



Northern Lights Projects

“Uniting Communities”

“Advancing the community’s hopes for everyone to become healthy, conscientious and productive future members of modern, democratic Britain.”

**Annual report and financial statements for the year ended
31 July 2017**



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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name: The Northern Lights Projects

Charity Registered Number: 1153637

Registered Office and
Operational Address: Raven Street Centre
Raven Street
HX1 4NB
United Kingdom

Board of Trustees: Ms Shazia Mohsin
Mr Shafaq Ahmed
Mr Abdul Nasir Taj

Chairman: Mr Shafaq Ahmed

Bankers: HSBC BANK PLC
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Huddersfield
HD1 2ES



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Trustees’ Report

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company (CIO) for the period 1st August 2016 to 31st July 2017.

Constitution

The Northern Lights Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“the CIO”) was registered with the Charity Commission on 3rd September 2013. The constitution is the primary governing document of the charity.

Details of trustees who served throughout the year are included in the Reference and Administrative Details on page 3.

Trustee’s liability

If the CIO is wound up, the members of the CIO have no liability to contribute to its assets and no personal responsibility for settling its debts and liabilities.

Organisational Structure

The trustees are responsible for setting general policy, approving and adapting an annual plan and budget and making major decisions about the direction of the charity.

All meetings are called by the Chairman at least once every 4 months. All expenditure and activities must be agreed with the Chairman and, if required, approved within the meetings which mostly relate to the hiring of halls/rooms for activities, food & drink at major events and renovations for development of our premises.

Objects and Aims

The objects of the charity, as set out in its constitution are:

- a) To advance the education of the public, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of numeracy and literacy classes and healthy cooking clubs.
- b) To provide or assist in the provision of facilities that support social welfare through recreation or other leisure time activities to serve individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, financial hardship or social circumstances with the object of improving their conditions of life.



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c) To advance the Islamic Faith for the benefit of the public through the holding of prayer meetings, lectures, celebrations of religious festivals and producing and/or distributing literature to inform others about the Islamic Faith.

d) To promote religious harmony for the benefit of the public by for example:

(i) Educating the public in different religious beliefs, including an awareness of their distinctive features and their common ground to promote good relations between persons of different faiths.

(ii) Promoting knowledge and mutual understanding of the beliefs and practices of different religious faiths.

Principal Activities

The Northern Lights is a non-profit organisation in the north of England working towards self-betterment among people in our communities. Our group consists of professionals and business-people principally based in the borough of Calderdale. The group has a broadly even number of men and women. In recognition of the educational, social and health problems within our community, we supplement the efforts of other like-minded individuals and organisations to bring about change. Hence, the Northern Light’s principal focus is to encourage achievement in three domains: Academic, Social and Health.

The Northern Lights considers that an important part of a complete education is the fostering of a strong sense of social belonging and a desire to contribute to the community. Furthermore, we believe that improving literacy and numeracy skills not only forms a firm foundation for academic and employment success, but also provides a means for greater integration into society and an empowerment of individuals to express themselves as productive members of the community.

Our organisation is committed to addressing the root causes of anti-social behaviour and providing individuals with the moral direction that is needed for each of them to take their place as a conscientious member of British society. By emphasising the importance of sound personal ethics and the need to contribute to the community, we intend to address the factors that have lead to civil disorder and resulted in enormous cost to home-owners, businesses and local councils.

Our goal is to produce well-rounded individuals who not only excel academically, but who are healthy and are anchored by strong moral values and a desire to support their local communities.



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As parents, professionals and educators, the membership of the Northern Lights are deeply conscious of the many factors that restrict people’s opportunity to fulfil their potential. As a result, we have developed an approach that addresses several of the key problems faced by our communities and provides our beneficiaries with the support they need to overcome them.

Each year our trustees review our activities to ensure they continue to reflect our objectives. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

The Northern Lights offer a range of services during the week and over the course of the year that our community find beneficial. Advancing the community’s hopes for everyone to become healthy, conscientious and productive future members of modern, democratic Britain.

- Activities included:
- Weekly Boys Youth Club
- Weekly Girls Youth Club
- Annual Youth Camp
- Community engagement
- Literacy & numeracy support
- Cooking classes
- Sewing Classes

Future Developments

Looking to the future, the Northern Lights aims to benefit the wider public by fulfilling the following:

- a) Improving in literacy and numeracy levels for children improving life chances.
- b) Improving health standards amongst children and adults resulting in general wellbeing and reduced health burden on society.
- c) Reducing anti-social behavior.
- d) Reducing vandalism, theft and other crimes.
- e) Improving social and community cohesion.



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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts of Northern Lights Projects

Respective responsibilities of trustees and independent examiner.

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (The Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the Act);
- Follow the procedures laid in the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7)(b) of the 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 Commissioners. 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiners 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 41 of the 1993 Act. and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act. have not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 27/05/2018

Name: Shahid Rauf

Relevant professional qualification or body: ACCA

Address: 14 Aislaby Heights HX2 0SH



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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31st July 2017

Incoming Resources	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	31.07.17 Total funds	31.07.16 Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Donations		86,580	86,580	45,470
Rent		45,322	45,322	10,750
Sales		0	0	0
Grant Income		0	0	0
Gift Aid		0	0	12,191
Other Income		0	0	0
Total Incoming Resources	0	131,902	131,902	68,411
Resources Expended				
Rent		0	0	0
Legal and Admin		0	0	710
Repairs & Maintenance		23,764	23,764	0
Utilities		1,176	1,176	145
Salaries		0	0	2,540
Sundry		0	0	0
Bank charge		0	0	0
Total Resources Expended	0	24,941	24,941	3,395
Surplus / (Deficit)			106,962	65,016



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Balance Sheet as at 31st July 2017

	31.07.17	31.07.16
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Tangible assets		
Land & Building	554,330	544,623
Fixture & Fittings	3,213	
	<u>557,543</u>	<u>544,623</u>
Current Assets		
Stock		
Debtors & Prepayments		
Cash	10,835	1,713
Bank	89,794	24,873
	<u>100,629</u>	<u>26,586</u>
Total Assets	<u>658,172</u>	<u>571,210</u>
Liabilities		
Property Creditor	0	200,000
Loans	301,900	121,900
	<u>301,900</u>	<u>321,900</u>
Net Assets	<u>356,272</u>	<u>249,310</u>
Represented by:		
Accumulated Funds:		
Total Funds Brought Forward	249,310	184,293
Current Year Retained Earnings	106,962	65,016
Total Funds Carried Forward	<u>356,272</u>	<u>249,310</u>

Signed:

Name: Shafaq Ahmed

Signed:

Name: Nasir Taj



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Notes to the Financial statements for the year ended 31 July 2017

1. Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation of Financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and drawn up in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice - 'Accounting by Charities (SORP)', issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

2. Tangible fixed assets

Freehold properties are not depreciated.

3. Cash at Bank & In Hand

Petty cash held is £11k and bank balance is £90k.

4. Private Loans

Private loans are from individuals to support the start-up of the charity and purchase of property which are due to be paid back within 5 years.

5. Trustees Payments

There were no payments for goods or services made to trustees.