

Higher Blackley Community Organisation

Annual Trust Report

September 2022

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. We are now entering a period when groups are once again attending but there have been some changes

- 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, Cheerleaders, the Band, the Parent and Toddler group, Kung Fu, and the Councillors Surgery have recommenced their activities but initially in a slightly reduced format. It is interesting to note that as time has progressed there has been more activity from each of them. The NHS Diabetic Eye screening was a useful addition to our list of groups and looks likely to continue.
- 2) Socialise continued to meet when able but fewer people have been attending; the numbers are picking up but slowly. The hope is that once we resume normal activity they will return to their previous levels of attendance.

- 3) Mulberry homes 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. However in January 2022 they went into receivership and we await with interest the new builders who will develop the site. We still need to have a ramped access to the main door. The changes to the building were agreed with Mulberry but we await the new builders to see whether they will accede to our demands. 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.
- 4) 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
- 5) We are due for yet another 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.
- 6) 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 was reduced because groups had been unable to meet but this report recognises that we made a small profit on the year. This was due to the reduced amount we paid in gas and electricity bills but what the future holds with threats of increased bills is uncertain. It is good to be coming out of the Covid crisis!

The NHS Diabetic Eye Screening has been a very useful addition to our portfolio and has helped to mitigate some of our losses. It is hoped that as groups come back more fully into the centre we will recoup some of the losses made in previous years. We have benefitted by a reduction in the use of gas and electricity when people were not using the building. What the future holds is not known. 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 2022 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
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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

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 *Harold Lyons* Date *24/4/22*

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 *17th September 22* and were approved.

Signature of Chair: *Roger Green* Date *24/4/22*

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 *31 March 22*

- 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: *S Lanchbury* Date *24/4/22*

Relevant professional qualification or body *MANCHESTER CITY COUNCILOR*

Name: Shelley Lanchbury

Address: Apt 308, 73 Liverpool Road, Manchester, M3 4AQ

HIGHER BLACKLEY COMMUNITY ORGANISATION
YEAR END ACCOUNTS 2021-2022

INCOME:	
APRIL 2021	7150.00
MAY 2021	1789.00
JUNE 2021	16875.00
JULY 2021	2765.00
AUGUST 2021	690.00
SEPTEMBER 2021	8800.00
OCTOBER 2021	1550.00
NOVEMBER 2021	890.00
DECEMBER 2021	7920.00
JANUARY 2022	1908.80
FEBRUARY 2022	1560.00
MARCH 2022	1485.00
TOTAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR	53382.80
EXPENDITURE:	
APRIL 2021	4845.18
MAY 2021	3810.88
JUNE 2021	3710.38
JULY 2021	4713.81
AUGUST 2021	3263.67
SEPTEMBER 2021	2961.61
OCTOBER 2021	4177.00
NOVEMBER 2021	3474.50
DECEMBER 2021	2679.33
JANUARY 2022	5748.27
FEBRUARY 2022	4580.87
MARCH 2022	4728.44
TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR	48693.94
BANK STATEMENT 31st MARCH 2021	24596.52
ANNUAL PROFIT	4688.86
CASH UNBANKED	29.98
CASH HELD IN PETTY CASH ACCOUNT	49.52
BANK STATEMENT 31st MARCH 2022	29264.88

EXAMINER'S NAME: Councillor SHELLEY LANCHBURY
SIGNATURE:..... DATE:

HIGHER BLACKLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE BALANCE SHEET 2021 - 2022

INCOME	TOTAL	Cash	Cheque	Bases	Grants
APRIL	7150.00	150.00			
MAY	1789.00	170.00	234.00	1385.00	7090.00
JUNE	16875.00	860.00		1605.00	16245.00
JULY	2765.00	660.00			7090.00
AUGUST	690.00	650.00			
SEPTEMBER	8800.00	990.00			7090.00
OCTOBER	1550.00	430.00			
NOVEMBER	890.00	725.00		583.80	
DECEMBER	7920.00	720.00		620.00	
JANUARY	1908.80	1580.00		620.00	
FEBRUARY	1560.00	815.00		620.00	
MARCH	1485.00	740.00		7810.00	37245.00
TOTALS	53382.80	7430.00	297.80	7810.00	37245.00

EXPENDITURE	PAY	HNARC	GAS	ELEC	MAINT	PHONE	INSUR	RATES	GOODS	P/C Top-up
APRIL	4845.18	2861.08	607.70	779.60	80.00			37.20	54.20	
MAY	3810.88	2861.08	778.85	80.00	80.00			36.00	71.45	
JUNE	3710.38	2744.08	177.15	483.09	80.00			3.00	93.49	
JULY	4713.81	2744.08	18.15	404.26	80.00	247.69		82.60	74.89	160.00
AUGUST	3263.67	2276.08	48.41	80.00	207.53			84.00	145.59	120.00
SEPTEMBER	2961.61	2276.08	108.36	422.23	172.70			84.00	54.63	170.00
OCTOBER	4177.00	909.00	284.10		80.00	224.14	580.32	84.00	15.11	60.00
NOVEMBER	3474.50	1026.00	1798.14	524.20	80.00			74.85	74.85	90.00
DECEMBER	2679.33	2276.08	1328.43	211.07	330.00			271.29	271.29	90.00
JANUARY	5748.27	4580.87	1657.10	187.81	80.00	413.51	580.32	68.94	68.94	50.00
FEBRUARY	4580.87	2276.08	2611.00	1626.96	1092.87			926.44	926.44	800.00
MARCH	4728.44	2276.08	6619.39	2611.00	1626.96	1092.87	580.32	563.80	563.80	800.00
TOTALS	48693.94	24596.52	4454.70	6619.39	2611.00	1626.96	1092.87	563.80	926.44	800.00