Charity number: 1091887

Company number: 04184090

(England and Wales)

Ascension Community Trust

Directors' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2020

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Ascension Community Trust Report of the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2020

The Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2020. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Five Years Objectives (Set in January 2018)

To reduce isolation and loneliness amongst the elderly.

To improve the health and wellbeing of the local community, with a focus on mental health.

To reduce the vulnerability of struggling families.

To integrate the community through community spaces, social activities and volunteering.

To improve the education of local young people through the provision of activities, including sport.

To improve individual's own ability to address their issues by providing advice and support for money, benefits and employment.

Aims for 2020/2021

We have identified these aims for the coming year:

To improve sustainability through an increase of individual donors to the charity.

To secure long term funding for the advice service on the basis of demand for the currently running project.

To secure funding for additional administrative support within the organisation.

To increase the number of elderly people we are engaging with on a regular basis.

To provide additional support for children with special educational needs through holiday play schemes.

To increase the self-sustainability of the café with a focus on hiring the premises in the evenings.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Ascension Community Trust Report of the Trustees Continued For the year ended 31 March 2020

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Significant activities

This financial year has been one of many new projects and activities. This has led to a significant growth in the charity and six new staff members, doubling our staff team. In this financial year we set up an advice service, an afterschool club, a toddler group, a gardening club and an apprenticeship scheme. We have created a new management structure to ensure that communication flows across the whole organisation and everyone's voices are heard. Our accounts reflect the growth in the charity, with a significant increase in grants. We are actively working towards increasing our reserves to create more security for a larger charity. We continue with our mission statement "Enabling the whole community to make the community whole" and the objectives we set in 2018, detailed below.

The COVID-19 pandemic very much overshadowed our work in 19/20, despite only affecting us from March. During March we adapted all of our work to support those directly and indirectly affected by COVID-19 and had to close almost all of our regular activities. Our response involved setting up a 6 day a week food bank working closely with Newham council, who commissioned us to provide emergency food parcels over the weekends and bank holidays. Our advice service changed to telephone appointments only and supported many people facing the financial effects of the pandemic. We set up weekly quiz nights on Facebook live, attracting up to 70 people per quiz. To support those struggling with access to shops, but with secure income, we set up a pay over the phone community shop and delivered to people's homes. We also worked in partnership with West Silvertown Foundation in setting up a shopping buddy scheme for SEN families to provide them with the specific dietary requirements they needed.

Project Updates

Ascension Seniors (AKA Elders)

We researched ways to reach more elderly people in the community and learnt that some are more interested in keeping active, feeling useful and engaging with different generations than a traditional 'lunch club'. Therefore, starting October, we changed the format of our Seniors Project. Due to the benefits of intergenerational work, particularly between pre-school children and the elderly, we set up an intergenerational toddler group. This is followed by a free community meal open to all, which should attract more retired people who don't want to be labelled as "Senior" and open up the project to those who can't afford a £4 meal. In the afternoons we now run a gardening club, also open to all.

Garden Café

The café has gone through major staff changes. After Andrew, our café manager, left we hired Tanya who had including employing an excellent new member of staff to oversee all of the community work, completely redecorating the premises in January and implementing a new accessible till system for adults with leaning difficulties. This year we produced an annual programme of events for the whole organisation, which was delivered to every door in Custom House.

Children's Work

In January 2020 we set up a five day a week after school club, which aims to be fully self-sustainable within two years. In June we recruited a manager, which allowed time for our new manager to develop relationships with local families, start a new toddler group and complete all the preparations to make the afterschool club a success. Local parents who volunteer and train with us will in return get free spaces for their children to attend the afterschool club. In summer 2019 we ran a mainstream summer scheme for two weeks, followed by one week specifically for children with severe special educational needs. Both schemes were almost full and very popular amongst local families.

AFA

At Ascension Football Academy we saw a significant increase in the number of children attending regularly. This meant we could afford recruit an additional coach to help run the sessions and divide the children into groups of smaller age ranges. We are paying for one of our former attendees who is currently 17 to do FA coaching training whilst he volunteers with us. Once he has completed training and turned 18 he will be eligible to become one of the paid coaches.

We thank God for the opportunities we have had this last year to work within our community empowering local people and enabling them to be the best version of themselves.

Ascension Community Trust Report of the Trustees Continued For the year ended 31 March 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Significant events

Principle Funding Sources

We would like to take this opportunity to recognise and thank our many volunteers, donors and funders for their continued support of Ascension Community Trust. Funders during this period include:

Ascension Church Centre

Asda Foundation

Barchester Healthcare Foundation

Chapman Charitable Trust

Charles S French Charitable Trust

Felsted School Mission Council

Ford Britain Trust

Henry Smith Charity

Invesco Cares Foundation

London Aged Christian Society

London Borough of Newham

London Catalyst

London City Airport

London Over the Border

Morgan Stanley

National Citizenship Service

National Lottery Community Fund

Royal Docks Academy

Royal Docks Community Church

Royal Docks Trust

Sir John Cass Foundation

TK Maxx

Tove Valley Baptist Fellowship

Tudor Trust

Woodroffe Benton Foundation

Woodward Charitable Trust

Reserves

Reserves Policy

The board has agreed that the reserves level should stand at 5% of annual operating expenditure. That is because the charity does not own any buildings, the rent for the Garden Community Café can be terminated within 3 months and all salaries paid are set to a fixed term date in line with funding received. The policy will be monitored and reviewed by the board of trustees on an annual basis.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Name of Charity Ascension Community Trust

Charity registration number 1091887 Company registration number 04184090

Principal address Ascension Church Centre

Baxter Road Custom House

London E16 3HJ

Ascension Community Trust Report of the Trustees Continued For the year ended 31 March 2020

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The tr	ustees and	officers	serving	during	the year	and si	nce the v	ear end	were as	follows:

Rev'd D Chesney Dr. N J Copsey C G Crombie W J B Lake A MacDonald F Johnson

(Appointed: 08 September 2020)

MGJ Yeatts

(Appointed: 14 July 2020)

Secretary P H Beaufrere

Independent examiners Willis Burnell Ltd.

Unit 3 The Courtyard Parsonage Stocks Road

Faversham Kent

ME13 0ET

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

19 November 2020

Rev'd D Chesney

Ascension Community Trust Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees For the year ended 31 March 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity Trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiners statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3. the accounts do not comply with the requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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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Willis Burnell Ltd. Unit 3 The Courtyard Parsonage Stocks Road Faversham Kent ME13 0ET

19 November 2020

Ascension Community Trust Statement of Financial Activities (including Income and Expenditure Account) For the year ended 31 March 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
		£	£	£	£
Income and endowments					
from:					
Donations and legacies	2	11,453	174,085	185,538	81,724
Charitable activities	3	-	9,919	9,919	7,839
Other trading activites	4	27,290	495	27,785	38,217
Total		38,743	184,499	223,242	127,780
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	5/6	(39,363)	(25,441)	(64,804)	(92,831)
Charitable activities	7/8	-	(108,132)	(108,132)	(39,425)
Total		(39,363)	(133,573)	(172,936)	(132,256)
Net income/expenditure		(620)	50,926	50,306	(4,476)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		9,055	17,404	26,459	30,935
Total funds carried forward		8,435	68,330	76,765	26,459

Registered Number: 04184090

Ascension Community Trust Statement of Financial Position As at 31 March 2020

	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	7,658	5,325
		7,658	5,325
Current assets			
Debtors	14	107	1,372
Cash at bank and in hand		71,469	44,557
		71,576	45,929
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(2,469)	(24,795)
Net current assets		69,107	21,134
Total assets less current liabilities		76,765	26,459
Net assets		76,765	26,459
The funds of the charity			
Restricted income funds	16	68,330	17,404
Unrestricted income funds	16	8,435	9,055
Total funds		76,765	26,459

For the year ended 31 March 2020 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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Rev'd D Chesney

Trustee

19 November 2020

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006.

Ascension Community Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

Statement of cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the exemption in SORP FRS 102 from including a cash flow statement in the financial statements on the grounds that the charitable company is small.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Resources expended

Liabilities are recognised as resources expended when there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to the expenditure:

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets, other than freehold land, are stated at cost or valuation less depreciation and any provision for impairment. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost or valuation of fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following basis:

Land and buildings
Plant and machinery

Over the life of the lease Straight line 25% Reducing balance

Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is included in the Statement of Financial Activities, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

2. Income from donations and legacies

Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
funds	funds		
£	£	£	£
1,873	1,122	2,995	3,322
9,580	172,963	182,543	78,402
11,453	174,085	185,538	81,724
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3. Income from charitable activities

			2020	2019
Descripted Cond-			£	£
Restricted funds Ascension Football Academy				
Income from charitable			<i>(</i> 540	2 000
activities			6,549	3,909
Elders Activities				
Income from charitable activities			3,370	3,930
		_	9,919	7,839
Income earned from other activities				
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Shop income	26,980	-	26,980	37,010
Other activities for generating funds	310	495	805	1,207
	<u>27,290</u>	495	27,785	38,217
Expenditure on generating donations and legacies				
	Unrestricted	Restricted	2020	2019
	funds	funds		
	£	£	£	£
Donations	1,720	-	1,720	1,206
Support costs	8,568	25,441	34,009	33,840
	10,288	25,441	35,729	35,046
Expenditure on other trading activities				
•			2020	2019
			£	£
Unrestricted funds				
Shop costs			29,075	57,785
			29,075	57,785

7. Costs of charitable activities by fund type

	2020	2019
	£	£
Restricted funds		
Ascension Football Academy	5,743	6,832
Elders Activities	18,772	17,236
Community Work	53,061	8,637
Art Recovery	1,612	2,785
Children and Families	28,944	3,935
	108,132	39,425
. Costs of charitable activities by activity type	2020	2019
. Costs of charitable activities by activity type		2019 £
Costs of charitable activities by activity type Activities undertaken directly	2020 £	
Activities undertaken directly	£	£
Activities undertaken directly Ascension Football Academy	£ 5,743	£ 6,832
Activities undertaken directly Ascension Football Academy Elders Activities	£ 5,743 18,772	£ 6,832 17,236

9. Analysis of support costs

	2020	2019
	£	£
Management	27,517	27,791
Human Resources	335	-
Governance costs	6,157	6,049
	34,009	33,840

108,132

39,425

10. Net income/(expenditure) for the year

This is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of owned fixed assets	2,553	1,758
Accountancy fees	1,754	1,737
Staff pension contributions	627	271

11. Staff costs

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 March 2020 were:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and wages	98,072	61,702
Social security costs	1,846	530
Pension costs	627	271
	100,545	62,503

12. Comparative for the Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2019
	£	£	£
Income and endowments from:			
Donations and legacies	50,424	31,300	81,724
Charitable activities	-	7,839	7,839
Other trading activites	37,774	443	38,217
Total	88,198	39,582	127,780
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	(62,347)	(24,435)	(86,782)
Charitable activities	(11,422)	(28,003)	(39,425)
Total	(73,769)	(52,438)	(126,207)
Net income/expenditure	14,429	(12,856)	1,573
Reconciliation of funds			
Total funds brought forward	(32)	30,967	30,935
Total funds carried forward	14,397	18,111	32,508

13. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Land and buildings	Fixtures and fittings	Total
	£	£	£
At 01 April 2019	44,688	25,726	70,414
Additions		4,886	4,886
At 31 March 2020	44,688	30,612	75,300
Depreciation			
At 01 April 2019	44,688	20,401	65,089
Charge for year	-	2,553	2,553
At 31 March 2020	44,688	22,954	67,642
Net book values			
At 31 March 2020	<u> </u>	7,658	7,658
At 31 March 2019	-	5,325	5,325
14. Debtors		2020	2010
		2020	2019
Amounts due within one year:		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		_	1,372
Other debtors		107	- 1,972
		107	1,372
15. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year			
		2020	2019
		£	£
Other creditors		969	795
Accruals and deferred income		1,500	24,000
		2,469	24,795

16. Movement in funds

Unrestricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated					
General Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
General					
Garden Cafe	253	27,523	(29,075)	-	(1,299)
General	3,802	11,220	(10,288)	-	4,734
	9,055	38,743	(39,363)	-	8,435
Unrestricted Funds - Previous year					
	Balance at 01/04/2018	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Balance at 31/03/2019
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated					
General Reserve	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
General					
Garden Cafe	422	75,690	(69,859)	(6,000)	253
General	(5,454)	12,508	(9,252)	6,000	3,802
	(32)	88,198	(79,111)	-	9,055

Purpose of unrestricted Funds

Garden Cafe

To provide finance for activities within the Garden Cafe.

General Reserve

To provide working capital

General

To fulfill the charity's general objectives.

Restricted Funds

	Balance at 01/04/2019	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2020
	£	£	£	£
CEO	(1,219)	47,267	(25,441)	20,607
Children and families	21	46,885	(28,944)	17,962
Elders Activities	1,099	26,055	(18,772)	8,382
Football Academy	2,062	6,859	(5,743)	3,178
Garden Cafe	15,441	57,433	(54,673)	18,201
	17,404	184,499	(133,573)	68,330
Restricted Funds - Previous year				
	Balance at 01/04/2018	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Balance at 31/03/2019
	£	£	£	£
CEO	-	23,923	(25,142)	(1,219)
Children and families	-	3,956	(3,935)	21
Elders Activities	11,925	6,410	(17,236)	1,099
Football Academy	3,601	5,293	(6,832)	2,062
Garden Cafe	15,441	-	-	15,441
	30,967	39,582	(53,145)	17,404

Purpose of restricted funds

Football Academy

To provide equipment and training resources for the Football Academy.

Garden Cafe Refurbishments

To finance refurbishments to the Garden Cafe.

Elders Activities

To finance a range of activities focused on older members of the community.

Ascension Arts

To promote the arts within the community.

Garden Cafe

To provide staffing for the Garden Cafe

CEO

Provision of employment costs for CEO.

Children and families

Provide facilities for families with children in the community.

17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General			
Garden Cafe	-	(1,299)	(1,299)
General	2,772	1,962	4,734
Designated			
General Reserve	-	5,000	5,000
Restricted funds			
CEO	-	20,607	20,607
Children and families	-	17,962	17,962
Elders Activities	-	8,382	8,382
Football Academy	-	3,178	3,178
Garden Cafe	4,886	13,315	18,201
	7,658	69,107	76,765

Previous year

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General			
Garden Cafe	-	253	253
General	5,325	(1,523)	3,802
Designated			
General Reserve	-	5, 000	5,000
Restricted funds			
CEO	-	(1,219)	(1,219)
Children and families	-	21	21
Elders Activities	-	1,099	1,099
Football Academy	-	2,062	2,062
Garden Cafe	-	15,441	15,441
	5,325	21,134	26,459

18. Company limited by guarantee

Ascension Community Trust is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly does not have a share capital.

Ascension Community Trust Detailed Statement of Financial Activities For the year ended 31 March 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENT		
Donations and legacies	- 00-	
Donations	2,995	3,322
Grants receivable	182,543	78,402
Charitable activities	185,538	81,724
Income from charitable activities (Ascension Football Academy)	6,549	3,909
Income from charitable activities (Elders Activities)	3,370	3,930
	9,919	7,839
Other trading activities		
Shop income	26,980	37,010
Income from Other activities for generating funds	805	1,207
	27,785	38,217
Total incoming resources	223,242	127,780
EXPENDITURE		
Raising donations and legacies		
Donations	(1,720)	(1,206)
	(1,720)	(1,206)
Other trading activities	(20.075)	(E7.70E)
Shop costs	(29,075)	(57,785)
	(29,075)	(57,785)
Charitable activities	(F 7.42)	((022)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Ascension Football Academy)	(5,743)	(6,832)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Elders Activities)	(18,772)	(17,236)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Community Work)	(53,061)	(8,637)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Art Recovery)	(1,612)	(2,785)
Cost of direct charitable activity (Children and Families)	(28,944)	(3,935)
	(108,132)	(39,425)
SUPPORT COSTS		
Management		
Management	(27,517)	(27,791)
Human Resources	(27,517)	(27,791)

Ascension Community Trust Detailed Statement of Financial Activities Continued For the year ended 31 March 2020

Human Resources	(335)	-
	(335)	-
Governance costs		
Governance costs	(6,157)	(6,049)
	(6,157)	(6,049)
Total resources expended	(172,936)	(132,256)
Net Income	50,306	(4,476)