Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action

Charity number 1106001

A Company limited by guarantee number 02539153

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2019

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mrs J Mulford, Chairman

Dr J Hill, Vice Chairman

Mr S Broxton Mr M Fry Mrs E Hersey

Mrs P Meredith Mr H Patel

Mr C Harris Ms L Cogley Mrs T Kearney resigned 24 September 2018

resigned 24 September 2018

appointed 24 September 2018 appointed 24 September 2018

resigned 2 May 2018

Non-voting members

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Trustees and Directors

The persons who have acted as trustees and directors during the period 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019 are:

Mrs J Mulford resigned 24 September 2018

Dr J Hill, Chairman Mr S Broxton Mr M Fry

Mrs E Hersey resigned 24 September 2018

Mrs P Meredith Mr H Patel

Mr C Harris appointed 24 September 2018
Ms L Cogley appointed 24 September 2018

Mrs T Kearney resigned 2 May 2018

In accordance with the Articles of Association, at the Annual General Meeting, all trustees shall retire from office but shall be eligible for re-election.

Structure, governance and management

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association that are regularly reviewed and revised.

The company is limited by guarantee, whereby every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of winding up, while they are members or within one year after they cease to be a member, for payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they cease to be members, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributions among themselves, such amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

Appointment and induction of trustees

Halton and St Helens Voluntary and Community Action (VCA) is a membership organisation and affiliated members of the organisation are entitled to nominate to the Board of Trustees at the AGM each year. We will invite or actively encourage applications from individuals from member organisations whose skills fill an identified gap on the Board. The Board is in the process of reviewing its processes and systems and has established a governance sub-group to undertake this work.

Trustee induction and training

At present, new trustees are inducted into the organisation in the following way:

Potential new trustees are invited to attend an initial discussion with the Chair and Chief Officer, prior to applying to join the Board.

Invitation to attend the Annual General Meeting, where new members will be elected. This is also an opportunity to meet other Board members.

Completion, with the Chair, of the Trustee Induction Pack, which the board member then keeps as a manual.

Introduction to the staff team and tour of the VCA offices in St Helens, and St Marie's at Halton.

Attendance at an annual Board away day.

This process is regularly under review.

Third party indemnity insurance

Third party indemnity insurance is provided for Board Members as part of our package of insurance cover.

Organisation

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the administration of the charity. The day-to-day running of the organisation is delegated to the Chief Officer.

The full board meets quarterly. The Board has one key sub-committee of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, this also meets quarterly. The Policy and Resources and Personnel committees meet as and when required. All sub-committees have terms of reference, which set out the operating framework for the 3 committees.

The organisation's policies and procedures set out the delegation of authority from the Board to the Chief Officer.

Risk Management

The Board regularly reviews the operational and financial risks facing the organisation. It has set out the key risks that the organisation faces around key themes of finance, partnerships and staffing. The focus of Board papers attempt to assure that the organisation has actions in place to mitigate these risks. Over the past 12 months the board has spent considerable time focused on the financial risks the organisation faces.

The Board believes that the primary risks it faces are related to the funding environment and the coming few years are likely to become more challenging.

Objectives and Activities

The principal activity of the charity is to assist and promote voluntary sector activity for the benefit of the community in the metropolitan boroughs of St Helens and Halton and the surrounding area. The work can best be described under the following headings:

Services and support for other voluntary and community organisations.

The provision of opportunities for closer working together, within the voluntary and community sector and statutory authorities, and to encourage cross-sectorial co-operation, and liaison;

The provision of a channel through which other organisations can make representation;

The development of new ideas, strategies and organisations;

To contribute to local strategic partnerships, and other forums of voluntary and community engagement.

Achievements and performance and demonstration of public benefit

A number of key financial issues culminated within this year to make it one of our most difficult yet. The loss of the Healthwatch Halton contract and the 2nd year of a 3 year reduction to our St Helens Council Grant were key contributing factors. Although many of the costs transferred out when the Healthwatch Halton staff team moved to the new provider, the organisation was able to share the cost of overheads and premises and this was a huge loss.

Within the year we received notice that the Healthwatch Halton team would also leave St Marie's. We began the process of looking for alternative tenants. We had discussions with a number of Halton based groups and organisations: including Wellbeing Enterprises CIC and Halton Disability Partnership. Towards the end of the year both Sam's Diamonds and Halton Carer's Centre moved into the building and began to deliver services from here.

After more than 30 years of involvement with our organisation and more than 25 as the Chair, Jean Mulford stepped down from the Board of Trustees. Jean's achievements and successes and her contribution to VCA and the wider sector were celebrated at our AGM and conference in September 2018. Following Jean's departure Justin Hill our Vice-Chair was appointed by the Board and began work on a review of our governance and set out plans for a strategy session in preparation for the new financial year.

Despite reducing resources and capacity we have continued to offer important services to groups including: community accountancy, payroll, training, funding advice, capacity building and volunteering brokerage. This year we undertook a total of 6841 activities to support the work of local groups.

During 2018/19 we saw 1443 potential volunteers across both Boroughs, offered 279 opportunities for training, networking and learning, 121 sessions of capacity building and supported 30 groups with funding advice. There were 166 groups supported with community accountancy, payroll and financial support.

In addition to this, a considerable proportion of the organisation's work is focused on influencing, voice and representation on behalf of the sector. The Chief Officer's work and that of some other team members focus on influencing, and voice locally, sub-regionally and on occasion nationally to ensure the members are represented.

The Chief Officer continues to play a key role in VS6, the Liverpool City Region body representing more than 8,500 groups across the LCR. This partnership has achieved representation for the sector on the Local Enterprise Partnership, the Cheshire and Merseyside Care Partnership and our independent Chair is Mayoral advisor to the city-regions Mayor. These are all key and important areas of influence for the sector and demonstrate some key successes. Next year we hope that these arrangements bring tangible benefits for local groups.

Immediately relevant to local groups are our areas of focus in Halton and St Helens.

We continue to make the integration of health and social care a priority and work to involve the wider sector in the One Halton and St Helens Cares partnerships. In St Helens this work has resulted in a representative elected by the sector on both the Peoples Board and the St Helens Cares Provider Alliance. In Halton we are about to undertake the same process to identify a member to represent the sector on the One Halton Provider Alliance.

Core Team – has once again successfully achieved revalidation of the ISO 9001 quality standard and adopted the new ISO manual successfully. Our small core team provides support across the organisation and to the Board.

This year our annual conference focused on "Social Innovation" more than 70 groups from both Halton and St Helens attended to consider the potential for doing things differently. Coupled with this our AGM was a celebration of the contribution from Jean Mulford to St Helens CVS and latterly Halton and St Helens VCA over more than 30 years. Groups and partners, particularly in St Helens contributed to our "Thank you Jean" video and shared their stories of working with her.

In St Helens, we worked with Invest St Helens as a sponsor of their inaugural Pride of St Helens Business Community Impact Award. This saw a number of local groups and businesses nominated in this category and enabled us to raise the profile of the work of the sector through our involvement and participation in the awards and the wider St Helens Ambassador Programme.

We supported St Helens in a number of events and activities as part of the 150 Celebrations. Staff volunteered to support the St Helens People's Day Parade, a fantastic celebration of the people and communities of St Helens and the difference they make.

Capacity – our capacity team provides a large share of the practical services and support to our members and the local sector. Our community accountant and payroll service, provides hands on support and training to groups who are managing money, setting up financial systems and require independent examinations or auditing. This year we worked with more than 166 groups, providing support in those areas.

We have worked in depth with a larger number of organisations this year, including 28 new startups and many more on funding, capacity building, good governance and learning and training. We have had contracts to work with Halton Community Radio and St Helens CAB and St Helens Third Sector Consortium to provide their back office services.

Capability - The main focus of work here is the provision of Volunteer Centre services across the two Boroughs and the access to good, quality, low-cost office accommodation to members and the local sector, in particular the growth of our Halton base as a hub for groups improving their access to us and their opportunity to network with each other.

The Board continue to support the "Keeping Volunteering Voluntary" campaign and support our members to do the same. We have continued to support this initiative and ensure that people have a good experience in their journey to volunteer.

In Halton, the general volunteer brokerage service was supported once again by continued investment from Halton Borough Council. The Centre saw 893 volunteers, placed 432 in opportunities, and had 176 groups registering their 179 opportunities.

Our work with Wellbeing Enterprises CIC to support the volunteering pathway at Warrington & Halton NHS Hospital Trust has continued to go from strength to strength. We work jointly to recruit, support and develop volunteering and the opportunities within the Trust for local people to support their work. We have exceeded the targets set within the contract and are developing a well-regarded approach to NHS volunteering and the benefits it can bring to patients, volunteers and commissioners of local services as they see experiences improve and costs reduce. Towards the end of the year we produced a showcase document to describe the difference our approach had made. This work featured in a national NHS Workforce publication.

In St Helens, the team are delivering the 6th year of the Staying Home project in partnership with Helena Partnerships (TORUS). The lead officer provides the volunteer recruitment function and matches volunteers with older people referred to the service having been assessed as lonely or isolated, or requiring ongoing support from a volunteer. The project has this year had over 15 active volunteers, conducting over 600 visits to 20 beneficiaries, with this number growing. Again, the Volunteer Centre's role is to promote the opportunity, recruit volunteers, train and induct them and provide support to them during their volunteering.

Over the past year we have supported the Include IT Mersey partnership in providing briefing sessions for their digital champion volunteers. This project will support people across the 2 Boroughs to develop their digital skills and literacy.

The Volunteer Centre in St Helens continues to be under-resourced. Alongside their specialist support, the team offered a general brokerage service through one-to-one interviews and a weekly drop-in. During the year they saw 550 volunteers and placed 339 in local groups and activities.

Connectivity – This area of work picks up our core functions of liaison, representation and strategic partnerships. We are also delivering work on marketing, communications and engagement to enable the sector to connect.

During this year, we have played a key role in the work of VS6, the Liverpool City Region body representing more than 8,500 groups across the LCR. Our work to influence the key sub-regional structures is continuing and we have had a number of successes with the Metro-Mayor advisor role, the place on the Local Enterprise Partnership and a place at the Cheshire & Merseyside Care Partnership. VS6 now has 3 key routes into the decision-making arrangements in the LCR to assist with influence and voice for the sector.

More importantly for local groups we have sought to play a key role in work on accountable care systems and plans in St Helens Cares and on the One Halton approach. As plans begin to develop this work has increased and there are a number of staff members supporting the involvement of the sector in these local structures. More importantly this year we have enabled the sector to take seats at key partnerships and on pieces of work.

During the year we continued our campaign to highlight the impact of the sector and its work and the value it adds to both Halton & St Helens. Our documents called Let's Consider – to highlight stories about the work of a small number of local organisations, how their work would fit with the changing shape of health and social care and public sector reform and showcase what it means to work with our sector. In addition to this we developed Borough based animations and videos that we are using as part of marketing the work of the sector. These have been used as part of presentations at key strategic partnerships and in our discussions with partners when promoting what the sector does.

In 2018/19, we held a number of events, training and conferences for the local sector. These included, our annual conference, focused on helping the sector consider "Social Innovation", the St Marie's Heritage Group has held a number of events and activities as part of their role in supporting St Marie's and the heritage activities. We have held a number of workshops with funders, in particular with the National Lottery Community Fund.

Once again our organisation has played a key role in supporting the work of the local Healthwatch in St Helens.

Income and Expenditure

The statement of financial activities provides a summary of our income and expenditure 2018-2019 and shows the previous year's comparative data.

Annual income, as we anticipated decreased again from £632,000 to £535,000. This is mainly due to reductions in funding, but in large part due to the loss of the Healthwatch Halton contract. Charitable expenditure also decreased to reflect our reduction in income, going down to £625,000. This does show a deficit for the year of £91,000, however depreciation is £72,000, meaning, we ended the year with a small cash deficit of £19.000.

Our charitable activities income was down by £85,000 (loss of the Healthwatch Halton contract) and we saw a small reduction in donations and legacies. Alongside this our expenditure was reduced by £81,000.

To manage our cashflow within the year the Board decided to release our investment with CAF.

Balance Sheet

The balance sheet presents a healthy picture with reasonable bank balances and our asset, St Marie's. The net book value of the tangible fixed assets decreased from £3,265,000 to £3,192,000 due to depreciation.

The investments were sold during the year for £64,000.

Due largely to the sale of the investment our bank balances have increased at the end of the year, from £70,000 in 2018 to £106,000 in 2019.

Financial Outlook

The financial statements continue to highlight funding as our major challenge. The loss of the Healthwatch Halton contract and some small reductions from our core funders, has created the circumstances for a large-scale review of our operating model. Alongside this we are continuing to attempt to diversify our funding streams, looking for new funders and new areas of development.

The Board continues to aim to achieve a balanced budget, despite the challenges of doing this. A large-scale review of our model and organisational overheads has begun and we will continue to adjust activities and costs in line with the new financial climate, whilst exploring all the opportunities we can.

Investment Powers and Policy

Powers – to invest the monies of the Charitable Company not immediately required to further its objects in investments, securities or property, subject to any conditions and consents imposed or required by law.

Policy – The Board of Trustees has considered the most appropriate policy for investing surplus funds and has agreed that given the current financial situation, these are invested in UK banks and building societies.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have reviewed our need for reserves in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission, and have a reserves policy, which is reviewed annually. The Trustees believe that, as well as known commitments, the aim should be to hold at least three months (13 weeks) unrestricted running costs in free reserves. We aim to build up reserves to achieve this in the medium-term.

Grant Making Policy

Halton and St Helens VCA is not a grant making charity but part of its role may involve supporting statutory and voluntary bodies in their grant-making role where this advances VCA's charitable objectives. This support may include providing members for grant panels, accounting for grant funds and monitoring the use of grants. VCA members withdraw from discussions and declare an interest when applications in which they are personally or professionally involved are discussed.

Developments since the year end and plans for future periods

With the appointment of our new Chair, Dr Justin Hill, we have begun a number of key pieces of work. A review of our governance arrangements, a 12 month action plan to address our current urgent financial issues and a restructure of our work and consequently of the staff team delivering it.

We want to continue to influence the development of the local health and care systems and ensure the VCSE sector is able to participate as a partner and deliverer of services. We will work with the sector to support their engagement in Halton and St Helens.

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities For the year ended 31st March 2019

The trustees, who are also the directors of Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;

observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and

prepare the accounts on a 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 and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of disclosure to the auditor

Each of the trustees has confirmed that there is no information of which they are aware which is relevant to the audit, but of which the auditor is unaware. They have further confirmed that they have taken appropriate steps to identify such relevant information and to establish that the auditor is aware of such information.

In accordance with the company's articles a resolution proposing that Jackson Stephen LLP be reappointed as auditor of the company will be put to a general meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision relating to small companies within part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 12th August 2019

Dr Justin Hill Chairman

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action

for the year ended 31 March 2019

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2019 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2019 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;

have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;

have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or

the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit:

the information given in the trustees report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and

the directors' report included within the trustees report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action

Independent Auditor's Report to the members of Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action

for the year ended 31 March 2019

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of our knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the trustees annual report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

adequate accounting records have not been kept; or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or

the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or

certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or

we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

The trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemptions in preparing the trustees report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the members of Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action in accordance with Chapter 3 Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Peter Atkinson FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor) for and on behalf of Jackson Stephen LLP Chartered Accountants
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Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Statement of Financial Activities

for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Notes					
					2019	2018
		Unrestric		Restricted	Total	Total
		General	St Marie's	Funds	Funds	Funds
Lancas Carana		£	£	£	£	£
Income from:		50.000			50.000	74.005
Donations and legacies	(2)	59,093	-	-	59,093	71,335
Charitable activities	(3)	432,957	-	41,131	474,088	558,999
Investments	(4)	1,600			1,600	1,343
Total		493,650	-	41,131	534,781	631,677
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	(5a)	(513,347)	(70,430)	(40,962)	(624,739)	(705,732)
Net gain / (loss) on investments		(1,392)	-	-	(1,392)	(637)
Net (expenditure) / income		(21,089)	(70,430)	169	(91,350)	(74,692)
Transfers between funds						
Net movement in funds		(21,089)	(70,430)	169	(91,350)	(74,692)
Fund balances at 1 April 2018		140,370	3,262,058	685	3,403,113	3,477,805
Fund balances at 31 March 2019		119,281	3,191,628	854	3,311,763	3,403,113

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 March 2019

	Notes				
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		Unrestric General	ted funds St Marie's	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		General	St Maries £	runus £	runas £
Income from:		L	L	L	L
Donations and legacies	(2)	71,335	_	_	71,335
Charitable activities	(3)	391,388	_	167,611	558,999
Investments	(4)	1,343	-	- ,-	1,343
Total		464,066	-	167,611	631,677
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Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	(5a)	(527,809)	(70,430)	(107,493)	(705,732)
Net gain / (loss) on investments		(637)	_	_	(637)
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Net (expenditure) / income		(64,380)	(70,430)	60,118	(74,692)
Transfers between funds		66,755	-	(66,755)	-
Net movement in funds		2,375	(70,430)	(6,637)	(74,692)
Fund balances at 1 April 2017		137,995	3,332,488	7,322	3,477,805
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Fund balances at 31 March 2018		140,370	3,262,058	685	3,403,113

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Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Balance sheet as at 31 March 2019

	Notes	2019	2018
Fixed Assets		£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	(10)	3,192,181	3,264,901
Investments	(11)	-	64,387
Total fixed assets	_	3,192,181	3,329,288
Current Assets			
Debtors and prepayments	(12)	32,929	27,934
Cash at bank and in hand	` ,	106,291	69,861
Total current assets	_	139,220	97,795
Current liabilities:			
amounts falling due within one year			
Creditors and accruals	(13)	19,638	23,970
Total current liabilities		19,638	23,970
Net current assets / (liabilities)	-	119,582	73,825
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Total assets less current liabilities	_	3,311,763	3,403,113
Funds			
Restricted Funds	(15)	854	685
Unrestricted funds	` ,	119,281	140,370
St Marie's		3,191,628	3,262,058
	_	3,311,763	3,403,113
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These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the trustees on 12th August 2019

Mr Hiteshkumar Patel Treasurer

Company registration number 02539153

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action Statement of cash flows For the year ended 31 March 2019

	2019	2018
Cash flows from operating activities:	£	£
Net income/(expenditure) per SOFA	(91,350)	(74,692)
Investment Income	(1,600)	(1,343)
Depreciation	72,720	78,416
Fair value gains and losses on investments	1,392	637
Proceeds from sale of Investments	64,595	0
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(4,995)	(1,858)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(4,332)	(4,678)
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income		
	36,430	(3,518)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Investment income		
Not increase//decrease) in each	36,430	(3,518)
Net increase/(decrease) in cash:	•	, ,
Total cash as at 1 April 2018	69,861	73,379
Total cash as at 31 March 2019	106,291	69,861

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Halton & St Helens Voluntary and Community Action is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is St Marie's, Lugsdale Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 6DB.

1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts (financial statements) have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, "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 Ireland (FRS 102), and the Companies Act 2006 as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016. The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

The accounts are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in the financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

1.2 Going Concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

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1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.3 Charitable funds

- (a) Unrestricted funds are those that can be expended at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the objects of the charity.
- (b) Restricted funds are those that may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor, or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

1.4 Incoming resources

- (a) Income is recognised and included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity becomes entitled to the income; receipt is probable; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
- (b) Where income has related expenditure (e.g. Healthwatch), the income and related expenditure are reported gross in the SOFA.
- (c) Bank interest is recognised when credited to the account.
- (d) Income, which is subject to conditions that the charity has yet to fulfil, or which is specifically for use in a future accounting period, is treated as deferred income.

1.5 Resources expended

- (a) Expenditure is recognised on the accruals basis.
- (b) The charity is not registered for VAT, thus all costs are shown inclusive of VAT charged.
- (c) Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay out resources.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

(a) Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at their value on receipt.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the costs less estimated residual value or its expected useful life, as follows:

St Marie's

Leasehold property

Computers

Equipment

Over 50 years on a straight line basis

Over 3 years on a straight line basis

Over 4 years on a straight line basis

1.7 Fixed asset investment

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price and excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at fair value at each reporting date. Changes in fair value are recognised in gain/(losses) for the year. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

1 Accounting Policies (continued)

1.8 Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the charity transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

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2	Donations and legacies	2019 Unrestricted	2019 St Marie's	2019 Restricted	2019 Total	2018 Total
		funds	funds	funds	funds	funds
		£	£	£	£	£
	Donations	684	-	-	684	2,475
	Grants receivable for core activities	58,409	-	-	58,409	68,860
		59,093	-		59,093	71,335
	For the year ended 31 March 2018	71,335			71,335	
	Grants receivable for core activities					
	Halton Borough Council	37,505	-	-	37,505	37,505
	St Helens Borough Council	20,904	-	-	20,904	31,355
	•	58,409	-		58,409	68,860

3 Charitable activities	St Marie's	Sector Support	Capability	Connectivity	Capacity	Total 2019	Total 2018
-	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants	<u>-</u> _	83,209	114,117	227,073	49,689	474,088	558,999
	-	83,209	114,117	227,073	49,689	474,088	558,999
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds	-	83,209	89,394	227,073	33,281	432,957	391,388
Restricted funds			24,723		16,408	41,131	167,611
		83,209	114,117	227,073	49,689	474,088	558,999
For the year ended 31 Marc	ch 2018						
Unrestricted funds	-	99,857	76,204	203,091	12,236		391,388
Restricted funds	<u> </u>	5,830	24,736	120,637	16,408		167,611
_	<u>-</u>	105,687	100,940	323,728	28,644		558,999

3a Charitable activities	St Marie's	Sector Support	Capability	Connectivity	Capacity	Total 2019	Total 2018
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Performance related grants							
St Helens MBC							
Healthwatch St Helens	-	-	-	168,000	-	168,000	149,614
Health Engagement	-	-	-	-	12,408	12,408	12,408
Public Health	-	-	-	-	4,000	4,000	4,000
Healthwatch Halton	-	-	-	-	-	-	120,637
Cheshire PCC	-	7,000	-	-	-	7,000	6,015
St Helens CCG	-	20,733	-	-	-	20,733	20,733
Senior Voice	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,000
Halton CCG	-	24,250	-	19,500	-	43,750	43,750
Halton CCG Development work	-	-	-	12,408	-	12,408	12,940
Halton GP Federation	-	-	-	24,000	-	24,000	-
Well North	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,017
Helena Partnerships	-	-	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000
St Helens 3rd Sector Cons	-	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-
Warr & Halton Hospital bid	-	-	26,594	-	-	26,594	27,252
Halton People into Jobs	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,830
Change, Grow, Live	-	-	40,779	-	-	40,779	40,114
Include IT BBO	-	-	20,371	-	-	20,371	8,838
Rental Income	-	16,678	-	-	-	16,678	5,654
Training Income	-	-	-	-	5,645	5,645	11,912
Costs recovered	-	593	-	-	-	593	1,257
Community Accountancy	-	-	-	-	27,636	27,636	29,641
Fees, commissions and consulting	-	10,955	2,373	3,165	-	16,493	3,387
-	<u> </u>	83,209	114,117	227,073	49,689	474,088	558,999

4	Investments		2019	2019	2019	2019	2018	
			Unrestricted	St Marie's	Restricted	Total	Total	
			funds	funds	funds	funds	funds	
			£	£	£	£	£	
	Bank Credit Interest		-	-	-	-	-	
	Investment distribution	1	1,600			1,600	1,343	
			1,600			1,600	1,343	
5	Charitable activities	St Marie's	Sector Support	Capability	Connectivity	Capacity	Total 2019	Total 2018
	·	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Staff Costs	-	161,211	120,203	134,883	35,823	452,120	511,028
	Activities undertaken	70,430	73,059	5,004	10,300	947	159,740	185,904
		70,430	234,270	125,207	145,183	36,770	611,860	696,932
	Governance costs	-	12,879	-	-	-	12,879	8,800
		-	12,879	-	-	-	12,879	8,800
		70,430	247,149	125,207	145,183	36,770	624,739	705,732
	Analysis by fund							
	Unrestricted funds	70,430	247,149	101,207	144,629	20,362	583,777	-
	Restricted funds	-	-	24,000	554	16,408	40,962	-
		70,430	247,149	125,207	145,183	36,770	624,739	
	For the year ended 31	1 March 2018	;					
	Unrestricted funds	70,430	246,005	102,508	153,726	25,570		598,239
	Restricted funds		5,830	24,609	60,646	16,408		107,493
		70,430	251,835	127,117	214,372	41,978		705,732

5a	Charitable activities	St Marie's	Sector Support	Capability	Connectivity	Capacity	Total 2019	Total 2018
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Salaries and wages	-	145,558	106,856	117,775	32,559	402,748	461,858
	Employer's NI	-	8,538	8,421	10,187	2,452	29,598	35,913
	Pension costs	-	4,348	3,811	3,586	460	12,205	12,245
	Staff Health	-	432	225	274	88	1,019	1,012
	Staff Travel	-	2,335	890	2,175	264	5,664	4,368
	Staff Training	-	-	-	886	-	886	849
	Volunteer travel & training	-	217	2,651	46	-	2,914	3,349
	Premises - rent/utilities	-	21,911	-	-	-	21,911	24,767
	Premises - other	-	7,021	-	-	-	7,021	7,942
	Printing, stationery, post, tel	-	8,758	135	588	-	9,481	12,136
	IT support & infrastructure	-	18,267	270	613	670	19,820	19,588
	Literature & software	-	1,525	-	495	-	2,020	1,580
	Meeting, outreach events	-	351	700	3,446	70	4,567	872
	Contracted work costs	-	-	-	4,000	-	4,000	15,439
	Project related training	-	-	-	-	71	71	1,990
	Other Project Costs	-	16	1,181	-	-	1,197	1,182
	Subs, membership fees	-	3,896	67	66	-	4,029	2,542
	Information & promotion	-	1,794	-	1,046	-	2,840	3,742
	Insurance	-	6,571	-	-	-	6,571	6,571
	Depreciation	70,430	2,154	-	-	136	72,720	78,416
	Bank charges	-	578	-	-	-	578	571
	Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	12,879				12,879	8,800
,	Total resources expended	70,430	247,149	125,207	145,183	36,770	624,739	705,732

6 Governance costs	2019	2018
	£	£
AGM	4,284	-
Audit fees	3,500	3,500
Accountancy	4,894	4,895
Administration	13	13
Trustee expenses	188	392
	12,879	8,800
7 Auditor's Remuneration	2019	2018
- Addition of Administration	£	£
Audit fees	3,500	3,500
Tidak 1000	3,500	3,500
	3,300	3,300
8 Trustee remuneration and expenses	2019	2018
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	£	£
Total amount paid	188	392
During the year 2 trustees were paid travel expenses for attending trustee med	etings (2018: 2)	
9 Employees	2019	2018
Wassas and a large day	£	£
Wages and salaries	402,748	461,858
Employer's NI	29,598	35,913
Pension	12,205	12,245
Health benefits	1,019	1,012
	445,570	511,028
Number of employees	2019	2018
The average monthly number of employees during the year was:	Number	Number
	15	20
There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.		
	2019	2018
Key management of the charity received employee benefits (including pension contributions) totalling	82,378	82,378

10 Tangible assets	St Marie's	Computers	Equipment	Fixtures & Fittings	Total
<u>Cost</u> At 1 April 2018 On disposal	£ 3,519,916	£ 65,937	£ 12,963	£ 13,585	£ 3,612,401
At 31 March 2019	3,519,916	65,937	12,963	13,585	3,612,401
Depreciation At 1 April 2018 Charge for year On disposal At 31 March 2019	257,581 70,154 327,735	63,648 2,289 - 65,937	12,963 - - 12,963	13,308 277 - 13,585	347,500 72,720 420,220
Net book value At 31 March 2019	3,192,181				3,192,181
At 31 March 2018	3,262,335	2,289		277	3,264,901
11 Fixed asset investment				2019 £	2018 £
Investment value					64,387 64,387
Market Value at 1 April 2018				64,387	63,681
Income added to Capital Acco Unrealised (loss)/gains	unt			1,600 (1,392)	1,343 (637)
Recall of Investment				(64,595)	-
Market Value at 31 March 201 Historical cost as of 31 March				-	<u>64,387</u> 36,893
12 Debtors and prepayments				2019	2018
Trade Debtors Prepayments Other debtors				£ 27,986 4,943 	£ 26,158 1,626 150
				32,929	27,934
13 Creditors and accruals				2019 £	2018 £
Trade Creditors Social Security and other taxes Pension contributions	5			12,102 6,040 1,496 19,638	12,742 9,889 1,339 23,970

14 Retirement benefit schemes

The charity operates two defined contribution pension schemes. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

15 Restricted funds

The Income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

Movement in funds

Balance at 1 April 2018	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2019
-	16,408	(16,408)	-	-
-	24,000	(24,000)	-	-
685	723	(554)		854
685	41,131	(40,962)		854
	1 April 2018 - - 685	1 April 2018 Resources - 16,408 - 24,000 685 723	1 April 2018 Resources Expended - 16,408 (16,408) - 24,000 (24,000) 685 723 (554)	1 April 2018 Resources Expended Transfers - 16,408 (16,408)

15a Comparative Movement in funds

	Balance at 1 April 2017	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 March 2018
CCG Lead Engagement	-	16,408	(16,408)		
Helena Partnership	-	24,000	(24,000)	-	-
Healthwatch Halton	6,764	120,637	(60,646)	(66,755)	-
Halton People into Jobs	-	5,830	(5,830)	-	-
Halton YP	558	736	(609)	-	685
	7,322	167,611	(107,493)	(66,755)	685

Funds received from St Helens Council were towards the Lead Engagement activities

Helena Partnerships funded our Staying Home Volunteer Project.

Funds were also received to support Halton Volunteer activities

16 Analysis of net assets between funds

Unrestricted	St Marie's	Restricted	Total
Funds	Funds	Funds	
£	£	£	£
553	3,191,628	-	3,192,181
-	-	-	-
118,728	-	854	119,582
119,281	3,191,628	854	3,311,763
	Funds £ 553 - 118,728	Funds Funds £ £ 553 3,191,628 118,728 -	£ £ £ 553 3,191,628 - 118,728 - 854

17 Transactions with trustees and related parties

Two trustees received expenses incurred attending to charity business during the accounting period (2018: 2)

Mr Michael Fry (Trustee) is also a director of Halton Insurance Services who provided Insurance services to the charity during the accounting period: Value £6,571 (2018: £6,506)

Owing to the nature of the charity's activities and the composition of the board of trustees (being drawn from local statutory and voluntary organisations), it is inevitable that transactions will take place with organisations in which a trustee may have an interest.