board. All Trustees are required to be members of the Association.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the Board) is the governing body of the Association. The purpose of the Board is to agree the planned direction of the Association and to ensure the organisation delivers on its plans and objectives as set out in the governing documents. The Board is responsible for the Association's compliance with regulation and legislation as well as ensuring that the values and reputation of the Association are upheld. The Board also supports the Chair and officers in carrying out their executive responsibilities. There can be up to 7 Trustees on the Board (with a quorum of three). The Board is the employer of all of the Association's staff. The Board meets monthly and is the final decision-making body for new policy, strategic planning and approval of financial budgets.

Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting by all members present aged 18 and over with the power to vote. They may also be co-opted by the Board until the following AGM. There is a term of office of one year following which they may be re-elected. The number of re-elections is not limited. Members aged 18 and above only are eligible to be elected. All new Trustees receive induction training especially in the following areas: constitution, safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, equal opportunities policy, general data protection policy

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees have a core induction programme supported by induction activities tailored to their role. All Trustees have training in the following policies and procedures:

- Constitution and Standing orders
- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- General Data protection Policy

Remuneration Policy

The Association's pay scales are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and staff are remunerated in accordance with them. All new employee job descriptions, and substantive changes, are subject to evaluation to determine the appropriate pay level.

Trustees and management committee members do not receive any form of remuneration for their roles.

Organisational structure and wider networks

The Board of Trustees are the governing body responsible for determining the vision and plans of the Association and for ensuring effective achievement of those plans. An affiliated group committee meets quarterly with representatives from the Board of Trustees to discuss any issues related to the site and also to focus on the needs of local people.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Leadership

The Association's officers are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers have some powers to make decisions within the approved budget, operational plan and the Association's policies and procedures.

The Association works closely with a number of other organisations within the Northfield area to ensure that its services are widely advertised and meet the needs of the local community. These include:

- Northfield Neighbourhood Community Partnership
- Birmingham City Council
- Local Councillors
- St Bart's Church

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Allen's Cross Community Association
Charity registration number	522842
Principal office	24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield Birmingham B31 1RH

The trustees

S Antonio	
DR Carter	
S Clark	
Councillor J Deakin	
T Hussey	
T Morton	(Appointed 7 November 2023)
C Roberts-Pitters	

Accountants

Accuo Accounting Limited
Chartered Accountants
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B48 7JX

Funds held as custodian trustee

The association holds the title deeds to the freehold land and premises at 24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield which was given to the Association to hold on behalf of the community. The exact value of the premises is unknown.

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

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

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

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 3 December 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



T Hussey
Trustee

Allen's Cross Community Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Allen's Cross Community Association

Year ended 31 March 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Allen's Cross Community Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

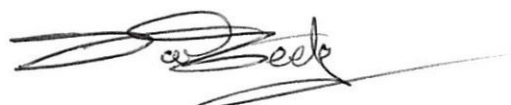
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



David Seeley FCA
Independent Examiner

Accuo Accounting Limited
Chartered Accountants
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3 December 2024

Allen's Cross Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

		Unrestricted funds	2024 Restricted funds	Total funds	2023 Total funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	15,751	71,755	87,506	72,652
Charitable activities	5	9,777	–	9,777	4,524
Other trading activities	6	26,902	–	26,902	23,504
Investment income	7	1,187	–	1,187	1
Other income	8	2,980	–	2,980	660
Total income		<u>56,597</u>	<u>71,755</u>	<u>128,352</u>	<u>101,341</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	32,564	88,706	121,270	107,729
Total expenditure		<u>32,564</u>	<u>88,706</u>	<u>121,270</u>	<u>107,729</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>24,033</u>	<u>(16,951)</u>	<u>7,082</u>	<u>(6,388)</u>
Transfers between funds		330	(330)	–	–
Net movement in funds		<u>24,363</u>	<u>(17,281)</u>	<u>7,082</u>	<u>(6,388)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		26,766	20,600	47,366	53,754
Total funds carried forward		<u>51,129</u>	<u>3,319</u>	<u>54,448</u>	<u>47,366</u>

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

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		57,871	49,370
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>3,423</u>	<u>2,004</u>
Net current assets		<u>54,448</u>	<u>47,366</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>54,448</u>	<u>47,366</u>
Net assets		<u><u>54,448</u></u>	<u><u>47,366</u></u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		3,319	20,600
Unrestricted funds		<u>51,129</u>	<u>26,766</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u><u>54,448</u></u>	<u><u>47,366</u></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 3 December 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



T Hussey
Trustee

The notes on pages 14 to 21 form part of these financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2024

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Allen's Cross Community Centre, 24 Tinkers Farm Road, Northfield, B31 1RH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Significant judgements

There are no judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have any significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. There are no key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have any significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- other income is recognised as it is received, including affiliation fees and Day Centre takings.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Donations	12,623	–	12,623
Affiliation fees	128	–	128
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	2,000	2,000
Birmingham City Council-Groups	–	39,475	39,475
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	–	–
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	22,780	22,780
B&Q	–	7,500	7,500
Co-op	3,000	–	3,000
	<u>15,751</u>	<u>71,755</u>	<u>87,506</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	384	–	384
Affiliation fees	108	–	108
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	9,500	9,500
Birmingham City Council-Groups	41	52,729	52,770
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	9,890	–	9,890
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	–	–
B&Q	–	–	–
Co-op	–	–	–
	<u>10,423</u>	<u>62,229</u>	<u>72,652</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
DC takings	<u>9,777</u>	<u>9,777</u>	<u>4,524</u>	<u>4,524</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Hall lettings	26,902	26,902	23,504	23,504

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	1,187	1,187	1	1

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Other income	2,980	2,980	660	660

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Community Centre	31,566	88,506	120,072
Support costs	998	200	1,198
	<u>32,564</u>	<u>88,706</u>	<u>121,270</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Community Centre	44,732	59,706	104,438
Support costs	3,106	185	3,291
	<u>47,838</u>	<u>59,891</u>	<u>107,729</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Community Centre	120,072	–	120,072	104,438
Governance costs	–	1,198	1,198	3,291
	<u>120,072</u>	<u>1,198</u>	<u>121,270</u>	<u>107,729</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

11. Analysis of support costs

	Support costs Community Centre £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Governance costs	1,200	1,200	3,291

12. Independent examination fees

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	1,200	1,100

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	64,936	68,532
Employer contributions to pension plans	812	883
Other employee benefits	5,992	46
	<u>71,740</u>	<u>69,461</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2023: 7). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by any of the trustees

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,524	1,236
Social security and other taxes	1,724	623
Other creditors	175	145
	<u>3,423</u>	<u>2,004</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

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16. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £812 (2023: £883).

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
General funds	<u>26,766</u>	<u>56,597</u>	<u>(32,564)</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>51,129</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
General funds	<u>35,492</u>	<u>39,112</u>	<u>(47,838)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>26,766</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

17. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2024 £
Birmingham City Council	17,871	39,475	(56,482)	–	864
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	–	–	–	–
Celebrating Communities	–	2,000	(1,670)	(330)	–
National Lottery-Awards 4 All	2,729	–	(2,729)	–	–
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	22,780	(22,780)	–	–
B&Q	–	7,500	(5,045)	–	2,455
	<u>20,600</u>	<u>71,755</u>	<u>(88,706)</u>	<u>(330)</u>	<u>3,319</u>

	At 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 March 2023 £
Birmingham City Council	16,787	50,174	(49,090)	–	17,871
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	1,475	–	(1,475)	–	–
Celebrating Communities	–	2,555	(2,555)	–	–
National Lottery-Awards 4 All	–	9,500	(6,771)	–	2,729
Landau-All Age Autism Support	–	–	–	–	–
B&Q	–	–	–	–	–
	<u>18,262</u>	<u>62,229</u>	<u>(59,891)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>20,600</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	54,552	3,319	57,871
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,423)	–	(3,423)
Net assets	<u>51,129</u>	<u>3,319</u>	<u>54,448</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	28,770	20,600	49,370
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,004)	–	(2,004)
Net assets	<u>26,766</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>47,366</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Management Information

Year ended 31 March 2024

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	12,623	384
Affiliation fees	128	108
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	2,000	9,500
Birmingham City Council-Groups	39,475	52,770
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	9,890
Landau-All Age Autism Support	22,780	–
B&Q	7,500	–
Co-op	3,000	–
	<u>87,506</u>	<u>72,652</u>
Charitable activities		
DC takings	<u>9,777</u>	<u>4,524</u>
Other trading activities		
Hall lettings	<u>26,902</u>	<u>23,504</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>1,187</u>	<u>1</u>
Other income		
Other income	<u>2,980</u>	<u>660</u>
Total income	<u><u>128,352</u></u>	<u><u>101,341</u></u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	24,993	13,270
Wages and salaries	64,936	68,532
Pension costs	812	883
Sessional and other similar expenses	5,992	46
Rates and water	2,277	550
Light and heat	5,155	6,809
Repairs and maintenance	9,671	6,980
Insurance	1,614	774
Travel costs	–	302
Legal and professional fees	1,198	3,291
Telephone	1,766	2,869
Other office costs	2,127	615
Advertising and promotion	729	1,056
Payments to Groups	–	1,752
	<u>121,270</u>	<u>107,729</u>
Total expenditure	<u>121,270</u>	<u>107,729</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>7,082</u>	<u>(6,388)</u>

ALLEN'S CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 522842

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Allen's Cross Community Association

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Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2023

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and its neighbourhood without discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, political opinion or race.
2. To provide opportunities for people to advance education and to provide facilities and services in the interests of social, recreational and leisure time occupation, with the aim of improving the quality of life for the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and neighbourhood.
3. To manage and maintain Allen's Cross Community Centre for activities in pursuance of those aims.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Summary of the main activities in relation to the above purposes for the public benefit

The association continues to manage a thriving Community Centre which delivers a range of activities for the benefit of all ages and backgrounds. During the year 2022-23 these included:

- Lunch club for older people - a twice-weekly session for up to 20 people who are isolated. Trustees would like to thank Diane Silvers who retired in January 2023. Diane is a much-loved member of our community and has been Lunch Club cook for many years. Upon her retirement, a Cook and Activities Co-ordinator were appointed. P&C Funding was used to improve the activities for members which now include chair exercises; craft activities; sing-along fun. The Cook, Lorraine Bradshaw, has continued the fine tradition of providing delicious well-balanced home-cooked meals for the appreciative members. Planning is underway for a summer trip for all Lunch Club members. Numbers attending have significantly increased which is testimony to the hard work done by Lorraine and, Activities Co-ordinator, Vicki Silvers who provides excellent pastoral care.

Affordable accessible transport is provided if needed.

- An award-winning Community Garden - a space for people of all ages and abilities to work together to grow food, enjoy physical exercise and make friends. The Garden is superbly managed by Jackie Careless who was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. Jackie practices therapeutic horticulture and the Garden is a place of well-being. It is not only the plants that thrive but the many volunteers who work there too.

- The Shed - a project which welcomes all to learn and share new skills. The impact of which can be seen around the site. The volunteers have developed the Shed area to make it fit for their needs; improved the garden stage and built many planters to make the site more attractive.

- Free Family events - the Community Garden and St Bart's Local Pantry held joint events. The Garden Open Day and Pantry Launch was the best attended event for many years. It included live music provided by Celebrating Sanctuary, story -telling, crafts, Forest school, freshly baked pizzas and so much more. Summer brought the Commonwealth Games event and Autumn a Family Fun and Fire event. All very well attended.

- Podcasting - a new project led by Dave Scott-Morgan and Gary Tranter offered training in podcasting skills. Several podcasts recorded, edited and uploaded all available on the Allen's Cross web-site

- Musicians Alliance - to encourage involvement in music whether playing with others, professional and amateur, learning performance skills, performing concerts for the local community to enjoy and gain a sense of achievement.

- St Bart's Local Pantry - continues to impact on food poverty as it provides excellent value. The Place of Welcome, which runs alongside the Pantry, is where the members socialise, enjoy light refreshments and can access advice on housing, energy and well-being. The Pantry held a series of Slow-Cooking courses for members which were led by Jackie Careless. These proved very popular. Funding was available to give each participant a free slow cooker at the end of the course.

- Provide rooms for hire to aid local delivery of services and a broader range of activities for local people, e.g. Faith groups, Little Sunshines Child-Minders group, Forest School, Dance, Karate, Fred's Friendship group.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Objectives and activities *(continued)*

Contribution made by volunteers

Without the 60 Volunteers who help in the community garden, lunch club, Shed project and St Bart's Local Pantry, Allen's Cross Community Centre could not operate. We rely on our volunteers to help maintain the site, run groups, support events, and offer friendship and support to members. The quality of our volunteers is such that when we appoint new people, our volunteers are often those who apply and are successful at the interview.

We are extremely grateful for the hours our volunteers donate to the Community.

Achievements and performance

Forward Thinking

As we come to the end of the financial year 2023-2024, plans are already afoot for the future. We are ever mindful of the changing needs of Allen's Cross and it is the knowledge of our Community that drives our vision.

Your Trustees

A new Board of Trustees was elected in November 2022 with the passion and drive to ensure Allen's Cross delivers its Mission to serve the needs of the local community. All Trustees will undertake professionally delivered training in the Spring.

Funding

The current Preventions & Communities funding finished in September 2023. The recommissioning process has just begun. Trustees have decided to apply for funding to sustain our most successful projects - the Lunch Club and Community Garden and Shed.

Fabric of the Building

A grant from B&Q has been applied for - if successful this will repair the roof in the main building and improve electrics. Plumbing works also need to be carried out.

Future grants will be to improve the front of the Centre.

New projects

Allen's Cross - the Person-Centred Community.

In the spring an application will be submitted to All Age Autism for significant funding for Allen's Cross to provide courses for autistic children and adults.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Financial review

Total income for the year was £101,341 (2022: £68,158) which included £62,299 (2022: £51,450) of grants identified as being restricted. Total expenditure for the year was £107,729 (2022: £99,354) of which £59,891 (2022: £33,188) was allocated against restricted funds. The net result for the year was a deficit on general funds of £8,726 (2022: £49,458) which has been deducted from reserves at 1 April 2022 making a balance carried forward of £26,766. There was a surplus on restricted funds for the year of £2,338 which has been carried forward to be spent in subsequent years.

Ongoing funding was secured from Birmingham City Council's Prevention and Early Intervention Grants programme to support the lunch club, shed project, music project and radio project. We appreciate the support of the Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust and the W A Cadbury Trust during the year.

Policy for holding reserves

The reserves policy of the association takes into account the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the need to provide against the uncertainty of grant income. Certain funding has restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in restricted reserves until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Reserves are needed to:

1. Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close, including redundancy pay and amounts due to creditors.
2. Meet unexpected costs like the breakdown of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave and legal costs defending the Association's interests.
3. To replace equipment
4. To ensure the association can continue to provide a stable and quality service
5. To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears

The likelihood of all the above events happening in one year is unlikely, however we aim to build a reserve which represents 25% of our annual running costs. Since we are now entering uncertain times with the cost of living crisis we have no real idea of how our future income and expenditure will be affected. In addition we aim to introduce new activities and at present it is difficult to establish the true underlying costs for which we would hold reserves. Although the current balance of approximately 885,000 is probably greater than current needs, at the present time we consider it prudent not to take any steps to drastically reduce these. The situation will be reviewed when we achieve a more stable position.

Principal sources of funds

A high proportion of our funding comes from grants. Income from lettings is increasing with more groups returning to regular activity and the local community celebrating and marking significant family events with parties and celebrations.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Financial review *(continued)*

Principal risks facing the charity

Every year an organisation-wide risk assessment is conducted by the Trustees which includes assessment of governance, operational activities and calculated risks. The following explains the most significant risks and uncertainties faced by the Association:

Need to widen our reach

The needs of local people remain the same, if not increased as the cost of living crisis begins to take hold. St Bart's Local Pantry project has had an impact on food poverty and continues to be well-used and developing as a social space where local people socialise. Furthermore, Allen's Cross - the Person-Centred Community - will be a hub of collaborative support for autistic adults and families.

Financial risks

A funding plan is being implemented for the year 2023-24 to ensure we have the resources we need to operate for the year. We also have a forward budget which determines funding requirements for the next three years. Continuous action will be taken on this in order to alleviate any gaps in funding.

Ability to demonstrate impact

As an organisation it is important for us to demonstrate impact in order to attract grant income, improve access to services and to ensure we can demonstrate to existing funders that we are fulfilling their requirements. We undertake feedback activities which are also recorded on our shared drive. A consequence of our Podcasting project is the voices of our members are clearly heard and known sharing their experiences of our community giving a human element to the differences we are making.

Funds held as custodian trustee

The association holds the title deeds to the freehold land and premises at 24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield which was given to the Association to hold on behalf of the community. The exact value of the premises is unknown.

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

Allen's Cross Community Association is a registered charity (Reg. charity no 522842). The Constitution and related standing orders is the governing document that sets out rules and requirements relating to Association Members; terms of office and election of Trustees and Honorary Officers; disqualification of Trustees; and proceedings of the Board. All Trustees are required to be members of the Association.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the Board) is the governing body of the Association. The purpose of the Board is to agree the planned direction of the Association and to ensure the organisation delivers on its plans and objectives as set out in the governing documents. The Board is accountable to the Management Committee and is responsible for the Association's compliance with regulation and legislation as well as ensuring that the values and reputation of the Association are upheld. The Board also supports the Chairman and officers in carrying out their executive responsibilities. There can be up to 7 Trustees on the Board (with a quorum of four). The Board is the employer of all of the Associations staff. The Board meets monthly and is the final decision-making body for new policy, strategic planning and approval of financial budgets.

Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting by all members present aged 18 and over with the power to vote. They may also be co-opted by the Board until the following AGM. There is a term of office of one year following which they may be re-elected. The number of re-elections is not limited. Members aged 18 and above only are eligible to be elected. All new Trustees receive induction training especially in the following areas: constitution, safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, equal opportunities policy, general data protection policy.

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees have a core induction programme supported by induction activities tailored to their role. All Trustees have training in the following policies and procedures:

- Constitution and Standing orders
- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- General Data protection Policy

Remuneration Policy

The Association's pay scales are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and staff are remunerated in accordance with them. All new employee job descriptions, and substantive changes, are subject to evaluation to determine the appropriate pay level.

Trustees and management committee members do not receive any form of remuneration for their roles.

Organisational structure and wider networks

The Board of Trustees are the governing body responsible for determining the vision and plans of the Association and for ensuring effective achievement of those plans. A User group committee meets monthly with representatives from the Board of Trustees to discuss any issues related to the site and also to determine the needs of local people.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Leadership

The Association's officers are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers have some powers to make decisions within the approved budget, operational plan and the Association's policies and procedures.

The Association works closely with a number of other organisations within the Northfield area to ensure that its services are widely advertised and meet the needs of the local community. These include:

- Northfield Community Partnership
- The Stronger Together Older Peoples Network
- Birmingham City Council
- Local Councillors
- St Bart's Church

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Allen's Cross Community Association

Charity registration number 522842

Principal office

The trustees

S Antonio	(Appointed 17 November 2022)
DR Carter	
S Bateman	(Resigned 16 November 2022)
S Clark	(Appointed 16 November 2022)
Councillor J Deakin	(Appointed 17 November 2022)
E Freeman	(Resigned 10 May 2022)
J Hussey	(Resigned 17 November 2022)
T Hussey	(Appointed 30 September 2022)
N Ladd	(Resigned 17 November 2022)
A Nicholls	(Resigned 10 October 2022)
S Nicholls	(Resigned 17 November 2022)
C Roberts-Pitters	(Appointed 17 November 2022)

Accountants

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

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

Allen's Cross Community Association

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

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

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 7 December 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

T Hussey
Trustee

Allen's Cross Community Association

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Allen's Cross Community Association

Year ended 31 March 2023

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Allen's Cross Community Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

David Seeley FCA
Independent Examiner

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Allen's Cross Community Association

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2023

		2023		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	10,423	62,229	72,652	53,133
Charitable activities	5	4,524	–	4,524	4,615
Other trading activities	6	23,504	–	23,504	10,251
Investment income	7	1	–	1	62
Other income	8	660	–	660	97
Total income		<u>39,112</u>	<u>62,229</u>	<u>101,341</u>	<u>68,158</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	47,838	59,891	107,729	99,354
Total expenditure		<u>47,838</u>	<u>59,891</u>	<u>107,729</u>	<u>99,354</u>
Net expenditure and net movement in funds		<u>(8,726)</u>	<u>2,338</u>	<u>(6,388)</u>	<u>(31,196)</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		35,492	18,262	53,754	84,950
Total funds carried forward		<u>26,766</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>47,366</u>	<u>53,754</u>

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

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		49,370	55,552
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>2,004</u>	<u>1,798</u>
Net current assets		<u>47,366</u>	<u>53,754</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>47,366</u>	<u>53,754</u>
Net assets		<u>47,366</u>	<u>53,754</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		20,600	18,262
Unrestricted funds		<u>26,766</u>	<u>35,492</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>47,366</u>	<u>53,754</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 7 December 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

T Hussey
Trustee

The notes on pages 12 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2023

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Allen's Cross Community Centre, 24 Tinkers Farm Road, Northfield, B31 1RH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Significant judgements

There are no judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have any significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. There are no key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have any significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- other income is recognised as it is received, including affiliation fees and Day Centre takings.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Donations	384	–	384
Affiliation fees	108	–	108
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	9,500	9,500
WA Cadbury	–	–	–
Birmingham City Council-Groups	41	52,729	52,770
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	–	–
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	9,890	–	9,890
	<u>10,423</u>	<u>62,229</u>	<u>72,652</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	364	–	364
Affiliation fees	69	–	69
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	–	–	–
WA Cadbury	750	–	750
Birmingham City Council-Groups	–	48,950	48,950
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	500	2,500	3,000
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	–	–	–
	<u>1,683</u>	<u>51,450</u>	<u>53,133</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
DC takings	<u>4,524</u>	<u>4,524</u>	<u>4,615</u>	<u>4,615</u>

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Hall lettings	<u>23,504</u>	<u>23,504</u>	<u>10,251</u>	<u>10,251</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Bank interest receivable	1	1	62	62

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Other income	660	660	97	97

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Community Centre	44,732	59,706	104,438
Support costs	3,106	185	3,291
	<u>47,838</u>	<u>59,891</u>	<u>107,729</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Community Centre	64,806	33,188	97,994
Support costs	1,360	–	1,360
	<u>66,166</u>	<u>33,188</u>	<u>99,354</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2023 £	Total fund 2022 £
Community Centre	104,438	–	104,438	97,994
Governance costs	–	3,291	3,291	1,360
	<u>104,438</u>	<u>3,291</u>	<u>107,729</u>	<u>99,354</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

11. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs-Comm unity Centre £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Finance costs	—	—	480
Governance costs	3,291	3,291	880
	<u>3,291</u>	<u>3,291</u>	<u>1,360</u>

12. Independent examination fees

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>1,400</u>	<u>1,060</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	68,532	57,845
Employer contributions to pension plans	883	176
Other employee benefits	46	3,657
	<u>69,461</u>	<u>61,678</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 7 (2022: 6). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Charitable activities	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by any of the trustees

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals and deferred income	1,236	960
Social security and other taxes	623	633
Other creditors	145	205
	<u>2,004</u>	<u>1,798</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

16. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £883 (2022: £176).

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
General funds	35,492	39,112	(47,838)	26,766

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	84,950	16,708	(66,166)	35,492

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2022	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2023
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council	16,787	50,174	(49,090)	17,871
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	1,475	–	(1,475)	–
Celebrating Communities	–	2,555	(2,555)	–
National Lottery-Awards 4 All	–	9,500	(6,771)	2,729
	<u>18,262</u>	<u>62,229</u>	<u>(59,891)</u>	<u>20,600</u>

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council	–	48,950	(32,163)	16,787
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	2,500	(1,025)	1,475
Celebrating Communities	–	–	–	–
National Lottery-Awards 4 All	–	–	–	–
	<u>–</u>	<u>51,450</u>	<u>(33,188)</u>	<u>18,262</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	28,770	20,600	49,370
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,004)	—	(2,004)
Net assets	<u>26,766</u>	<u>20,600</u>	<u>47,366</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current assets	37,290	18,262	55,552
Creditors less than 1 year	(1,798)	—	(1,798)
Net assets	<u>35,492</u>	<u>18,262</u>	<u>53,754</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Management Information

Year ended 31 March 2023

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Allen's Cross Community Association

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	384	364
Affiliation fees	108	69
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	9,500	–
WA Cadbury	–	750
Birmingham City Council-Groups	52,770	48,950
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	3,000
Neighbourhood Network Schemes	9,890	–
	<u>72,652</u>	<u>53,133</u>
Charitable activities		
DC takings	4,524	4,615
Other trading activities		
Hall lettings	23,504	10,251
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	1	62
Other income		
Other income	660	97
Total income	<u>101,341</u>	<u>68,158</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	13,270	4,912
Wages and salaries	68,532	57,845
Pension costs	883	176
Other post-retirement benefits	46	3,657
Rates and water	550	2,507
Light and heat	6,809	3,502
Repairs and maintenance	6,980	13,568
Insurance	774	–
Other motor/travel costs	302	–
Legal and professional fees	3,291	1,360
Telephone	2,869	2,157
Other office costs	615	2,430
Advertising and promotion	1,056	3,736
Payments to Groups	1,752	3,504
	<u>107,729</u>	<u>99,354</u>
Total expenditure	<u>107,729</u>	<u>99,354</u>
Net expenditure	<u>(6,388)</u>	<u>(31,196)</u>

Allen's Cross Community Association

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Community Centre		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Activity costs	13,270	4,912
Wages/salaries	68,532	57,845
Pension costs	883	176
Sessional and other similar expenses	46	3,657
Rates & water	550	2,507
Light & heat	6,809	3,502
Repairs & maintenance	6,980	13,568
Insurance	774	–
Travel costs	302	–
Telephone	2,869	2,157
General office costs	615	2,430
Advertising/promotion	1,056	3,736
Payments to groups	1,752	3,504
	<u>104,438</u>	<u>97,994</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	1,100	960
Governance costs - legal and other professional fees	2,191	400
	<u>3,291</u>	<u>1,360</u>
	<u>107,729</u>	<u>99,354</u>

ALLEN'S CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 522842

Accounts

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 522842

**Allens Cross Community Centre
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2022**

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Allens Cross Community Centre

Financial Statements

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Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2022

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and its neighbourhood without discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, political opinion or race.
2. To provide opportunities for people to advance education and to provide facilities and services in the interests of social, recreational and leisure time occupation, with the aim of improving the quality of life for the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and neighbourhood.
3. To manage and maintain Allen's Cross Community Centre for activities in pursuance of those aims'.

Summary of the main activities in relation to the above purposes for the public benefit

The association continues to manage a thriving Community Centre which delivers a range of activities for the benefit of all ages and backgrounds. During the year 2021-22 these have included:

- Lunch club for older people - a twice-weekly session for up to 20 people who are isolated. Four volunteers have provided valuable care to participants especially those who are housebound helping individuals with advice, information, emotional support and links to other agencies if needed. Affordable accessible transport is provided if needed.
- Community garden - a space for people of all ages and abilities to work together to grow food, enjoy physical exercise in the fresh air and make friends. An education programme facilitates learning about the environment and promotes biodiversity, sustainability and practical tasks on gardening at home.
- Shed - a place to recycle, upcycle, repair and make new things working alongside other residents and learning skills from each other.
- Free/affordable family events - so that local families can meet people from their community from different backgrounds, experience joy and laughter, have a sense of belonging and celebrate significant events together.
- A community radio/podcasting station - a new project aiming to improve communication locally especially for those who are isolated, offer training in radio skills, and be a place to find information and discuss local issues.
- A music project - to encourage involvement in music whether playing together with others, professional and amateur, learning performance skills, performing concerts for the local community to enjoy and gaining a sense of achievement.
- A Local Pantry project in partnership with St Barts Church - to have an impact on food poverty.
- Providing rooms for hire to aid local delivery of services and a broader range of activities for local people, e.g. faith groups, dance, karate, friendship group.

Contribution made by volunteers

Volunteers held in the community garden, lunch club, helping with maintenance tasks in the building and on site and getting involved in events. 25 volunteers have enabled us to continue to meet the challenge of managing a thriving community centre this year. We are extremely grateful for the hours spent

Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance

Our vision is to improve the quality of life for residents living in Allen's Cross and surrounding neighbourhood. It is this vision that drives our ambition to provide excellent services and facilities for all individuals living within our diverse community.

Life has slowly got back to normal after the restrictions of the Covid pandemic. All our projects have been able to operate and bookings for our facilities have increased. Life in the community garden has returned to normal and we have managed to open some new projects involving music, recycling/upcycling and a radio project. All our projects offer an opportunity for us to develop relationships with participants and to enable them to obtain any additional support by signposting them to other relevant agencies or obtaining any practical support needed. Our lunch club continues to be appreciated by members and, for some, it is the only time they get out in the week. Our community garden has provided some food for the lunch club as well as for the Local Pantry project, a new initiative with St Barts Church.

Engagement in projects by members of the community is lower than before the pandemic. We have become used to staying and getting involved in activities online. People are slowly returning but we believe this will take time.

Financial review

Total income for the year was £68,158 which included £51,450 of grants identified as being restricted. Total income in 2021 was £129,297. Total expenditure for the year was £99,354 of which £33,188 was allocated against restricted funds. Total expenditure for 2021 was £121,040. The net result for the year was a deficit on general funds of £49,458 which has been deducted from reserves at 1 April 2021 making a balance carried forward of £35,492. There was a surplus on restricted funds for the year of £18,262 which has been carried forward to be spent in subsequent years.

Ongoing funding was secured from Birmingham City Council's Prevention and Early Intervention Grants programme to support the lunch club, shed project, music project and radio project. We appreciate the support of the Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust and the W A Cadbury Trust during the year.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Financial review *(continued)*

Policy for holding reserves

The reserves policy of the association takes into account the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the need to provide against the uncertainty of grant income. Certain funding has restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in restricted reserves until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Reserves are needed to:

1. Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close including redundancy pay and amounts due to creditors.
2. Meet unexpected costs like the breakdown of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave and legal costs defending the association's interests.
3. To replace equipment
4. To ensure the association can continue to provide a stable and quality service
5. To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears

The likelihood of all the above events happening in one year is unlikely, However, we aim to build a reserve which represents 25% of our annual running costs. Since we are only now beginning to recover from the impact of the pandemic we have no real idea of how our future income and expenditure will be affected. In addition we aim to introduce new activities and at present it is difficult to establish the true underlying costs for which we would hold reserves. Although the current balance of of approximately £85,000 is probably greater than current needs, at the present time we consider it prudent not to take any steps to drastically reduce these. The situation will be reviewed when we achieve a more stable position.

Principal sources of funds

A high proportion of our funding comes from grants. Income from lettings is slowly increasing with more groups returning to regular activity and the local community celebrating and marking significant family events with parties and celebrations.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Financial review *(continued)*

Principal risks facing the charity

Every year an organisation-wide risk assessment is conducted by the Trustees which includes assessment of governance, operational activities and calculated risks. The following explains the most significant risks and uncertainties faced by the Association:

Need to widen our reach

As engagement levels struggle, the needs of local people remain the same, if not increased as the cost of living crisis begins to take hold. Besides the Local Pantry project which will have an impact on food poverty we are also planning a Stay Warm project for those unable to switch on their heating because of high heating bills. These projects are likely to bring new people into the centre who may then get involved in other projects we are running.

Financial risks

A funding plan is being implemented for the year 2022-23 to ensure we have the resources we need to operate for the year. We also have a forward budget which determines funding requirements for the next three years. Continuous action will be taken on this in order to alleviate any gaps in funding.

Ability to demonstrate impact

As an organisation it is important for us to demonstrate impact in order to attract grant income, improve access to services and to ensure we can demonstrate to existing funders that we are fulfilling their requirements. We have introduced a monitoring system on our shared drive so that staff members can record regularly their observations of outcomes being achieved. We also undertake feedback activities which are also recorded on our shared drive. This year we want to concentrate on capturing case studies to give a human element to the differences we are making.

Funds held as custodian trustee

The association holds the title deeds to the freehold land and premises at 24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield which was given to the association to hold on behalf of the community. The exact value of the premises is unknown

Structure, governance and management

Constitution

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Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Board of Trustees

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Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting by all members present aged 18 and over with the power to vote. They may also be co-opted by the Board until the following AGM. There is a term of office of one year following which they may be re-elected. The number of re-elections is not limited. Members aged 18 and above only are eligible to be elected. All new Trustees receive induction training especially in the following areas: constitution, safeguarding policy, health and safety policy, equal opportunities policy, general data protection policy.

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees have a core induction programme supported by induction activities tailored to their role. All Trustees have training in the following policies and procedures:

- Constitution and Standing orders
- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- General Data protection Policy

Remuneration Policy

The Association's pay scales are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and staff are remunerated in accordance with them. All new employee job descriptions, and substantive changes, are subject to evaluation to determine the appropriate pay level.

Trustees and management committee members do not receive any form of remuneration for their roles.

Organisational structure and wider networks

The Board of Trustees are the governing body responsible for determining the vision and plans of the Association and for ensuring effective achievement of those plans. A User group committee meets monthly with representatives from the Board of Trustees to discuss any issues related to the site and also to determine the needs of local people.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Leadership

The Association's officers are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers have some powers to make decisions within the approved budget, operational plan and the Association's policies and procedures.

The Association works closely with a number of other organisations within the Northfield area to ensure that its services are widely advertised and meet the needs of the local community. These include:

- Northfield Community Partnership
- The Stronger Together Older Peoples Network
- Birmingham City Council
- Local Councillors
- St Bart's Church

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name Allens Cross Community Centre

Charity registration number 522842

Principal office

The trustees

S Bateman
E Freeman (resigned 10 May 2022)
N Ladd (resigned 6 November 2021)
A Nicholls (resigned 10 October 2022)
S Nicholls (resigned 8 November 2021)
T Hussey (appointed 8 November 201)
D Rose-Carter (appointed 8 November 2021)
B Clark (appointed 8 November 2021)
(appointed 6 July 2022)

Accountants

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Trustees' responsibilities statement

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

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

Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

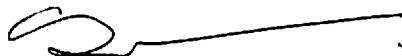
Year ended 31 March 2022

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 16 November 2022 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



S Bateman
Trustee

Allens Cross Community Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Allens Cross Community Centre

Year ended 31 March 2022

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Allens Cross Community Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

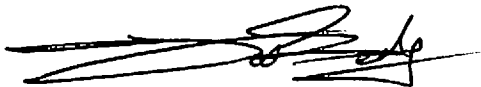
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



David Seeley FCA
Independent Examiner

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16/11/2022

Allens Cross Community Centre

Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2022

			2022		2021
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	1,683	51,450	53,133	125,346
Charitable activities	5	4,615	–	4,615	263
Other trading activities	6	10,251	–	10,251	3,455
Investment income	7	62	–	62	71
Other income	8	97	–	97	162
Total income		<u>16,708</u>	<u>51,450</u>	<u>68,158</u>	<u>129,297</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	66,166	33,188	99,354	121,040
Total expenditure		<u>66,166</u>	<u>33,188</u>	<u>99,354</u>	<u>121,040</u>
Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds		<u>(49,458)</u>	<u>18,262</u>	<u>(31,196)</u>	<u>8,257</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		84,950	–	84,950	76,693
Total funds carried forward		<u>35,492</u>	<u>18,262</u>	<u>53,754</u>	<u>84,950</u>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		55,552	85,910
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>1,798</u>	<u>960</u>
Net current assets		<u>53,754</u>	<u>84,950</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>53,754</u>	<u>84,950</u>
Net assets		<u>53,754</u>	<u>84,950</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		18,262	–
Unrestricted funds		<u>35,492</u>	<u>84,950</u>
Total charity funds	17	<u>53,754</u>	<u>84,950</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 16 November 2022, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



S Bateman
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2022

1. General information

The charity is a public benefit entity and a registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Allen's Cross Community Centre, 24 Tinkers Farm Road, Northfield, B31 1RH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Significant judgements

There are no judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have any significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. There are no key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have any significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- other income is recognised as it is received, including affiliation fees and Day Centre takings.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations			
Donations	364	–	364
Affiliation fees	69	–	69
Grants			
WA Cadbury	750	–	750
Birmingham City Council-Groups	–	48,950	48,950
Covid	–	–	–
Northfield Community Partnership (unrestricted grants)	–	–	–
Grantham Yorke Trust	–	–	–
Heart of England	–	–	–
Northfield Community Partnership (restricted grants)	–	–	–
NHS	–	–	–
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	500	2,500	3,000
	<u>1,683</u>	<u>51,450</u>	<u>53,133</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations	1,880	–	1,880
Affiliation fees	84	–	84
Grants			
WA Cadbury	–	–	–
Birmingham City Council-Groups	58,950	10,000	68,950
Covid	–	31,152	31,152
Northfield Community Partnership (unrestricted grants)	2,000	–	2,000
Grantham Yorke Trust	1,500	–	1,500
Heart of England	700	15,425	16,125
Northfield Community Partnership (restricted grants)	150	3,155	3,305
NHS	350	–	350
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	–	–
	<u>65,614</u>	<u>59,732</u>	<u>125,346</u>

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
DC takings	<u>4,615</u>	<u>4,615</u>	<u>263</u>	<u>263</u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Hall lettings	10,251	10,251	3,455	3,455

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	62	62	71	71

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Other income	97	97	162	162

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Community Centre	64,806	33,188	97,994
Support costs	1,360	–	1,360
	<u>66,166</u>	<u>33,188</u>	<u>99,354</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Community Centre	46,981	73,279	120,260
Support costs	780	–	780
	<u>47,761</u>	<u>73,279</u>	<u>121,040</u>

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Community Centre	97,994	–	97,994	120,260
Governance costs	–	1,360	1,360	780
	<u>97,994</u>	<u>1,360</u>	<u>99,354</u>	<u>121,040</u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

11. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs Community Centre	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£
Finance costs	480	480	–
Governance costs	880	880	480
	<u>1,360</u>	<u>1,360</u>	<u>480</u>

12. Independent examination fees

	2022	2021
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	<u>480</u>	<u>480</u>

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	57,845	68,910
Employer contributions to pension plans	176	–
	<u>61,678</u>	<u>68,910</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 6 (2021: 6).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by any of the trustees

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	960	960
Social security and other taxes	633	–
Other creditors	205	–
	<u>1,798</u>	<u>960</u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

16. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £176 (2021: £Nil).

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>84,950</u>	<u>16,708</u>	<u>(66,166)</u>	<u>35,492</u>

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>63,146</u>	<u>69,565</u>	<u>(47,761)</u>	<u>84,950</u>

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2021	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2022
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council	–	48,950	(32,163)	16,787
Heart of England	–	–	–	–
Northfield Community Partnership	–	–	–	–
Covid Response	–	–	–	–
Garden Fund	–	–	–	–
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	2,500	(1,025)	1,475
	<u>–</u>	<u>51,450</u>	<u>(33,188)</u>	<u>18,262</u>

	At 1 April 2020	Income	Expenditure	At 31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£
Birmingham City Council	–	10,000	(10,000)	–
Heart of England	–	15,425	(15,425)	–
Northfield Community Partnership	–	3,155	(3,155)	–
Covid Response	–	31,152	(31,152)	–
Garden Fund	13,547	–	(13,547)	–
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	–	–	–	–
	<u>13,547</u>	<u>59,732</u>	<u>(73,279)</u>	<u>–</u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Current assets	37,290	18,262	55,552
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(1,798)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(1,798)</u>
Net assets	<u>35,492</u>	<u>18,262</u>	<u>53,754</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Current assets	85,910	–	85,910
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(960)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(960)</u>
Net assets	<u>84,950</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>84,950</u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Management Information

Year ended 31 March 2022

The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income and endowments		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	364	1,880
Affiliation fees	69	84
WA Cadbury	750	–
Birmingham City Council-Groups	48,950	68,950
Covid	–	31,152
Northfield Community Partnership (unrestricted grants)	–	2,000
Grantham Yorke Trust	–	1,500
Heart of England	–	16,125
Northfield Community Partnership (restricted grants)	–	3,305
NHS	–	350
Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust	3,000	–
	<u>53,133</u>	<u>125,346</u>
Charitable activities		
DC takings	<u>4,615</u>	<u>263</u>
Other trading activities		
Hall lettings	<u>10,251</u>	<u>3,455</u>
Investment income		
Bank interest receivable	<u>62</u>	<u>71</u>
Other income		
Other income	<u>97</u>	<u>162</u>
Total income	<u><u>68,158</u></u>	<u><u>129,297</u></u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expenditure		
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Purchases	4,912	2,743
Wages and salaries	57,845	68,910
Pension costs	176	–
Sessional and other similar expenses	3,657	–
Rates and water	2,507	1,959
Light and heat	3,502	3,694
Repairs and maintenance	13,568	10,886
Insurance	–	1,384
Legal and professional fees	1,360	1,260
Telephone	2,157	2,264
Other office costs	2,430	312
Food bank	–	8,952
Advertising and promotion	3,736	2,844
Payments to Groups	3,504	15,832
	<u>99,354</u>	<u>121,040</u>
Total expenditure	<u>99,354</u>	<u>121,040</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(31,196)</u>	<u>8,257</u>

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities		
Community Centre		
<i>Activities undertaken directly</i>		
Activity costs	4,912	2,743
Wages/salaries	57,845	68,910
Pension costs	176	–
Sessional and other similar expenses	3,657	–
Rates & water	2,507	1,959
Light & heat	3,502	3,694
Repairs & maintenance	13,568	10,886
Insurance	–	1,384
Legal and professional	–	480
Telephone	2,157	2,264
General office costs	2,430	312
Food bank	–	8,952
Advertising/promotion	3,736	2,844
Payments to groups	3,504	15,832
	<u>97,994</u>	<u>120,260</u>
Governance costs		
Governance costs - accountancy fees	960	–
Governance costs - legal and other professional fees	400	780
	<u>1,360</u>	<u>780</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities	<u><u>99,354</u></u>	<u><u>121,040</u></u>

ALLEN'S CROSS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 522842

Accounts

Allens Cross Community Centre
Unaudited Financial Statements
31 March 2021

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Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ended 31 March 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Allens Cross Community Centre
Charity registration number	522842
Principal office	Allen's Cross Community Centre 24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield B31 1RH

The trustees

E Freeman	
S Bateman	(Appointed 17 March 2021)
N Ladd	(Appointed 6 June 2020)
A Nicholls	(Appointed 2 October 2020)
S Nicholls	(Appointed 17 March 2021)
J Hussey	(Resigned 17 March 2021)
T Hussey	(Resigned 9 February 2021)

Accountants

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Structure, governance and management

Constitution

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Allens Cross Community Centre

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees (the Board) is the governing body of the Association. The purpose of the Board is to agree the planned direction of the Association and to ensure the organisation delivers on its plans and objectives as set out in the governing documents. The Board is accountable to the Management Committee and is responsible for the Association's compliance with regulation and legislation as well as ensuring that the values and reputation of the Association are upheld. The Board also supports the Chairman and officers in carrying out their executive responsibilities. There can be up to 7 Trustees on the Board (with a quorum of four). The Board is the employer of all of the Association's staff. The Board meets monthly and is the final decision-making body for new policy, strategic planning and approval of financial budgets.

Appointment of Trustees

Appointment of Trustees is by election at the Annual General Meeting by all members present aged 18 or over and with the power to vote. They may also be or co-opted by the Board until the following AGM. There is a term of office of one year following which they may be re-elected. The number of re-elections is not limited. Members aged 18 years and above only are eligible to be elected.

Induction and training of trustees

Trustees have a core induction programme supported by induction activities tailored to their role. All Trustees have training in the following policies and procedures:

- Constitution and Standing orders
- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Equal Opportunities Policy
- General Data protection Policy

Remuneration Policy

The Association's pay scales are reviewed regularly by the Board of Trustees and staff are remunerated in accordance with them. All new employee job descriptions, and substantive changes, are subject to evaluation to determine the appropriate pay level.

Trustees and management committee members do not receive any form of remuneration for their roles

Organisational structure and wider networks

The Board of Trustees are the governing body responsible for determining the vision and plans of the Association and for ensuring effective achievement of those plans. A User group committee meets monthly with representatives from the Board of Trustees to discuss any issues related to the site and also to determine the needs of local people.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Structure, governance and management *(continued)*

Leadership

The Association's officers are Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Officers have some powers to make decisions within the approved budget, operational plan and the Association's policies and procedures.

The Association works closely with a number of other organisations within the Northfield area to ensure that its services are widely advertised and meet the needs of the local community. These include:

- Northfield Stakeholders Group
- Northfield Community Partnership
- The Stronger Together Older Peoples Network
- Birmingham City Council
- Local Councillors

Objectives and activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

1. To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and its neighbourhood without discrimination on the grounds of gender, disability, political opinion or race.
2. To provide opportunities for people to advance education and to provide facilities and services in the interests of social, recreational and leisure time occupation, with the aim of improving the quality of life for the inhabitants of Allen's Cross and neighbourhood.
3. To manage and maintain Allen's Cross Community Centre for activities in pursuance of those aims'.

Summary of the main activities in relation to the above purposes for the public benefit

The association continues to manage a thriving Community Centre which delivers a range of activities for the benefit of all ages and backgrounds. During the year 2020-21 these have included:

- **Allen's Cross Older People's Support and befriending service**

This includes a twice-weekly lunch club for between 10-15 socially isolated older residents, and through a local Stronger Together Network, a volunteer befriending service, weekly friendship club and carers support group. Four volunteers in the lunch club have provided valuable care to vulnerable elderly and housebound people and their carers living in Northfield and surrounding areas, helping individuals with advice, practical tasks, and emotional support for as long as it is needed. Affordable accessible transport is included if required.

- **Community Garden** (Working in Partnership with Eco Birmingham)

Our community garden provides a space for people of all ages and abilities to come together to join in growing good food, to enjoy the fresh air and to make friends. Garden volunteers benefit from a healthy outdoor place to work as well as an opportunity to develop relationships

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Objectives and activities *(continued)*

- **External groups using the Centre**

These have included St John Ambulance, Childminders support and Mother and Toddler Groups Friendship Club, Karate and Mixed martial arts, Amateur Theatre, Dance groups, Bingo, Training Church and faith groups, and monthly councillor's surgeries.

The association also lets out rooms for hire within the community centre. This provides an important source of income. There is a reduction in hire charges for members of the association living within the area of benefit.

Contribution made by volunteers

We are always in need of great volunteers who are hard-working, organised, and get along well with others. It's only with the assistance of local volunteers that we can continue to meet the challenge of managing a thriving community centre today. We are extremely grateful for the hours spent by our team of dedicated volunteers in helping us carry out many of the activities and services mentioned above. Volunteers help out in the community garden, our lunch club and performing various maintenance tasks around the building and whole site.

Achievements and performance

Our vision is to improve the quality of life for residents living in Allen's Cross and surrounding neighbourhood. It is this vision that drives our ambition to provide excellent services and facilities for all individuals living within our diverse community.

We started the year with all facilities operating at full capacity but went quickly into lockdown as a consequence of Covid 19. Our lunch club had to close. Essential work in the community garden continued occasionally but only when Covid guidelines allowed. During the first wave of the pandemic we worked in partnership with Northfield Community Partnership and we turned over some of our space to accommodate a Food Bank, providing many local families and individuals with food parcels, support and advice on a regular basis. We also acted as a base for local volunteers to carry out safe and well calls to vulnerable people on behalf of Northfield Fire Station. We mentored young individuals who volunteered with us during this period and who benefited from learning to aid their education and to increase their chances of gaining employment in the future. The Community garden provided food and growing packs for local families.

Our staff and volunteers have shown their dedication and creativity in their commitment to helping local people.

During the year bookings for our facilities were either non-existent or very low for those groups who were able to meet within Covid guidelines. This has affected our income during the year.

Our lunch club has moved to online support for those who are isolated and experiencing long-term conditions hoping that we will be able to open up to them at some point. Our Community Garden, as an outdoor space, offers us the best opportunity to begin to offer some services at some point and encourage volunteers to enjoy the benefits of working in a garden with others. It is all uncertain but we will do what we can within the guidance given.

The lockdown and reduction in activities has given us a chance to reflect and we have a new strategic plan in place which incorporates a more flexible delivery of our work but still maintains the Centre as a place for local residents to get involved and get help which improves their quality of life.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Financial review

Total income for the year was £129,297 which included £59,732 of grants identified as being restricted. Total income in 2020 was £184,819. Total expenditure for the year was £121,040 of which £73,279 was allocated against restricted funds. Total expenditure for 2020 was £177,028. The net result for the year was a surplus on general funds of £21,804 which has been added to reserves at 1 April 2020 making a balance carried forward of £84,950. There was a deficit on restricted funds for the year of £13,547 which has been deducted from the reserves at 1 April 2020 leaving a nil balance carried forward.

Ongoing funding was secured from Birmingham City Council's Prevention and Early Intervention Grants programme. This has supported our lunch club as well as a friendship group, a 30/30 group and a carers' group and enabled us to work in partnership with Northfield Arts Forum to begin to develop a Men in Sheds project and bring art closer to the community. Work on digital inclusion has targeted those who do not have access to technology or struggle to understand it. These partnerships will continue into next year

Policy for holding reserves

The reserves policy of the association takes into account the nature of the income and expenditure streams and the need to provide against the uncertainty of grant income. Certain funding has restrictions which mean that by law it must be held in restricted reserves until it is spent in line with the funding agreement.

Reserves are needed to:

1. Meet contractual liabilities should the organisation have to close including redundancy pay and amounts due to creditors.
2. Meet unexpected costs like the breakdown of essential office machinery, staff cover re illness, maternity leave, parental leave and legal costs defending the association's interests.
3. To replace equipment
4. To ensure the association can continue to provide a stable and quality service
5. To provide working capital when funding is paid in arrears

The likelihood of all the above events happening in one year is unlikely. However, we aim to build a reserve which represents 25% of our annual running costs. Since we are only now beginning to recover from the impact of the pandemic we have no real idea of how our future income and expenditure will be affected. In addition we aim to introduce new activities and at present it is difficult to establish the true underlying costs for which we would hold reserves. Although the current balance of approximately £85,000 is probably greater than current needs, at the present time we consider it prudent not to take any steps to drastically reduce these. The situation will be reviewed when we achieve a more stable position.

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Financial review *(continued)*

Principal sources of funds

Grant Funding

A high proportion of our funding comes from grants

Income from lettings

Income from lettings was significantly affected by the pandemic with only one or two priority groups using the centre when possible.

Principal risks facing the charity

Every year an organisation-wide risk assessment is conducted by the Trustees which includes assessment of governance, operational activities and calculated risks. The following explains the most significant risks and uncertainties faced by the Association:

Need to widen our reach

Our lunch club and community garden are usually effective in meeting the needs of local people and being able to host other activities at the Centre ensure the community is involved in a broad range of activities. However, we need to be mindful of the impact on mental health from lockdown and issues around poverty from employment difficulties. Our strategic plan has identified new ideas to meet these needs including a project with a local church to operate a Local Pantry project on site, a Men's Shed project and a local digital radio project.

Financial risks

The community garden work requires additional funding next year and a funding plan is in place and being implemented. The lunch club will benefit from continuation funding through Birmingham City Council Early Intervention Fund. As groups begin to come back to running their activities after lockdown, our income should increase from room hire.

Ability to demonstrate impact

As an organisation it is important for us to demonstrate impact in order to attract grant income, improve access to services and to ensure we can demonstrate to major funders that we are fulfilling their requirements. In order to lessen this risk we are capturing the experience of members, volunteers, and visitors to demonstrate and ensure that we are providing the best quality service. We also have a set of outcomes which apply to all activities.

Funds held as custodian trustee

The association holds the title deeds to the freehold land and premises at 24 Tinkers Farm Road Northfield which was given to the association to hold on behalf of the community. The exact value of the premises is unknown

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Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

Trustees' responsibilities statement

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

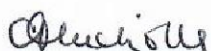
The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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

The trustees' annual report was approved on 27 October 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



A Nicholls
Trustee

Allens Cross Community Centre

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Allens Cross Community Centre

Year ended 31 March 2021

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Allens Cross Community Centre ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



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27/03/2021

Allens Cross Community Centre

Statement of Financial Activities

31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	2021 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	4	65,614	59,732	125,346	153,104
Charitable activities	5	263	-	263	6,682
Other trading activities	6	3,455	-	3,455	24,773
Investment income	7	71	-	71	260
Other income	8	162	-	162	-
Total income		<u>69,565</u>	<u>59,732</u>	<u>129,297</u>	<u>184,819</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities	9,10	47,761	73,279	121,040	177,028
Total expenditure		<u>47,761</u>	<u>73,279</u>	<u>121,040</u>	<u>177,028</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>21,804</u>	<u>(13,547)</u>	<u>8,257</u>	<u>7,791</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		63,146	13,547	76,693	68,902
Total funds carried forward		<u>84,950</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84,950</u>	<u>76,693</u>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

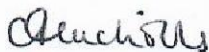
Allens Cross Community Centre

Statement of Financial Position

31 March 2021

		2021 £	2020 £
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		85,910	76,693
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	960	-
Net current assets		<u>84,950</u>	<u>76,693</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>84,950</u>	<u>76,693</u>
Net assets		<u>84,950</u>	<u>76,693</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		-	13,547
Unrestricted funds		<u>84,950</u>	<u>63,146</u>
Total charity funds	16	<u>84,950</u>	<u>76,693</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:



A Nicholls
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 31 March 2021

1. General information

The charity is registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Allen's Cross Community Centre, 24 Tinkers Farm Road, Northfield, B31 1RH.

2. Statement of compliance

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

3. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis.

Going concern

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

Disclosure exemptions

The entity satisfies the criteria of being a qualifying entity as defined in FRS 102. As such, advantage has been taken of the following disclosure exemptions available under paragraph 1.12 of FRS 102:

- (a) No cash flow statement has been presented for the charity.
- (b) Disclosures in respect of financial instruments have not been presented.

Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Significant judgements

There are no judgements (apart from those involving estimations) that management has made in the process of applying the entity's accounting policies that have any significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements. Key sources of estimation uncertainty

Accounting estimates and assumptions are made concerning the future and, by their nature, will rarely equal the related actual outcome. There are no key assumptions or other sources of estimation uncertainty that have any significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year.

Allens Cross Community Centre

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

Incoming resources

All income is included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity, it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- other income is recognised as it is received, including affiliation fees and Day Centre takings.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes VAT as this cannot be recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events and non-charitable trading activities.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.
- All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations			
Donations Groups	1,880	–	1,880
Affiliation fees	–	–	–
Other donations	84	–	84
	–	–	–

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	-	-	-
Birmingham City Council-Groups	58,950	10,000	68,950
Awards 4 All	-	-	-
British Science Week	-	-	-
Covid	-	-	-
NAF	-	31,152	31,152
Northfield Community Partnership (unrestricted grants)	-	-	-
Grantham Yorke Trust	2,000	-	2,000
Heart of England	1,500	-	1,500
Northfield Community Partnership (restricted grants)	700	15,425	16,125
NHS	150	3,155	3,305
	350	-	350
	<u>65,614</u>	<u>59,732</u>	<u>125,346</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations			
Donations	-	-	-
Groups	63,351	(2,925)	60,426
Affiliation fees	213	-	213
Other donations	1,958	-	1,958
Grants			
Big Lottery-Reaching Communities	-	15,246	15,246
Birmingham City Council-Groups	34,235	10,395	44,630
Awards 4 All	9,895	-	9,895
British Science Week	500	-	500
Covid	14,080	-	14,080
NAF	6,156	-	6,156
Northfield Community Partnership (unrestricted grants)	-	-	-
Grantham Yorke Trust	-	-	-
Heart of England	-	-	-
Northfield Community Partnership (restricted grants)	-	-	-
NHS	-	-	-
	<u>130,388</u>	<u>22,716</u>	<u>153,104</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)

Year ended 31 March 2021

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
DC takings	263	263	6,682	6,682

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Hall lettings	3,455	3,455	24,773	24,773

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Bank interest receivable	71	-	71

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Bank interest receivable	230	30	260

8. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Other income	162	162	-	-

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Community Centre	46,981	73,279	120,260
Support costs	780	-	780
	<u>47,761</u>	<u>73,279</u>	<u>121,040</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Community Centre	149,607	27,421	177,028
Support costs	-	-	-
	<u>149,607</u>	<u>27,421</u>	<u>177,028</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

10. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2021 £	Total fund 2020 £
Community Centre	120,260	–	120,260	177,028
Governance costs	–	780	780	–
	<u>120,260</u>	<u>780</u>	<u>121,040</u>	<u>177,028</u>

11. Analysis of support costs

	Analysis of support costs- Community Centre £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Governance costs	480	480	–

12. Independent examination fees

	2021 £	2020 £
Fees payable to the independent examiner for: Independent examination of the financial statements	480	300

13. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	68,910	73,324

The average head count of employees during the year was 6 (2020: 5).

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2020: Nil).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

- no remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by any of the trustees

15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Accruals and deferred income	960	–

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Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 March 2021

16. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2021 £
General funds	63,146	69,565	(47,761)	84,950

Restricted funds

	At 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 March 2021 £
Birmingham City Council	-	10,000	(37,094)	(27,094)
Heart of England	-	15,425	(15,425)	-
Northfield Community Partnership	-	3,155	(3,155)	-
Covid Response	-	31,152	(31,152)	-
Garden Fund	13,547	-	13,547	27,094
	<u>13,547</u>	<u>59,732</u>	<u>(73,279)</u>	<u>-</u>

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Current assets	85,910	85,910	-
Creditors less than 1 year	(960)	(960)	-
Net assets	<u>84,950</u>	<u>84,950</u>	<u>-</u>