

Charity Commission Registered no. 1072021

AFRICAN CARIBBEAN FORUM

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

African-Caribbean *Forum*

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Trustees' Annual Report
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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

The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, with the Memorandum and Articles of Association and with 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 issued in October 2019.

The African Caribbean Forum was established by Constitution on 30 June 1998 and registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales as number 1072021 on 19 October 1998. The constitution has been amended on 15 September 1998 and on 27 July 2003.

The charity's address is the Caribbean Community Centre, Millennium Building, Dickens Street, Peterborough, PE1 5GD.

The Forum's bankers are TSB, Long Causeway, Peterborough, PE1 1XP.

The Independent Examiner is Mark East of Moore Thompson Accountants, 7 Swan Court, Forder Way, Hampton, Peterborough, PE7 8GX.

Governance and management

The Trustees of the charity are:

Chairman	Mr W Moore	
Vice Chair	Mr W Dorman	(Appointed 16 October 2022)
Treasurer	Ms B L Daley	
	Mr N Brome-Hinds	
	Mr K MacDonald	
	Mr D K Moore	
	Mr C Walker	

The Charity is administered by a Management Committee which reports to the trustees comprising:

Chairman	Mr W Moore	
Vice Chair	Mr W Dorman	(Appointed 16 October 2022)
Secretary	Mr J Toomey	(Appointed 16 October 2022)
Treasurer	Ms B L Daley	
	Mr N Brome-Hinds	
	Mr K McDonald	
	Mr D K Moore	
	Mr C Walker	

The management committee members are elected annually at the AGM. Members who are no longer able to undertake the task or who ask to be relieved are replaced by others who have either volunteered or have been nominated. Each person is elected on a majority basis. To be eligible such persons must hold membership to the community centre. There are currently two vacancies on the committee. The committee meets monthly at the centre to discuss relevant matters.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the management of its investments and finances, and are satisfied that the systems in place sufficiently manage its exposure to those risks.

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Public Benefit

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and believe that the objects and activities undertaken by the charity meet this guidance.

The 'Review of Progress and Achievements' on page 2 demonstrates the public benefit given in much more detail as does the activities described below.

Object, Organisation and Activities

The object of the Charity is to promote and benefit inhabitants of the city of Peterborough and its outlying districts and in particular those persons who are African Caribbean or of African Caribbean descent, and to do this without distinction of gender, religious or other opinions, by associating together with local statutory and voluntary agencies, and other individuals and groups within the area of benefit in a common effort to advance education and to provide or assist in the provision for recreation and other leisure time activities in the interest of social welfare and so that the conditions of life for the said persons may be enhanced.

Further to secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same in furtherance of these objects.

The forum was unable to meet at the start of the financial year due to the Covid Pandemic.

Finances and reserves

Peterborough City Council owns the Millennium Centre, however the Forum Management Committee has sole responsibility for the management of the building and has done since moving into the building in April 2000. During the current period there have been discussions with the local authority with the view of the Forum taking a long lease, 50 years, on the building and thus taking full control of the asset. In those talks and in all other matters relating to the centre volunteers are important and play a vital role.

As with all other community centres, the local authority do not provide any grant aid nor levy any rental charges. Along with the discussions regarding the lease there have also been communications with Peterborough City Council that they are looking into the effects of charging business rates on community



Mr W Moore (Chairman)

On behalf of the Trustees.

Date 14/01/24

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Independent Examiner's Report

I report on the financial statements of the African Caribbean Forum for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 4 to 8.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Basis of 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 accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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

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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Date: 24 January 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Income and endowments from:		
Donation and legacies	5	584
Grants receivable		
PCC Grants - Covid Pandemic	-	8,000
Hospitality leisure grant - Covid Pandemic	-	2,667
Windrush day grant	5,233	-
	5,233	10,667
Charitable activities		
Hire charges	21,682	19,675
Room rent	8,000	5,000
Membership	865	565
	30,547	25,240
Total income and endowments	35,785	36,491
Expenditure on:		
Charitable activities		
Catering costs	4,927	2,818
Entertainment	120	23
Cleaning	1,522	1,683
Caretaker	2,009	1,122
Light and heat	9,411	8,633
Water rates	1,104	355
Repairs and maintenance	6,063	3,085
Equipment hire	271	-
Insurance	657	649
Licences and subscriptions	201	159
Motor and travel expenses	538	395
Telephone	816	1,081
Copier charges	-	570
Printing, postage and stationery	228	125
Sundry expenses	217	-
Depreciation	3,084	3,403
Profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	(699)	-
	30,469	24,101
Governance costs		
Independent Examination	888	752
Total expenditure	31,357	24,853
Net income and net movement in funds	4,428	11,638
Reconciliation of funds:		
Total funds brought forward	39,435	27,797
Total funds carried forward	43,863	39,435

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities and are in relation to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

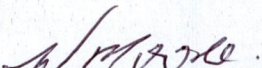
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Balance Sheet


At 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	2	<u>9,251</u>	<u>10,202</u>
Current assets			
Cash at bank		36,352	30,651
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	3	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,418</u>
Net current assets		<u>34,612</u>	<u>29,233</u>
Net assets		<u><u>43,863</u></u>	<u><u>39,435</u></u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u><u>43,863</u></u>	<u><u>39,435</u></u>

These financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on and signed on their behalf by:


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Mr W Moore
Chairman


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Ms B L Daley
Treasurer

The notes on pages 6 to 8 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the financial statements
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1 Summary of significant accounting policies

1.1 General information

African Caribbean Forum is an unincorporated charity registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The nature of the charity's operations and principal activities are the promotion and management of the community centre.

1.2 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £1.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

1.3 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes. The cost of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.4 Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

1.5 Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be

Donated facilities and donated professional services are recognised in income at their fair value when their economic benefit is probable, it can be measured reliably and the charity has control over the item. Fair value is determined on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity. For example the amount the charity would be willing to pay in the open market for such facilities and services. A corresponding amount is recognised in expenditure.

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1.5 Income recognition continued

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with the SORP (FRS 102).

Where practical, gifts in kind donated for distribution to the beneficiaries of the charity are included in stock and donations in the financial statements upon receipt. If it is impracticable to assess the fair value at receipt or if the costs to undertake such a valuation outweigh any benefits, then the fair value is recognised as a component of donations when it is distributed and an equivalent amount recognised as charitable expenditure.

Fixed asset gifts in kind are recognised when receivable and are included at fair value. They are not deferred over the life of the asset.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from fundraising events and trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

1.6 Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

Costs of raising funds includes costs of applying for grants and other fundraising events held by the charity.

Expenditure on charitable activities includes the administration of bookings, upkeep, servicing and maintenance costs relating to the community centre; and

Other expenditure represents those items not falling into the categories above.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation and accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes costs directly attributable to making the asset capable of operating as intended.

Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets, at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset on a systematic basis over its expected useful life as follows:

Equipment	25% reducing balance
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1.8 Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in expenditure.

1.9 Tax

The charity is an exempt charity within the meaning of schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011 and is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes.

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1.10 Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

1.11 Leases

Rentals payable and receivable under operating leases are charged to the SoFA on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

2 Tangible fixed assets

	Equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1 April 2022	37,000	37,000
Additions	2,634	2,634
Disposals	(1,584)	(1,584)
At 31 March 2023	<u>38,050</u>	<u>38,050</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 April 2022	26,798	26,798
Charge for the year	3,084	3,084
Disposals	(1,083)	(1,083)
At 31 March 2023	<u>28,799</u>	<u>28,799</u>
Net book value		
At 31 March 2023	<u>9,251</u>	<u>9,251</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>10,202</u>	<u>10,202</u>

3 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	852	566
Other creditors	888	852
	<u>1,740</u>	<u>1,418</u>

4 Trustee remuneration

During the year, no remuneration was paid to any of the Trustees.

5 Control

The Charity is controlled by the Trustees as a body. No individual Trustee has any control over the Charity.