



Annual Report 2022-2023

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2022/23



The Makery
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Reflecting on Our Charitable Endeavors

Every action, every donation – contributing to a brighter tomorrow.



Empowering Communities

"At the heart of our community, we celebrate the rich tapestry of humanity, weaving threads of diversity into the vibrant fabric of belonging. In embracing differences, we discover our collective strength, creating a space where every unique story is not just heard but celebrated. Diversity is not merely welcomed; it is the cornerstone of our shared narrative, enriching the chapters of our community with colors, textures, and voices that together compose a masterpiece of unity."





CHAIR'S STATEMENT

Change is a constant - organisations never reach a state of permanent stability. TGGC has grown and developed through a particularly volatile period of history, and it is to the great credit of its volunteers, Board members and supporters that over the last year it has continued to grow both the range and the scale .

This work is continuing and will provide us with the clarity of purpose and improvements in our structures, systems and processes to be confident of our future.

We faced a very difficult financial environment over the year, with the cost-of- living crisis following hard on the heels of necessary adaptations in response to the pandemic. The Board took this decision in order to respond to the pressing needs of the people and communities we work with- prioritising delivering our services and continuing to innovate. On the 1st July 2022 we opened our first community support cafe in the heart of the community we serve.

Towards the end-of the financial year, we revised and restructured our financial management systems to reflect the size and complexity of our work. Our revised approach to financial management and business development will allow us steadily to continue on our journey towards the long-term financial health we need so that we can provide the vital support described in this report for communities in the most need.

We were pleased that The National Lottery recognised the value of our work in the community by funding our core grant for £35k.

Our partnerships with other charities and organisations are important and the work we do with those in the most deprived, diverse communities is impactful and critical for us, and more importantly for them. That said, for a second year running we have demonstrated a presence in our community and we are increasingly focused on making our impact grow.

As we move into our 4th year as a charitable enterprise, we can reflect on the impact our work has made to some of the most disadvantaged people and communities in Nuneaton and beyond who have been able to change their lives for the better as a result of our various programmes and activities. This annual report gives a rich picture of some of what we do, where we do it, how we do it and the difference it makes.

I would like to extend a huge thanks to all who are or have been involved with TGGC over the past year. Your energy, enthusiasm and resilience make TGGC the unique organisation that it is.

Sioux Watkins ; Chair of Trustees

TRUSTEES REPORT

2022/23 has seen another turbulent year for our sector and those communities that we serve. There has been much happening that has continued the uncertainty of that immediate post-covid era. We are seeing some return to a more recognisable norm, and we have enjoyed seeing our communities back out and connecting with each other, but we know that this is patchy and

inconsistent, and still very difficult for many. We are beginning to be clearer about where the ongoing challenges are in a post-covid recovery world, as well as understanding on the ground the impact of the cost-of-living crisis.

We have continued to stay with our communities and work closely with our funders in innovative ways and with a clear sense of urgency around the importance of getting this work as right as possible for those in the most need. Building relationships with a fundamental belief in equality, trust and respect.

working with organisations and partners We are all committed to working with those in need of support and connection to build more resilient, connected and happier communities.

We continue to provide innovation and learning through our support of work experience with local schools, colleges DWP and the princes trust.

We also took the opportunity this year to develop working partnerships, bridging the gaps between Authorities and communities.

The work at The Makery is key to ensuring that deprived communities do not get left behind as we make the necessary adjustments that have impacted us all after Covid 19 and the energy crisis.

Providing a safe inclusive space for everyone, breaking isolation and improving mental health and well being.

Moving from our original mobile based organisation, we are continuing to develop and we know that we need to continue to diversify our funding base in order to be able to continue to offer individuals the best services we can. We are excited to be working closely with new partners and new communities in new premises to remove cost as a barrier and support people to live their most active and best lives.

As an organisation, our proudest achievements were those of our communities we are now working with. The people who stepped out and leant in. For all the connections that were

created, all the bellies that got fed, voices that got heard; we are proud of them all.

Many of the people we work with have little by way of income and means, but have lots in terms of determination and courage, empathy and kindness. We work with amazing people - our board, our general volunteers, and our participants. We are grateful to all of them, for all their hard work, courage and tenacity.

Our team have worked with over 6000 people in the financial year 2022/2023 and our volunteers have contributed over 9,120 hours which is the equivalent of €134,702.

We will continue to be led by our values, seize opportunities to add value and support where we find them, and show up with courage and vulnerability to play our part. Thank you for coming on the journey with us and doing your bit.



STRATEGIC REPORT

OUR VISION

THE GUARDIANS GROW CHARITY (TGGC) WANTS TO SEE A WORLD WHERE EVERYONE HAS AUTONOMY, CAPACITY AND RESOURCES TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL .

We want a kind, inclusive society that removes barriers to participation; where inequalities and injustice are tackled so that people can live their best lives; where resources are shared according to need and where people can play a part in ensuring wellbeing needs are met. This includes the need for food, social connections, and mental health support. We will work collectively with communities to help them to meet their own wellbeing needs and those of the others they live with and around.

OUR MISSION IS TO IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH, REDUCE ISOLATION AND LONELINESS, PROVIDE A SAFE INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR EVERYONE, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE OR DISADVANTAGED.

We support people to have the best health and wellbeing that they can and to live happy and healthy lives. We are innovators and positive disruptors, grounded in communities, and playing a part in creating a sustainable world that benefits all. We empower communities by working collaboratively with them to harness their potential and co-produce improvements in their resilience and wellbeing. We promote community development and maximise opportunities to remove barriers and support communities to live active and connected lives.

Susan Watkins

Lead Trustee/CEO



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Guardians Grow Charity

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

01.04.23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
1,000.00 WCC		1,000	-	1,000	-
1,000.00 ARNOLD CLARK	1,000	-	-	1,000	-
1,000.00 WCAVA	- 0	1,000	-	1,000	-
25,000.00 LOTTERY	- 0	25,000	-	25,000	-
3,000.00 HEART OF ENGLAND	- 0	3,000	-	3,000	-
10,000.00 LOTTERY	- 0	10,000	-	10,000	-
800.00 RADIO	- 0	800	-	800	-
25,000.00 BUZZ	25,000	-	-	25,000	-
3,400.00 DONATIONS	3,400			3,400	
5,273.22 MAKERY CAFE	5,273			5,273	
7,135.00 MAKERY CAFE	7,135			7,135	
7,200 DONATIONS	7,200			7,200	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,008	40,800	-	89,808	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
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Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	49,008	40,800	- 0	89,808	- 0
A3 Payments					
START UP EQUIPMENT	37,525	-	-	37,525	-
VOLUNTEER TRAINING COSTS	6,540	-	-	6,540	-
LEASE/BUILDING COSTS	18,319	-	-	18,319	-
STORAGE	1,719	-	-	1,719	-
GIFT PROJECTS	489	-	-	489	-
MAKERY CAFE SUPPLIES	6,039	-	-	6,039	-
OFFICE	190	-	-	190	-
ARTS AND CRAFTS	2,270	-	-	2,270	-
REPAIRS/MAINTAINANCE	10,133	-	-	10,133	-
INTERNET	440			440	
COFFEE MACHINE RENTAL	2,695			2,695	
ENERGY	1,409			1,409	

INSURANCE	571			571	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
				-	
Sub total	88,340	-	-	88,340	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	88,340	- 0	- 0	88,340	- 0
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 39,332	40,800	-	1,468	-
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end		-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 39,332	40,800	-	1,468	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

THE GUARDIANS GROW CHARITY

On accounts for the year
ended

01-4-22 - 01-4-23

Charity no
(if any)

1192539

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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

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

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

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

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

Signed:

Jackie Campbell

Date:

5/01/2024

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qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.