

# Higher Blackley Community Organisation

## Annual Trust Report

January 2021

### Introduction

This charity was formed in October 2015, taking over the assets and liabilities of a previous charity, the Higher Blackley Community Association. It added two new trustees. We continue as the only provider of space for charities in Blackley and have developed fresh means of outreach to the community in the past years.

### Aims and Organisation

The aims of the Organisation are:

- 1) To provide, principally for the inhabitants of Blackley, facilities for social welfare, recreation and leisure and education to improve the life of the inhabitants.
- 2) To establish and maintain a Community Centre to further the above aim

We are governed by a constitution which was accepted by the Charity Commission in 2015.

### Review of the Year

This has been another unusual year. The centre has been closed or partially closed for much of the time because of the Covid-19 pandemic

- 1) Many groups have not been able to meet, or have only met for a part of the year because of the pandemic. It is clear that the Line dancing, Primary School dancing group, the Zumba dance group, Cheerleaders and baby Ballet and the Band have or will resume but there is no indication about the Parent and Toddler group and the Councillors surgery. It is likely that Kung Fu will recommence but Slimming world and Belly dancing will not
- 2) The NHS Diabetic Eye screening has been a useful addition to our list of groups.
- 3) Socialise continued to meet when able but fewer people were attending. The hope is that once lock down is finally ended they will return to their previous levels of attendance.
- 4) Mulberry homes have made a start on the development of the site comprising the old Youth Club, the British Legion and the old library, together with the adjoining land. We await with interest the development of the ramped access to the main door and the changes to the Building. The development is to build 26 semidetached houses on the site half of which are for social renting, but it is not clear to us how these will be allocated or who will collect the rent.
- 5) We have been told that the capital receipt from Great Places (who employ Mulberry homes) has been promised by Manchester City Council to be spent on improving the Community Centre to ensure the longevity of the building

- 6) We are due for a year of disruption because of the development next door. It is hoped that this will not interrupt our services much but we are not sure of that.
- 7) We look forward to a returning balance this coming year but it may not be a full year so the trustees may have to consider raising the rents to maintain a balance between outgoings and incomings.

### **Income and Expenditure trends**

One of the mainstays of income has always been the rent paid by the various groups who use the building. Because of the pandemic this has reduced because groups have been unable to meet. This year has been the first complete year when we have been affected by the Covid pandemic.

The NHS Diabetic Eye Screening has helped to mitigate some of our loss, but we still lost over £11,000 on a year by year calculation. It is hoped that as groups come back into the centre we will recoup some of the losses, although it is certain that all will not be recovered. We have benefitted by a reduction in the use of gas and electricity when people were not using the building. Without the grant from the City Council we would be in deficit funding.

### **Basis of preparation and legal framework**

The Charities Annual Report and the accounts to 31 March 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Full name of Charity: Higher Blackley Community Organisation

Registered Charity Number: 1162134

Date of Registration: October 2015

Main Communication address: Higher Blackley Community Centre, Victoria Avenue, Higher Blackley, Manchester.M9 0RA

The Charity Trustees for the past year have been: Esther Dolan, Roger Green, Shelley Lanchbury, Brian Lynn, Harry Lyons, Barbara Sidebotham, Janice White and Stephen White, Jackie Betney and Brian Nuttall.

The preparation of the accounts has been the responsibility of Harry Lyons.

### **Public Benefit**

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on Public Benefit.

### **Risk Management**

Major risks have been identified by the General Manager and reported to the Trustees meeting which is ultimately responsible.

### **Reserves Policy**

Again, our reserves have decreased in the past year and we have only about 6 months in hand. It would be good to increase this amount towards the 12 months which we aim to have in hand. We have a few months of the pandemic still to go and will have to deal with some improvements when the building is finally separated from the old Youth Club.

Signed

Position

**HIGHER BLACKLEY COMMUNITY ORGANISATION  
YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2020-2021**

**INCOME:**

APRIL 2020	7607.94
MAY 2020	0.00
JUNE 2020	7000.00
JULY 2020	0.00
AUGUST 2020	758.98
SEPTEMBER 2020	7180.00
OCTOBER 2020	474.19
NOVEMBER 2020	0.00
DECEMBER 2020	8250.00
JANUARY 2021	0.00
FEBRUARY 2021	765.00
MARCH 2021	640.00

**TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR** **32676.11**

**EXPENDITURE:**

APRIL 2020	2941.08
MAY 2020	3629.03
JUNE 2020	2861.08
JULY 2020	5277.90
AUGUST 2020	4004.21
SEPTEMBER 2020	3223.03
OCTOBER 2020	3629.11
NOVEMBER 2020	3877.89
DECEMBER 2020	3614.56
JANUARY 2021	3675.57
FEBRUARY 2021	3115.67
MARCH 2021	3960.92

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR** **43810.05**

**YEAR END LOSS** **11133.94**

**BANK STATEMENT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2020** **36230.94**

**UNBANKED CHEQUES** **0.00**

**CASH HELD IN PETTY CASH ACCOUNT** **160.63**

**BANK STATEMENT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021** **24596.52**

**EXAMINER'S NAME: Councillor SHELLEY LANCHBURY**

SIGNATURE: S. Lanchbury DATE: 18<sup>th</sup> May '21

HIGHER BLACKLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE BALANCE SHEET 2020 - 2021

INCOME	TOTAL	Cash	Cheque	Bacs	Grants
APRIL	7607.94	-	60.00	547.94	7000.00
MAY	--	--	--	--	--
JUNE	7000.00	--	--	--	7000.00
JULY	--	--	--	--	--
AUGUST	758.98	135.00	--	623.98	--
SEPTEMBER	7180.00	180.00	--	--	7000.00
OCTOBER	474.19	355.00	--	119.19	--
NOVEMBER	--	--	--	--	--
DECEMBER	8250.00	--	--	1250.00	7000.00
JANUARY	--	--	--	--	--
FEBRUARY	765.00	--	--	765.00	--
MARCH	640.00	--	--	640.00	--
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>32676.11</b>	<b>670.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>	<b>3946.11</b>	<b>28000.00</b>

  

EXPENDITURE	TOTAL	PAY	PENSION	HMRC	GAS	ELEC	MAINT.	BT	INSUR.	RATES	GOODS
APRIL	2941.08	2861.08	-	-	-	-	80.00	-	-	-	-
MAY	3629.03	2861.08	-	767.95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JUNE	2861.08	2861.08	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	361.20	164.78
JULY	5277.90	2861.08	-	-	1080.25	810.59	-	-	-	-	295.13
AUGUST	4004.21	2861.08	-	768.00	-	-	80.00	-	-	-	281.95
SEPTEMBER	3223.03	2861.08	-	-	-	-	80.00	-	-	-	48.81
OCTOBER	3629.11	2861.08	-	-	-	639.22	80.00	-	-	-	-
NOVEMBER	3877.89	2861.08	-	740.00	-	-	80.00	196.81	-	-	-
DECEMBER	3614.56	2861.08	-	-	-	-	80.00	-	580.32	-	61.00
JANUARY	3675.57	2861.08	-	-	32.16	208.67	80.00	-	-	-	-
FEBRUARY	3115.67	2861.08	-	-	525.82	-	80.00	-	-	-	-
MARCH	3960.92	2861.08	-	-	1019.84	-	80.00	174.59	-	-	-
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>43810.05</b>	<b>34332.96</b>	<b>2275.95</b>	<b>2658.07</b>	<b>1658.48</b>	<b>720.00</b>	<b>371.40</b>	<b>580.32</b>	<b>361.20</b>	<b>851.67</b>	

**PETTY CASH ACCOUNTS 2020-2021**

<b>Balance C/fd</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	
	<b>469.83</b>	
April 2020	--	
May 2020	--	
June 2020	--	
July 2020	--	
August 2020	--	
September 2020	--	
October 2020	--	
November 2020	--	
December 2020	--	
January 2021	--	
February 2021	--	
March 2021	--	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>469.83</b>
	<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
April 2020	--	
May 2020	80.00	
June 2020	80.00	
July 2020	110.00	
August 2020	2.00	
September 2020	--	
October 2020	31.20	
November 2020	--	
December 2020	--	
January 2021	6.00	
February 2021	--	
March 2021	--	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>309.20</b>
<b>TOTAL CASH IN HAND</b>		<b>160.63</b>

## Declarations

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Organisation and that they include all funds under the control of the Organisation.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 21/1/22

Name: Harold Lyons

Address: 9 Northbrook Avenue, Crumpsall, Manchester, M8 4WB

## Presentation to the Annual General Meeting

I confirm that the accounts were presented to the AGM on .....  
and were approved.

Signature of Chair:  Date 21/2/22

Name: Roger Green

Address: 105 Heaton Park Road, Higher Blackley, Manchester M9

## Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees

This report is on the Organisations Accounts for the year ending .....

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

- a) Gives reasonable cause to believe that in any material requirements of the record keeping is incorrect.
- b) To which attention should be drawn so that a proper understanding of the accounts be reached.

Signature of Examiner:  Date 21/2/22

Relevant professional qualification or body MANCHESTER CITY COUNCILOR

Name: Shelley Lanchbury

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