

THE WOR HOOSE COMMUNITY PROJECT
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended 31 March 2023

Registered Charity Number 1128032

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Registered Charity Name Wor Hoose Community Project

Charity Number 1128032

Registered office 31 – 33 Hexham Avenue
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Trustees Linda Hellens – Chair
Zoey Blackburn – Treasurer
Sallyann Blaney – Executive Member
Charlene Paterson – Executive Member

Independent Examiner Julie Maxwell

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

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the board and professional advisers on page 3 and 4 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The trustees who served the company during the period were as follows:

Linda Hellens – Chair

Zoey Blackburn – Treasurer

Sallyann Blaney – Executive Member

Charlene Paterson – Executive Member

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Wor Hoose Community Project is a registered charity, number 1128032. The charity is governed by its Constitution dated 27th November 2008.

Trustees and Officers (Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) are elected at the Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees work closely with project staff to deliver an achievable Business Plan to govern the Charity. The paid staff team undertake the operational management of the organisation.

The trustees have examined the major risks, which the charity faces in relation to external factors, governance and management, internal operations, and business. The trustees have considered the likelihood and the impact of risks, and continually review the systems in place to reduce those risks. The systems are being designed to provide reasonable assurance against material loss.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES - The stated charitable objects of Wor Hoose Community Project according to its Constitution are to promote:

1. The benefit of the inhabitants by providing or securing the provision of a neighbourhood centre where easy access to health information, general advice sessions, community recreational and social activities, informal education, and the like are available for the benefit of everyone living in Walker and especially those living in the Hexham Avenue Housing Estate.
2. In addition, to promote such other purposes of public benefit as the trustees may from time to time to determine subject to the prior written consent of the charity commissioners for England and Wales.

Vision

The Wor Hoose Community Project aims to combat the challenges arising from deprivation and social exclusion in the local community through a range of high quality social, healthy living, educational, and recreational programmes. In all we do, we aim to break down barriers and reduce isolation, enabling access to learning, training and opportunities, empowering people to reach their goals.

Values

Our Project's community development and learning practices are guided by the underlying principles and value of partnership work, needs led approach, joined-up thinking, volunteering, self-help, equality, community, and individual empowerment. This approach recognises the skills, assets, and the diversity of all our residents.

Review of Activities

A welcoming note from our chairperson.

While we have all been relieved to see the levels of covid infections reducing in 2022, we now are managing the after-effects on mental and physical health of our community, so our new counselling support sessions and ongoing wellbeing activities have been busier than ever.

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis has also brought challenges and we have worked hard to adapt services and respond quickly to local people's needs. Throughout this period, we worked with 926 residents.

Despite the many challenges, our staff team and volunteers were here for our community, and they helped us provide a community space where everyone was welcomed, felt safe and warm.

All our achievements were made possible by our strong project commitment to support others and build a better and stronger community.

Linda Hellens, Chairperson

Warm Winter Hub Activities - In the Autumn of 2022 we launched the Warm Wor Hoose activities to support residents from the looming cost-of-living crisis. We used a joined-up working approach to invite other organisations to our drop-in at stay warm coffee mornings and lunch club café days enabling us to provide a warm friendly space, low cost food, free snacks, support and specialist advice from a welcoming place 6 days per week.

Lunch Club Café - After many unpredictable months following the pandemic we were able to reduce takeaway and home delivery meals to run our lunch club 3 days a week serving hot healthy meals and snacks. As part of our lunch club we also served festive Christmas dinners to 28 older people.

Mental Health Counselling & Support - We ran a new listening and support service to anyone who said they are struggling and were able to signpost some people onto professional mental health services.

Social Activities and School Holiday Fun - Throughout the year a range of weekly sessions took place including a local walking group, women's wellbeing and men's drop in and chat club. In the school holidays breakfast clubs, crafts, physical fun activities were run for ages 3–16-year-olds.

Welfare Advice – Ran through partnership working with the Northeast Law Centre and we provided hardship food, toiletries, and essentials through delivery of a community pantry service for families finding it hard to manage.

Our Funders - We want to offer our genuine thanks to the Funders shown who helped us this year. Big Lottery Awards for All Fund, Connected Voice Support Grant, McCarthy Stone Foundation, Mercers Company Trust, Milligan's Bakery PLC, Newcastle City Council Winter Warm Fund, Newcastle City Council Ward Funding, People's Health Trust, Vital Signs grants administered through the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear

As ever, we could not have achieved anything without our wonderful supporters, and ongoing joined-up partnership working opportunities. We want to thank all of you for your generosity and time given to the Wor Hoose Community Project.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Wor Hoose Community Projects principle-funding source is from grants. The total income for the year was £40,640 (2022: £95,422) being a decrease of 42%. This income is allocated across respective funds on the Statement of Financial Activities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005.

The Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023 shows total funds carried forward of £28,164 (2022: £76,467) of which there are £6,240 are restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The trustees have identified the need to hold a level of uncommitted reserves of between 3 and 6 months to the total budget. At this level, the trustees feel that they would be able to continue the current activities of the charity in the event of a significant drop in funding. The level of reserves would provide the time to review services. The trustees feel that the reserves have reached a level, currently £26,270 where they should now consider seeking to increase them as they currently represent less than 4 months of the running costs.

Pay Policy for Key Management Personnel

The Trustees, who give their time freely, no trustees received remuneration in the year.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees have referred to the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit when receiving the charity objectives and planning future activities. This annual report will aim to demonstrate the link between our charitable activity and how this benefits our service users.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Julie Maxwell was appointed as independent examiner for the ensuing year.

Statement of Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Financial Statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which show the situation of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure of the charity for the year.

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

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP.
- make judgements that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable 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 operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. 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.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Trustee Name: Linda Hellens

Signature *Linda Hellens*

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES For the year ended 31 March 2023

I report on the financial statements of The Wor Hoose Community Project for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 7 – 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for the period under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act), and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

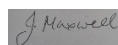
My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met.
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Julie Maxwell
Independent Examiner
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03/12/2023

Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts				
NCC Ward Activities		1,900	1,900	1,700
Connected Voice		6,650	6,650	0
Awards For all		10,000	10,000	0
Mercers			0	40,000
Groundwork			0	1,000
Newcastle City Council		6,500	6,500	8,667
Community Foundation		10,000	10,000	5,500
Joseph Brough Charitable Trust			0	4,500
McCarthy Stone Foundation		430	430	0
Connected Voice			0	4,000
Peoples Health Trust		5,160	5,160	6,952
Law Centre Refund			0	0
HMRC			0	19,868
Other			0	3,229
Bank Interest			0	7
Total Receipts	0	40,640	40,640	95,422
Payments				
General Running Costs		8,536	8,536	12,566
Payroll		60,971	60,971	59,166
Core Costs			0	0
Examination Fees (Accounts)		250	250	250
Equipment			0	0
Charitable Activity		19,186	19,186	29,619
Activities			0	2,300
Total Payments	0	88,943	88,943	103,901
Net of receipts (payments)	0	-48,303	-48,303	-8,479
Total Funds B/F	21,924	54,543	76,467	84,946
Movement of Funds			0	0
Total Funds to Carry Forward	21,924	6,240	28,164	76,467

Cash at Bank and in hand

Bank Current Account	20,673		20,673	21,998
Business Savings Account	1,251	6,240	7,491	54,469
Total Cash at Bank and in hand	21,924	6,240	28,164	76,467

Total Funds as at March 2023	21,924	6,240	28,164	76,467
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These financial statements were approved by the members of the committee and authorised for issue on 6 December 2023, and they are signed on behalf by:

Director Name: Linda Hellens

Director Signature: *Linda Hellens*

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis. An Audit is not required by the Charities constitution and has not been requested by the trustees.

2. Movement of Major Funds

	balances Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	balances carried forward
Restricted Fund				
Connected Voice Covid Support		6,650	6,650	0
Ward Committees	0	1,900	1,900	0
Newcastle City Council	20,733	6,500	27,233	0
Mercers	33,809		31,266	2,543
Community Foundation	0	10,000	6,303	3,697
Awards for All	0	10,000	10,000	0
McCarthy Stone Foundation	0	430	430	0
Connected Voice	0			0
Peoples Health Trust	0	5,160	5,160	0
Groundwork	0			0
Totals	54,543	40,640	88,941	6,240
 Unrestricted Funds	 21,924	 0	 0	 21,924
Totals	21,924	0	0	21,924
 Total Funds as Of 31st March 2023	 76,467	 40,640	 88,942	 28,164

