CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 700295

The Blackhall Community Association

Unaudited Financial Statements

31 December 2020

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Financial Statements

Year ended 31 December 2020

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Blackhall Community Association

Charity registration number 700295

Principal office Blackhall Community Centre
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The trustees

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Structure, governance and management

The organisation is an unincorporated charity with a governing constitution adopted on 19 November 1987 (as amended 9 December 2006). The constitution sets out the aims and objectives of the charity. The Trustee Board is responsible for the overall management and operation of the Association.

Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting, and can be seconded to the board at anytime throughout the year at an Ordinary Management Meeting.

The Centre Manager and other trustee members take responsibility for the induction of new Trustee Board Members and this induction process can include provision of written background information, meetings with other staff members, one to one meetings and the provision of regular reports on the work of the organisation.

Objectives and activities

The Charity's overall objective is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of the area of benefit without distinction of by associating the local authorities, voluntary organisations and the inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. Due to our enhanced facilities we were better able to serve the local community. Recreation and leisure time facilities have been enhanced with the introduction of gym facilities and increased room capacity catered for local interest groups.

User-led, responsive, passionate organisations whose service model is generally building-based, providing safe, welcoming spaces for face-to-face work with individuals and groups from all sections of the community. It is "a community hub not community centre" model in which partnership working maximises limited resources and volunteers are instrumental. Key objectives include tackling mental health issues, social isolation, financial and benefits exclusion and connecting people to promote community cohesion and contribute to positive attitudinal/behavioural change.

Achievements and performance

2020 was a slow burner but then the PANDEMIC hit. (COVID19) All staff were furloughed for 10 weeks as the government made it mandatory to Stay at Home. During those 10 weeks the Centre manager continued to work through to support those most vulnerable and those in need. The worry and heart ache of keeping the Community Centre open and to still be around after the lock down was high on the list of the centre managers priority and so those 10 weeks and for months afterwards she spent time applying for funding, grants etc to maintain the building costs. Utilities, bills etc kept on coming. Furlough claims for wages had to be made there was a huge personal learning journey to go on.

The Centre had to recreate itself to help fill the gaps and to fulfil our constitutional obligations in these unprecedented times. We learned to use Zoom and MS teams, we had to update our WiFi connections in order to renegotiate our contact with the community.

As stat services continued to work from home so the need of the public grew and so the demand for services increased. We have secured a huge audience with social media like Facebook and Twitter and this certainly stood us in good stead to move the help virtually.

As restriction were lifted we stepped up our game and delivered what we could when we could.. Rule of 6 events, Support groups allowed back with 15, Events with half an audience. Café with table service, functions with bar table service, our gym socially distant with wipe down of kit, no showers, no lockers - the list goes on.

Towards the end of the year there seemed to be a little light at the end of the tunnel - only to be plunged back into lock down after boxing day.

We spent this lock down time deep cleaning and decorating the centre, new lights that are motion activated, tapps that turn on with motion, doors that are automatic, revamped and modernised the bar, painted and decorated.

Funding from funders that had been secured was negotiated to be used for alternate purpose as we couldn't deliver the original projects and as a result of the funding applications in the early days we managed to weather the storm and make it back.. We are now one of the go to venues for people to come to as other venues are not back to full capacity or indeed decided they could not make it through the pandemic

Financial review

The association has a reserve policy which is kept under review and which currently seeks to maintain a minimum level of reserves of approximately 3 months running costs. The Trustee Board recommends that the policy on reserves be reviewed annually in order to take into account the forward operating costs of the organisation.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks. Trustees are actively seeking new sources of funding to continue future activities.

The association received funding from a number of organisations during 2020, details of the individual funders can be found in note 4 to the accounts.

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 6 of the financial statements.

The unrestricted reserves of the charity at 31 December 2020 amounted to a £44,403 (2019 - £27,198) of which free reserves (that is those not tied up in fixed assets) amount to a deficit of £3,642 (2019 - a deficit of £5,895).

Plans for future periods

Plans we had for the future

- To have new front doors that are auto matic to help reduce our loss of heat - Completed
- We need to refurb the bar area to future proof us. - Completed
- We would like to convert the whole building to PIR lighting and taps that are motion operated. - Completed

Plans for the future 2021 onwards

- To plaster, damp proof and seal the old cellar to make us more air tight and energy efficient.
- Renew the outer fire exit doors
- Renew the guttering around the building.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 13 September 2021 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

K Johnson
Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The Blackhall Community Association

Year ended 31 December 2020

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Blackhall Community Association ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020.

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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Statement of Financial Activities

31 December 2020

		2020			2019
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	**Total funds £**	Total funds £
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	**4**	37,217	142,513	179,730	83,007
Charitable activities	**5**	21,591	167	21,758	37,058
Other trading activities	**6**	12,453	–	12,453	23,756
Other income	**7**	4,000	–	4,000	3,569
Total income		75,261	142,680	217,941	147,390
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of other trading activities	**8**	4,053	–	4,053	10,580
Expenditure on charitable activities	**9**	82,907	62,290	145,197	113,616
Total expenditure		86,960	62,290	149,250	124,196
Net income		(11,699)	80,390	68,691	23,194
Transfers between funds		28,904	(28,904)	–	–
Net movement in funds		17,205	51,486	68,691	23,194
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		27,198	203,941	231,139	207,945
Total funds carried forward		44,403	255,427	299,830	231,139

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 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	**14**	225,864	215,108
Current assets			
Debtors	**15**	400	2,412
Cash at bank and in hand		79,021	20,159
		79,421	22,571
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	**16**	5,455	6,540
Net current assets		73,966	16,031
Total assets less current liabilities		299,830	231,139
Net assets		299,830	231,139
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		255,427	203,941
Unrestricted funds		44,403	27,198
Total charity funds	**18**	299,830	231,139

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 13 September 2021, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

K Johnson

K Johnson
Trustee

The notes on pages 9 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

The Blackhall Community Association

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 31 December 2020

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	68,691	23,194
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,357	7,183
Changes in:		
Trade and other debtors	2,012	202
Trade and other creditors	(1,085)	(8,519)
Cash generated from operations	77,975	22,060
Net cash from operating activities	77,975	22,060
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of tangible assets	(19,113)	(5,975)
Net cash used in investing activities	(19,113)	(5,975)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	58,862	16,085
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	20,159	4,074
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	79,021	20,159

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1. **General information**

The charity is registered charity in England and Wales and is unincorporated. The address of the principal office is Blackhall Community Centre, Hesleden Road, Blackhall, TS27 4LG.

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, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

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

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.

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.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are 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.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully 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, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- 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.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2% straight line
Equipment	-	25% straight line

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.

4. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Donations			
Donations	3,874	148	4,022
Flower & Veg Show	–	3,932	3,932
CoOp Dividend	500	–	500
Grants			
Public Health	–	6,000	6,000
National Lottery Community Fund	–	60,205	60,205
Durham County Council	3,670	2,493	6,163
County Durham - Sport	–	3,395	3,395
Hadrian Trust	2,000	–	2,000
County Durham Community Foundation	5,000	–	5,000
ESC Lottery - Sports England	–	19,600	19,600
Hospital of God Greatham	2,000	–	2,000
Aldi	480	–	480
Durham County Council Small Business Rates Relief	13,903	–	13,903
Believe Housing	–	500	500
East Durham Trust	300	3,590	3,890
Time to Change	–	500	500
Neighbourly Covid Grant	400	–	400
CRT	–	10,000	10,000
Henry Smith Foundation	–	32,150	32,150
Asda Foundation	350	–	350
Tesco	500	–	500
Job Retention Scheme	4,240	–	4,240
	37,217	142,513	179,730

4. Donations and legacies *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Donations			
Donations	7,414	–	7,414
Bar Donation	6,907	–	6,907
Drama Group	5,435	–	5,435
Country & Western	1,461	–	1,461
CoOp Dividend	407	–	407
Grants			
Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation	–	6,000	6,000
Durham County Council	–	300	300
County Durham Community Foundation	2,878	5,000	7,878
ESC Lottery - Sports England	–	9,656	9,656
Greggs Trust	–	500	500
East Durham Trust	290	3,020	3,310
Henry Smith Foundation	–	31,250	31,250
CDHG	–	2,489	2,489
	24,792	58,215	83,007

5. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
Fundraising & Events	7,552	–	7,552
Room hire	12,792	–	12,792
Membership & subscriptions	387	167	554
Management fees	740	–	740
Other	120	–	120
	21,591	167	21,758

5. Charitable activities *(continued)*

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fundraising & Events	1,671	199	1,870
Room hire	31,239	–	31,239
Membership & subscriptions	718	–	718
Management fees	400	–	400
Other	2,831	–	2,831
	36,859	199	37,058

6. Other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Fitness Suite	3,868	3,868	6,928	6,928
Commercial Kitchen	7,902	7,902	14,776	14,776
Social lotteries	579	579	1,451	1,451
Admin services	104	104	601	601
	12,453	12,453	23,756	23,756

7. Other income

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Insurance claim	4,000	4,000	3,569	3,569

8. Costs of other trading activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
Catering	3,401	3,401	5,769	5,769
Wages & salaries	133	133	3,303	3,303
Employers NIC	–	–	89	89
Pension Costs	–	–	32	32
Fitness suite expenses	190	190	1,268	1,268
Wages	329	329	119	119
	4,053	4,053	10,580	10,580

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	**Total Funds 2020 £**
General fund	82,907	–	82,907
National Lottery Community Fund	–	1,751	1,751
Cree Project	–	1,368	1,368
Cycle Blackhall	–	7,756	7,756
Building Refurbishment	–	4,196	4,196
Afternoon Tea	–	376	376
Flower Show	–	2,142	2,142
Friends on Prescription	–	71	71
Time to Talk	–	191	191
Legacy Window	–	1,488	1,488
Cultural Hubs	–	623	623
Henry Smith Foundation	–	34,121	34,121
Sports England	–	2,996	2,996
CRT Investment	–	5,000	5,000
Blackhall Buddies	–	211	211
	82,907	62,290	145,197

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2019 £
General fund	71,784	–	71,784
Spied May Madness	–	116	116
Healthy Communities	–	271	271
Cree Project	–	582	582
Building Refurbishment	–	5,644	5,644
Reboot Computers	–	287	287
Cultural Hubs	–	2,426	2,426
Henry Smith Foundation	–	32,486	32,486
Walk East Durham	–	20	20
	71,784	41,832	113,616

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2020	2019
	£	£
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	8,357	7,183

11. Independent examination fees

	2020	2019
	£	£
Fees payable to the independent examiner for:		
Independent examination of the financial statements	600	480

12. Staff costs

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

	2020	2019
	£	£
Wages and salaries	68,225	64,015
Social security costs	547	218
Employer contributions to pension plans	906	694
	69,678	64,927

The average head count of employees during the year was 6 (2019: 6). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2020	2019
	No.	No.
Management & administration	1	1
Charitable activities	5	5
	6	6

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2019: Nil).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees; or

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Equipment £	**Total £**
Cost			
At 1 January 2020	282,195	60,039	342,234
Additions	19,113	–	19,113
At 31 December 2020	301,308	60,039	361,347
Depreciation			
At 1 January 2020	73,887	53,239	127,126
Charge for the year	5,698	2,659	8,357
At 31 December 2020	79,585	55,898	135,483
Carrying amount			
At 31 December 2020	221,723	4,141	225,864
At 31 December 2019	208,308	6,800	215,108

15. Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade debtors	400	1,674
Prepayments and accrued income	–	738
	400	2,412

16. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Trade creditors	4,380	1,944
Accruals and deferred income	480	480
Social security and other taxes	–	3,963
Other creditors	595	153
	5,455	6,540

17. 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 £906 (2019: £694).

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	**At 31 December 2020**
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	24,550	75,261	(86,960)	30,212	43,063
Country & Western	2,648	–	–	(1,308)	1,340
	27,198	75,261	(86,960)	28,904	44,403

Restricted funds

	At 1 January 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	**At 31 December 2020**
	£	£	£	£	£
Building Refurbishment	182,015	–	(4,196)	–	177,819
Cree Project	1,693	7,440	(1,368)	(4,150)	3,615
National Lottery Community Fund	–	60,205	(1,751)	(4,705)	53,749
Flower Show	–	3,932	(2,142)	–	1,790
Time to Change	–	500	(191)	(309)	–
EDC/EDT Cultural Hubs	623	–	(623)	–	–
Henry Smith Foundation	9,169	32,150	(34,121)	–	7,198
Afternoon Tea	–	2,493	(376)	(2,117)	–
Happiness Hub	–	48	–	(48)	–
Friends with Prescriptions	–	167	(71)	(96)	–
Healthy Communities	785	–	–	(785)	–
Believe Housing	–	500	–	(500)	–
Cycle Blackhall	9,656	–	(7,756)	–	1,900
Legacy Window	–	2,250	(1,488)	(762)	–
CRT Investments	–	10,000	(5,000)	–	5,000
CAF - Sports England	–	19,600	(2,996)	(14,792)	1,812
Blackhall Buddies	–	3,395	(211)	(640)	2,544
	203,941	142,680	(62,290)	(28,904)	255,427

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	**Total Funds 2020**	Total Funds 2019
	£	£	**£**	£
Tangible fixed assets	48,045	255,427	303,472	215,108
Current assets	1,813	–	1,813	22,571
Creditors less than 1 year	(5,455)	–	(5,455)	(6,540)
Net assets	44,403	255,427	299,830	231,139