



Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2023

Registered Charity No. 1166483

ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY

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Report of the trustees for the year ended 31st December 2023

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the period ended 31st December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and 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 published (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Reference and administrative information

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Name: Ashton United in the Community

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number: 1166483

Date Registered: 12th April 2016

Trustees

The trustees serving during the year to 31st December 2023 were as follows:

Michael George Brown

John North Treasurer (resigned July 2024)

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Objectives and activities

The purposes of the charity are:

1. The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation in particular by the provision of facilities for the playing of football and other sports.
2. To act as a resource for young people up to the age of 25 living in Tameside, Greater Manchester, and the surrounding areas by providing advice and assistance and organising programmes of physical, educational and other activities as a means of:
 - (a) advancing in life and helping young people by developing their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as independent, mature and responsible individuals;
 - (b) advancing education;
 - (c) relieving unemployment.
3. Providing recreational and leisure time activity in the interests of social welfare for people living in the area of benefit who have need by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disability, poverty or social and economic circumstances, with a view to improving the conditions of life of such persons.

Structure, governance and management

Ashton United in the Community is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation governed by its constitution dated 3rd March 2015 and registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Foundation) number 1166483 with the Charity Commission on 12th April 2016.

The charity currently has 6 trustees. At the end of the financial year Treasurer John North resigned from his position as Treasurer after 6 years of dedicated service. Whilst standing down from the role John will continue to offer guidance and support to the charity and specifically his replacements, as he continues as a Trustee. John was outstanding in the role of Treasurer and the manner in which he kept such a tight control of finances. He will be replaced by a new Treasurer Pete O'Brien (Trustee) and Assistant Treasurer Jill Tichborne (Trustee).

Appointment of trustees

As set out in the constitution trustees are elected annually by the members of the charitable organisation attending the Annual General meeting. Trustees are appointed for a period of three years and shall retire from office by rotation based on their length of service and may offer themselves for re-election.

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are given information about their role and responsibilities on first being appointed. They are also given a copy of the constitution, information about staffing and the charity management, and are shown copies of policy documents.

Organisation

The trustees administer the charity and meet monthly. A volunteer Project Manager has been appointed by the trustees to manage the day-to-day operations of the charity and he is supported by a paid Community Development Officer originally operating on a freelance basis but following a pilot scheme appointed in April 2021 as a member of Ashton United in the Community staff, on a 1 year contract.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

None of our trustees receive remuneration or other benefit from their work with the charity. Any connection between a trustee or senior manager with any service providers must be disclosed to the full board of trustees in the same way as any other contractual relationship with a related party. Trustees must declare any conflict of interest as a standard agenda item at each meeting.

Smallshaw Hurst Profile – A United Community

Smallshaw Hurst and District, where Hurst Cross and AUITC is located, and all of our events and activities take place, is a neighbourhood in the top 2% most deprived in England. Over the past 12 months we have engaged with circa 3000, predominantly local people. We tackle local issues identified through consultation with our users, and potential users. All of our work is delivered by local volunteers who are supported operationally by our Community Development Officer. The events



and activities we have provided are aimed at the people from the local community with most, if not all, reflecting the fact that those taking part have little or no disposable income; many suffering from poor mental and physical health and wellbeing. Where children are involved, most are children who are living in poverty, many with parents not in employment, education or training, from single parent families, or in the care system. The future, for people across our community, looks to be challenging with, amongst other things, high inflation and fuel costs on, together with reductions in benefits and, for those in work, high national insurance costs.

AUITC has worked throughout the year with partners to deliver joined up working to the benefit of local people striving to achieve systemic change to the benefit of the whole community. Special thanks must go to Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community with whom we work particularly closely on shared strategy, events and activities – thanks Lydia Wright for taking the lead on HurstFest..

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It is this strong and effective partnership structure which has enabled joint consultation that identifies need, common issues, and a skills and specialist knowledge resource bank from which the partnership benefits from the likes of:

- economies of scale
- shared learning
- staff resource sharing
- joint initiatives
- consistent and compatible monitoring & evaluation systems and processes
- impact measurement.

The partnership has thrived over the past 5 years and continues to develop as joint initiatives come on stream and partners gain the confidence, trust and understanding in each other's ability and willingness to contribute.

As AUITC gains more recognition within the community as an active organisation, an 'anchor charity', a notable result is that local individuals and groups seek our assistance—a convenient resource in times of necessity. While we maintain essential operations, we're fortunate that both the trustees and our funding partners endorse the flexibility for the charity to address evolving needs, no matter how varied they may be. Our capacity to connect with others and guide them toward solutions for their challenges contributes to a growing range of services that we can either provide or impact. The biggest challenge for AUITC, and indeed the partners we work with, is how to satisfy the increasing demand with ever decreasing resources.

A review of achievements and performance

By Project Manager Steve Hobson

In 2023, Ashton United in the Community (AUITC) has emerged as a positive force, playing a vital role in benefiting the communities of Smallshaw, Hurst, Hazelhurst, and Broadoak—some of the most

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economically challenged areas in England, not to mention Tameside. Throughout the past year, we have encountered various challenges, particularly in responding to the heightened demands resulting from our successful service delivery in previous years. The dedication of our trustees, staff, and volunteers has been unwavering as they tirelessly worked to secure the necessary resources, both financial and in kind, to ensure the prosperity of the charity. Our success continues to hinge on strong partnerships, serving as a cornerstone for our accomplishments. Instead of standing alone in the face of the intricate difficulties people encounter, collaboration allows us to maximise resources and share best practices, resulting in much greater impact. The support we receive—whether in counsel, financial aid, or in-kind contributions—from a diverse array of sources reinforces our faith in the collective ability of local stakeholders to effectively address the multitude of challenges faced by individuals in deprived communities, challenges that they bear through no fault of their own.

On the downside 2023 has proven to be a challenge in financial terms due to a £25,000 reduction in grants secured. This trend appears to be continuing since local authorities and grant giving trusts, upon whom we are so reliant in order to keep our services free to the end users, are themselves suffering from reduced funding and increasing demand to make their scarce resources go even further.

In a figurative sense, it has frequently been expressed that we find ourselves amid a tempest; that we are collectively navigating through shared challenges. If you inquire about the perspectives of individuals we assist, you'll likely find their experiences diverge significantly from those who effortlessly sail through the current difficulties in luxurious yachts. Ashton United in the Community is committed to fervently advocating for the marginalised, embracing a principle that has developed over the 142-year history of charitable involvement with our football partner, Ashton United FC. This commitment has been enthusiastically embraced by the current trustees of the charity.

The following narrative and photographs highlight just some of the activities that have taken place across 2023. It is with a great sense of collective pride that I report upon the difference our work has made not only to those people taking part as beneficiaries, but also to the lives of the phenomenal group of volunteers we have supporting our work. We have seen people join us, some with really challenging personal issues; to see them blossom into confident, happy individuals, as key members of our team has brought great pride and joy to all members of the team.

Cedar Park Pantry

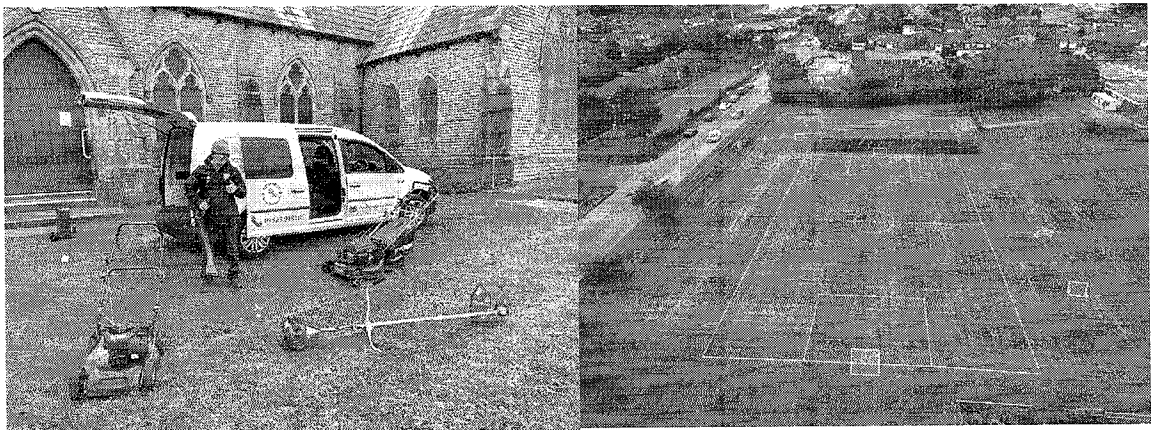
Our commitment to Cedar Park Pantry, as part of the Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group (SSHAG), remains unwavering. Ashton United in the Community, under our Community Development Officer (CDO), continues to supply the necessary staff/volunteers to facilitate the seamless operation of the service. The volunteers have consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication, supporting a progressively growing number of attendees at the pantry each month. The membership, which now exceeds 350 families accessing pantry services, has steadily increased over the year. This growth has been particularly notable towards the end of the year, as more families experience the challenges of winter fuel poverty and the ongoing rise in prices at local shops.

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Gardening Projects

We continue to support our gardening group since we recognise that the health benefits of gardening were found to be broad and diverse, with research studies (A King's Fund report) showing significant reductions in depression and anxiety and improved social functioning. Gardening can also help maintain independence and prevent cognitive decline. This year we were grateful for the support of the Yorkshire



Building Society who funded the purchase of lawn mowers, helping us to maintain church grounds at St John's Church; and St Christophers Primary School helping to prepare the school for inter school football matches.

The members of the gardening group are also supportive of maintenance activities at Hurst Cross with volunteers learning about sports turf pitch preparation and maintenance, how to operate machinery safely and seasonal turf maintenance.

Digi Drop-In

From January to April, in collaboration with the PCrefurb Digital Wellbeing Project Tameside and Glossop, we, with the assistance of volunteer Digital Champions, conducted weekly sessions at Hurst Cross. These sessions aimed to enhance the digital skills of local residents, providing them with an opportunity to drop in and receive IT support. The sessions were open to all, free of charge, and welcomed individuals at any level of proficiency. Accompanied by expert trainers, visitors received guidance tailored to their understanding. Everyone was warmly welcomed and enjoyed complimentary refreshments. The sessions garnered success, attracting a consistent flow of people seeking support—some simply for a friendly chat! Attending the Drop In also gave people insight into other services offered by AUITC and an opportunity for them to engage further with our offer. We plan to repeat these sessions in 2024.

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Community Van

The acquisition of a Community Van in 2021 has granted us and our partners the flexibility to engage in activities such as collecting food donations, making deliveries, and transporting equipment to pop-up events. AUITC owns, manages, and maintains the vehicle, making it available to other partners like



Smallshaw Hurst Community Action Group (SSHCC), Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC), the Pantry and AUFC. This van has proven to be a valuable asset in supporting project delivery

throughout the neighbourhood. It is consistently in use, serving as a regular sight that promotes partners through its livery across Smallshaw & Hurst and the surrounding districts.

As the Christmas period approached in 2023, the van, operated by a couple of AUITC volunteer elves, was utilised for collecting and delivering toys as part of the Action Together Tameside Toy Appeal.

Literacy Kicks

With funding provided by Ashton United FC through the Trident Community Foundation we set up a pilot literacy scheme 'Literacy Kicks' in two local primary schools. The programme utilises the medium of sports reporting to engage children in reading, writing, and editing; taking students inside the captivating world of sports journalism and presenting innovative and authentic tasks for them to complete. Literacy Kicks provides children with an alternative, enjoyable platform to improve their reading and writing skills, as well as offering a fascinating insight into the sports journalism industry.

The first stage of the programme took place at 2 primary schools, and our local secondary school in July 2023:

- St Christopher's Primary – 31 x Year 5 pupils
- Hurst Knoll Primary – 28 x Year 5 pupils
- Great Academy Ashton – 73 pupils from Years 7,8 & 9 of mixed abilities

The sessions were run by Gareth Walker from Literacy Kicks and typically involved running 6 individual sessions over 6 weeks followed by a visit to Hurst Cross to report on a first team fixture.

Children were able to put their new found knowledge and skills into practice with the visit to Hurst Cross whereupon they returned to the classroom and wrote a match report. The best reports from each school were then published in the next home match programme with the children given the programme for inclusion in their school portfolio.

Working closely with our partners SSHCC, who carried out an interim evaluation of the programme, we were able to show really positive outcomes from Literacy Kicks including:

- ✓ The programme has been really well received by pupils taking part. The pupils at both schools really enjoyed the sessions with pupils also saying how much this has increased their enjoyment of both writing and reading.
- ✓ 85% of pupils said that they enjoyed writing more and close to 60% of pupils also said they enjoyed reading more, post the programme.

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- ✓ The sessions influenced pupils' aspirations with over a half agreeing that the programme has helped them think about other jobs they might want to do when they leave school.

The feedback from pupils at the primary schools was overwhelmingly positive with pupils enjoying all aspects of the programme. The most often mentioned sport or activity they enjoyed the most was football and also editing seems to have gone down very well. In terms of negatives there was really nothing of note coming through

There was a lot of positive feedback from the teachers involved as well. As an example, we asked whether the sessions have improved pupils' confidence in writing and expression? The response back from Hurst Knoll was ***"It helped that there were awards for some writers, they were extremely proud of the work that they wrote, which improved fluency and stamina for writing. Many children were extremely engaged with the writing especially as the format was the same for each article."***



Cub reporters at their first live match

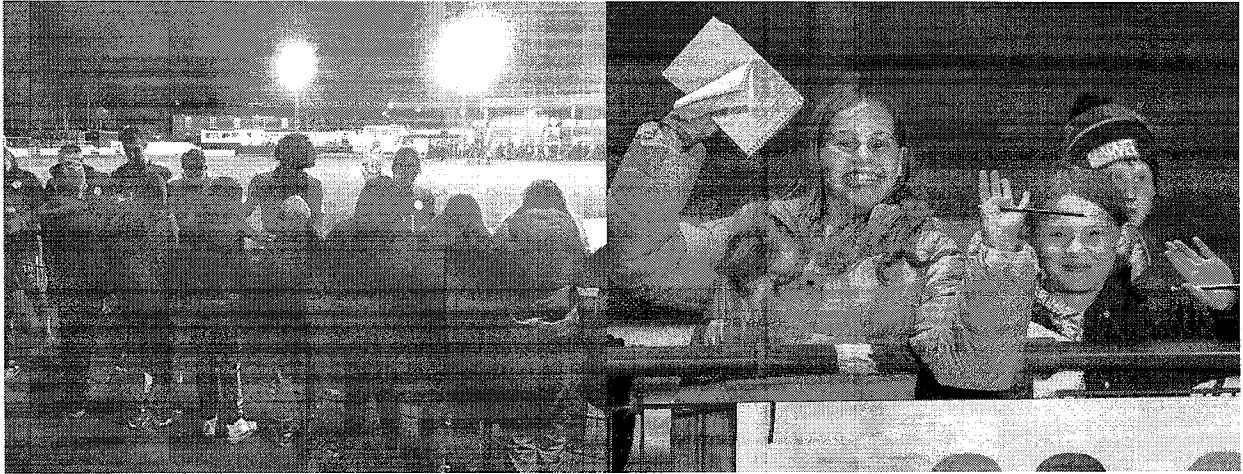
Following a visit to Hurst Cross to report on a live match one teacher wrote:

"I just wanted to say massive thank you to everyone involved in setting up opportunity for the children to attend the game on Saturday night."

The club was phenomenal with the children and made us all feel incredibly welcome. All of the children had a brilliant time and the players coming over to sign the children's notepads after the game really was amazing to see. We can't thank you enough and hopefully will get more children attending the matches in future!

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..... you have done an outstanding job with the children and it has been a pleasure to see you work with the children to promote a love of writing through sport. I have had so many reluctant writers, particularly boys, really push themselves and grow in confidence with their writing, which has also carried through into my own English lessons. Thank you once again and I really hope you can come to our school again, the experience has been invaluable for our students....."



Collecting autographs from their hero's!

As a result of positive feedback from Primary Schools our partners SSHCC were able to attract match funding to deliver a secondary school programme. The programme has been picked up by other non-league football teams with schools in Crosby, Merseyside set to benefit next. AUITC and SSHCC will continue to seek the resources needed to deliver the programme to other cohorts of children and young people in the future.

Hurst Village Band Contest

Ashton United in the Community, in collaboration with Ashton United Football Club, Save the Children, and various sponsors, once again organised the Annual Hurst Village Brass Band Contest, held at Hurst Cross on Friday 2nd June 2023. The weather was favorable, and a delightful evening sun graced the occasion as 37 bands vied for substantial prize funding exceeding £2000. Over 300 spectators gathered to enjoy the musical competition for an evening of free entertainment, described by Tameside Council as The Greatest Free Show on Earth. Such is the attraction and history (dating back to 1884) of the Tameside contests that bands are prepared to travel the length and breadth of the country to participate. Some even come in from overseas. The contests remain primarily due to the indefatigable dedication of the volunteers who refuse to let the event disappear not just from the brass band calendar, but their local community.

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The Greatest Free Show on Earth

A team of approximately 20 volunteers played a crucial role in ensuring the event's success by managing various aspects, including catering, marshalling, band announcements, coach parking, and overall coordination to ensure a seamless night. Special thanks are extended to our Adjudicator, Jack Capstaff, who generously contributed his services, offering judgment and ranking of the bands' performances during the event. The 2024 event is eagerly anticipated with preparations already under way to make it bigger and better on Friday 24th May 2024.

HurstFest

HurstFest 2023 was an outstanding success, building on the positive momentum established in 2021 & 22 the event having transitioned to Cedar Park and shifted to a midweek schedule. Responding to the enthusiastic feedback from the local community following each HurstFest, we were delighted to host the event once again, made possible through financial backing from MasterCard, facilitated by partners Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community (SSHCC) and their sponsor, Save the Children Fund.

With the collaborative effort of our community partners, we arranged a remarkable family-oriented celebration that featured an array of activities, food, and drinks—all offered free of charge to local participants (vouchers were given out for food and drink prior to the event), primarily those from the OL6 postcode area. This year's event surpassed expectations: with a dinosaur theme boasting an expanded lineup that included more ice cream, additional face painters, circus skills, a band, festival make-up artists, inflatables, football skills and drills, crafts, diverse food options, an impressive stage with live performers, and much more.

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The success of the event owes much to the dedicated efforts of Lydia Wright from SSHCC, who played a pivotal role in anchoring the coordination of the festivities. On a day marred by heavy rain in the morning and showers throughout the event, we still attracted 1100 people to enjoy the festivities.



A rather wet HurstFest 2023

Special thanks too are extended to Smallshaw Hurst Children's Community for their financial support for Skillz & Drillz sessions at HurstFest, contributing to the overall success and enjoyment of the event.

Mum Charlotte said: ***'This was a brilliant day even in the rain .. so much do!! Really enjoyed it ♥ lovely free day out for larger families like mine 🍷'***

Having debriefed the event we are already planning for HurstFest 2024 which will take place on 22nd August 2024. We will be looking to make it bigger and better still with street dancers, a magician, balloon artist stalls and 3-a-side football.

Skillz & Drillz – Holiday Hunger

We were able to provide, free to attend, Skillz and Drillz coaching sessions during school holidays, and at HurstFest. As last year the sessions were complimented by our Holiday Hunger scheme where children in attendance were provided with a packed lunch. During 2023 465 Children have taken part Ages 6-16, 511 Light Packed Lunches, including coaches, have been provided.



During the year, the trustees of AUITC came to the difficult decision to reduce the number of Skillz and Drillz sessions during winter months. The decision was made on account of there being a reduction in

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funding available to the charity and the prohibitive cost of hiring indoor facilities in the instance of inclement weather. This decision may well be reversed should sufficient funding be secured, and an appropriate local venue be found. Skillz & Drillz session will take place during school holidays in 2024 from April to September.



Skillz & Drillz in full flow

Kellie, mother of a child with ASD and whose motor skills are not great: ***'I did want to say though how grateful we are for the place in skills and drills. It might not seem like it but it's done so much for him already. He's gone from just watching from the side on the first day to doing about an hour a day so far. It takes a lot for him to break his barriers but between all of your input- you and your SEN experience convincing me to bring him along in the first place, Lewis having a quiet kick about with him, even Patrick and Angela's friendly welcome, he's really started to believe in himself more and feel like part of something. We've tried so many different groups and activities in the past which have either not worked out straight away or fizzled off after a couple of times but there's so much to do at skills and drills and with the friendly, inclusive atmosphere he really is keen to carry on. Which is a major first! Anyway, just wanted to say thanks and let u know how much we appreciate it.'***

Emma, mother of 4 children attending Skillz & Drillz: ***'Really enjoyed the football this last two weeks, especially as these are free. I cannot afford the football in other circumstances at other Clubs. These football camps give me back a little bit of time. Thanks to Ashton United Community.'***

Golf Day

At the end of July, Ashton United Supporters Club held their second Ashton United Golf Day at Ashton-Under-Lyne Golf Club with funds raised donated to Ashton United in the Community. Once again, the event gave many volunteers the opportunity to experience delivering an event including management, setting up and closing down.

Ashton United Supporters Club Chairperson Luke Sayle said ***'The sight of local people coming together to stage an event from which they and their peers will ultimately benefit was uplifting. It was remarkable to see the transformation in people who, only last year were nervous about operating out of their comfort zone, taking control of an event and running it so smoothly.'***

Luncheon Club

In January 2023 we piloted a luncheon club which quickly became extremely popular engaging with 50 people per session, with 90 registered as members. Following the successful pilot those attending asked if



we could make the club more permanent starting in the autumn. This was achieved by securing the resources necessary to run a more permanent luncheon club from November 2023 through to May 2024 whereupon we would close for the summer months providing support to the 'Wednesday's Together' group set up by luncheon club volunteers.

The luncheons, run by 8 volunteers, supported by a sessional cook, are open to all over 60's but specifically targeting older people isolated

and lonely, an issue prevalent in the Smallshaw Hurst community (OL6 postcode area). The people we engage with are:

- Elderly, suffering disproportionately from fuel/food poverty
- Lonely and isolated, suffering from poor mental/physical health and wellbeing
- Reluctant to leave home

At the beginning of the year, thanks to kind donations of new clothing from a major clothing brand we were able to provide coats, warm winter clothing and summer attire, free of charge to those people



attending the luncheon club. The free 2 course meal, drinks (tea/coffee/juice) and social interaction/entertainment we provide is the hook to engagement and we are able to introduce support/guidance with guest speakers e.g. housing, NHS, welfare.

Two local residents met at the luncheon club and renewed an old acquaintance having discovered that they had both attended school together 60 years earlier.

As a result of our luncheon club, we have achieved the following outcomes:

- Local people feeling less isolated
- Improved mental and physical health & wellbeing
- Volunteers gaining confidence and learning new skills
- People reporting a meaningful volunteering experience

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- Volunteers achieving qualifications or employment
- People reporting feeling trusted and part of a 'family' group
- People reporting increased resilience
- People better informed through guest speaker presentations
- Increased community cohesion
- People making new friends

Our older residents were delighted to be able to share the celebrations of the coronation of King Charles III, and for some this was the second coronation they were able to celebrate having been children at the coronation of Elizabeth 1



In December 2023, following high demand, we were able to host two Christmas Lunches for local older people.

Wednesday's Together



In May 2023, Wednesday's Together was initiated by the same dedicated volunteers committed to the successful luncheon club during the winter. The program was introduced to Cedar Park Ashton and facilitated by Ashton United in the Community. To foster community engagement, a budget was allocated for a weekly coffee morning spanning 16 weeks. Local residents, numbering 20-25 each

week, gathered to enjoy drinks, biscuits, cakes, and friendly conversations. The event, held in Cedar Park Youth building, provided a relaxed atmosphere for discussions on local issues, health, and wellbeing. Additionally, activities such as Bingo and raffles entertained the participants, with around 350 residents of OL6 attending across the summer months and into Autumn.

The initiative, led by AUITC volunteer Christine Beresford, received positive feedback from attendees who expressed their appreciation for the way the group gathering helped ease the isolation, loneliness, and anxiety suffered by many of those who attended regularly. The warm weather further enhanced the experience, offering a weekly highlight for the community.

Christine Beresford, along with four dedicated volunteers, contributed over 160 collective hours from May to September, ensuring the project's success. The positive impact prompted the formal constitution of the group, supported by AUITC and SSHCC, signifying the commitment to sustaining the initiative in the years to come.

Volunteers

Our ongoing commitment revolves around offering local individuals opportunities to engage in volunteer work. Throughout 2023, our efforts to recruit and mobilise a substantial number of volunteers have persisted. We successfully registered 75 volunteers during the year, and collectively, they dedicated 17,960 hours to volunteering. This represents an almost 8% increase in recorded volunteering hours compared to 2022 when a similar volunteer count (77) contributed 16,676 hours.

In 2023, the median hourly earnings for all employees in England stood at £15.88, according to the Government Office for National Statistics. Valuing our volunteers' time at a nominal rate of £12.50 per hour in 2023, we can calculate a social value contribution to volunteering amounting to £224,500. This achievement remains noteworthy, particularly for a small charity.

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Just some of the many fabulous Luncheon Club volunteers

Volunteers play a crucial role in our efforts, extending their support not only within Hurst Cross but also in the surrounding areas of Smallshaw Hurst and district. Some contribute remotely, providing general assistance to our charity, while others actively participate in our pop-up events and collaborate with our partners and fellow charities. For instance, several volunteers teamed up with the local Rotary Club this year, spreading joy to the community as part of Santa's visits.



The Football Association visit Hurst Cross to speak to volunteers

In November 2023 Ashton United was visited by a team from the Football Association, who wanted to make a podcast about the vital role of AUITC volunteers in a non-league football environment, shining a light on the football club and Ashton United in the Community as an example of best practice across the

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game. The podcast is available through this link: <https://youtu.be/NNbOB6xmvg0?si=MIJhjCXY8PynfwHP>

Our volunteer base consists of diverse individuals, some facing various personal challenges, including those from the LGBTQ community, individuals with learning disabilities, students, unemployed individuals, and those experiencing loneliness and isolation. These individuals, collectively known as the 'Ashton United Family,' have not only gained confidence but also acquired new skills. Their involvement spans activities such as ground maintenance, media work, stewarding, coaching, participation in pop-up events, contributing to the food pantry, engagement in the luncheon club, participation in Hurst Band Concert, and involvement in HurstFest. We take considerable pride in their invaluable contribution, recognising that simply to function we are dependent on their goodwill, commitment and dedication.

At Ashton United in the Community, we cultivate a culture that encourages volunteers to express themselves freely. This not only boosts their confidence but also instills the belief that, when challenges arise, they can rely on peer support to address issues and gain valuable lessons. This successful approach has witnessed volunteers flourishing over numerous years, acquiring new skills, and growing in confidence, both individually and collectively with their peers.

Throughout the year, ample opportunities arise for volunteers to engage in both indoor and outdoor activities, promoting mental and physical well-being as part of a team. This is achieved by building confidence, alleviating isolation and loneliness, fostering new connections, and integrating volunteers into a supportive team environment. Our doors are always open to those interested in joining our volunteer program.



In July 2023 volunteers were on hand to help water a new pitch at Ashton United FC. After the laying of a new playing surface the scorching hot summer weather was in danger of ruining the efforts



to create a new facility. AUITC volunteers offered to help our partner club and gave up many hours late into the night to move sprinkler systems around the playing surface. Working late was necessary since daytime operation would have wasted efforts as the water would quickly evaporate due to the high daytime temperatures. Their efforts rescued the project but, more importantly, the volunteering opportunity gave many people the chance to bond, to share experiences with family members, meet

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others, to talk and share life experiences.

Case Studies

Case Study 1

Angela has been involved with the club for approximately 15 years, with periods of active participation totaling approximately 5,000 hours over the 15-year period.



Over the past 5 years, Angela has dedicated around 400 volunteer hours annually to Ashton United in the Community. Initially responsible for managing the Football club match day Tea Hut, Sponsors meals, and events catering, Angela has been a dependable volunteer, particularly in organising meals for the local community.

Following Angela's redundancy from a part-time job at a restaurant in Ashton, AUITC approached her to assist the Pantry Manager. Angela embraced the role with enthusiasm, taking on responsibilities such as shopping, collecting donations, stock rotation, and cleaning fridges and freezers. When the Luncheon Club commenced in January 2023, Angela expressed interest in overseeing the catering, leveraging her food hygiene qualifications and skills. The 2023 Luncheon Club has been notably successful, thanks to Angela's dedicated contributions. Angela says, ***"I have been involved for a long time and I know a lot of the local community people, this gives me so much***

satisfaction and the training I have undertaken will be beneficial to me gaining new employment and assisting Ashton United in the Community with future projects."

Case Study 2

Initially, Jenny joined the pantry as a member to collect food and expressed interest in becoming a volunteer. She mentioned her desire to contribute more to her local community, explaining that her attention was mainly focused on dogs at the moment and she felt the need for interaction with local residents as she was relatively new to the area. Jenny, who initially had some anxiety and feelings of isolation, aimed to address these issues. Over the past 6 months, she has become an integral part of the Pantry we support. Jenny is now actively involved with other volunteers and has become a member of our Luncheon Club, further supporting AUITC through community engagements.

Jenny says: ***"Now I have been a volunteer for 6 months now, I don't know what I was worried about. Everyone is like a new Family, It's great. One of the main points for me is, I am so confident now with my involvement with Ashton United in the Community"***

Case Study 2

Pauline, our latest volunteer, became a part of the Luncheon Club in November. She expressed a desire to stay engaged and active during her transitional period after recently becoming redundant. With previous experience working in the NHS, Pauline was eager to contribute to her local community. Following her induction, she promptly immersed herself in the activities of our Luncheon Club, assisting fellow volunteers in catering to the needs of individuals over 60. Her responsibilities include making tea and coffee, calling bingo, serving meals, and handling dishwashing duties.

Pauline said ***"This is marvelous, I just want to give back and what better way to do it, than with these terrific group of volunteers"***

Training

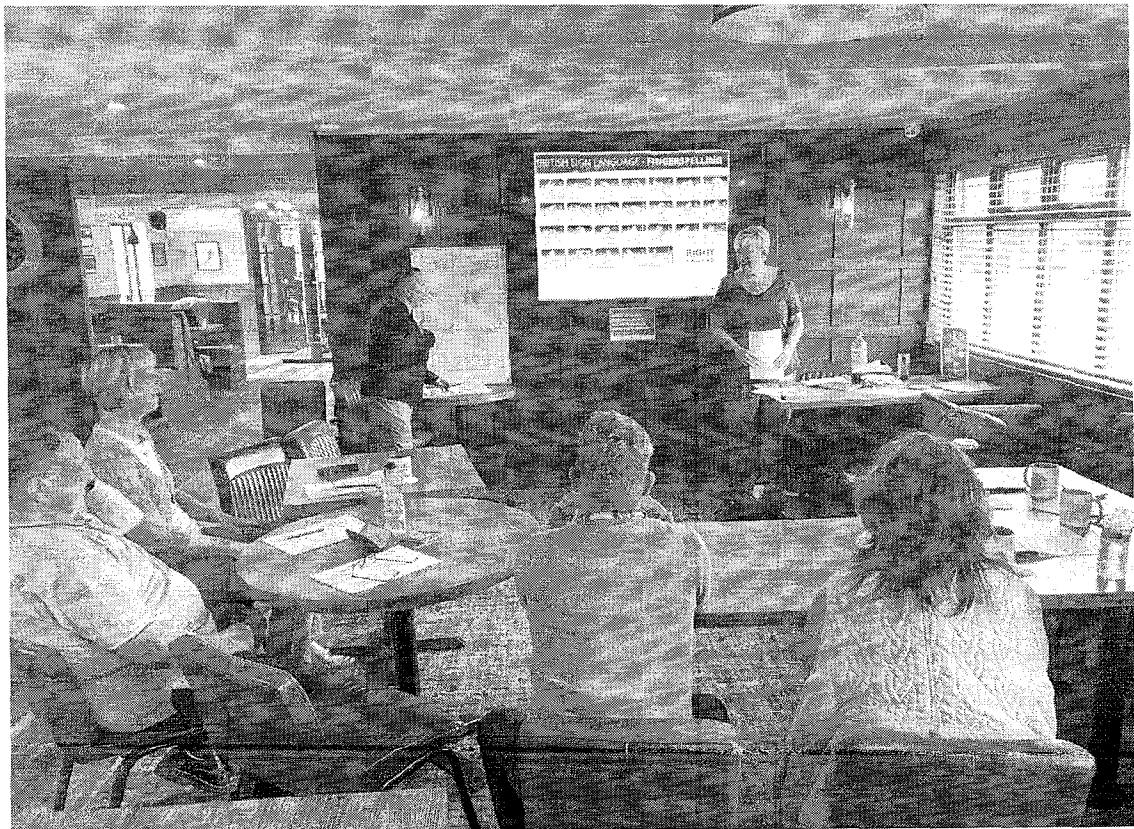
We are pleased to have had Alison Clayton as a volunteer with us throughout the year. In her role as Training and Development Coordinator, Alison engaged with all volunteers in our charity, exploring ways

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to enhance their support and training for more effective role delivery. Additionally, she discussed opportunities for continuous professional development (CPD) to acquire additional skills and knowledge, benefiting both AUITC and their personal life journey.

During the year Alison has organised a number of training and support programmes for groups of volunteers and individuals:

- Deaf Awareness training course delivered by Tameside Council Deaf Team – 7 volunteers attended
- Stroke Awareness training course delivered by Nick Clarke of Stroke Information.co.uk – 10 volunteers attended
- Emergency First Aid at work, Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) and Spectator Safety for Stewards - level 2 – Lewis Perkins and Shaun Cooper. The ACT and first aid qualification had to be taken in order for both these volunteers to achieve the stewards certificate.
- Emergency First Aid at work – Angela Gratton
- FA Intro to First Aid in Football (AFiAF) – Andy Finnigan
- Risk Assessment for VCSE sector – Andy Finnigan & Steve Hobson
- Safeguarding Adults (FA) – Andy Finnigan & Jackie Tierney
- Safeguarding Children (FA) – Andy Finnigan
- Mental Health First Aid & Advocacy online training is currently being undertaken by Kelly McCoy and Alison Clayton and is due to be completed February 2024.



Deaf awareness training course delivered by Tameside Council Deaf Team

In addition to offering our own training to volunteers and the local community, we have successfully organised training courses at Hurst Cross. We are currently witnessing a growing demand, with agencies

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and trainers approaching us to utilise this excellent training venue and to engage with the 'captive audiences' of local people attending our events.

Staff

This year, we have maintained a staffing structure similar to the previous year, comprising a full-time Community Development Officer supported by trustees and a volunteer Project Manager. A noteworthy addition has been the appointment of a Training and Development Coordinator to enhance support for our volunteers. Sessional staff, including coaches, catering, face painters, artistes, and partner organisations, have been brought in as needed. The success of this structure is attributed to the dedication

and enthusiasm of everyone involved with the charity, striving to excel in their respective roles – to be the best they can be!

As the charity continues to grow, it has become evident that there is a need for a more sustainable model. In line with the business plan for 2023-25, the trustees recognise the importance of appointing a Community Director to facilitate this evolution.

Grant support has played a crucial role in covering staffing costs, enabling us to successfully deliver services and activities to the local community. However, in 2023 there was a reduction in grant support, due primarily to the cost of living crisis, placing pressure on the charity to maintain existing staffing levels, let alone expand the workforce. We are confronted with the challenging task of not only growing the team but also securing the necessary resources to offer longer-term contracts to our staff, ensuring the continued quality of our workforce.



Not simply paperwork! CDO Andy with the gardening group

Consultation with Users

AUITC's greatest strength is the belief that local people are best placed to bring about positive changes in the best interests of the community and as such involves local people at every stage of our work as: our trustees, staff, volunteers, mentors and as beneficiaries, all of which has developed a sense of ownership and the trust of the local community and a sound knowledge of local need and aspirations. It's having local volunteers on the ground, with lived experience, that informs our project delivery. We are seen as a 'go to organisation' where they highlight their problems and we support them to resolve them. Our staff/volunteers/trustees are all local people either living or working in the area, with a broad range of skills, abilities and contacts. We work alongside local people, encouraging and enabling them to take

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ownership and leadership

The local community is actively engaged during various occasions such as events, activities, and visits to the Food Pantry and Luncheon Club. This engagement aims to assess both their immediate requirements and their perspectives on future initiatives. This includes gathering insights on what is effective and areas for improvement, determining preferences for activity packs or to engage children during holidays and non-school periods, and identifying training needs for volunteers. Additionally, ongoing communication with volunteers is prioritised, fostering an environment where they are encouraged to express their needs and suggestions for enhancing their roles and volunteering experiences. The received feedback, particularly regarding training needs, plays a crucial role in shaping the responsibilities of the Training and Development Coordinator. This role involves collaborating with community members to provide opportunities for skill and knowledge development, ultimately empowering individuals to enhance their lives and contributing to the charitable initiatives we offer.



Financial Review

During the year Ashton United in the Community were successful in a number of grant applications. The grants we receive enable AUITC to continue to develop as an anchor charity in the Hurst, Smallshaw & Broadoak area of Ashton under Lyne; delivering positive outcomes for local people adversely affected by the complex issues they face living in some of the poorest areas in England, let alone Tameside. These issues are set to expand as the effects of low wages, fuel poverty and rising costs of living put further pressure on those facing the greatest challenges in society. Together we can, and will, help people survive and thrive.

Investment powers and policy

The trustees, having regard to the liquidity requirements of operating the charity, have kept available funds in a 'Treasurers Account'.

Reserves policy and going concern

The balance held in unrestricted reserves at 31st December 2023 was £4,806 of which £657 are free reserves, after allowing for funds tied up in tangible fixed assets.

The Charity's main source of income is grants and charitable donations. The Trustees consider that it is appropriate to prepare the accounts on a going concern basis and, consequently, the accounts do not include any adjustments that would be necessary if these sources of income should cease.

The trustees aim to establish and maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.

The trustees consider that the charity is a going concern. Any reliance on grant funding is managed through a flexible approach to activities and project delivery.

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Risk management

As the charity continues to establish itself the trustees will conduct regular reviews of the major risks to which the charity may be exposed and systems will be established to mitigate those risks.

Plans for Future Periods

The challenges ahead for AUITC include the necessity to sustain existing services and staff resources. The team is diligently striving to address local requirements within the constraints of limited resources. A key aspect of our service delivery model involves collaborating with other charities, and Ashton United, to offer cost-effective facilities and volunteer support, facilitating the delivery of services by others. This approach has proven successful in the past with initiatives like Digi Drop-in and training courses, and we aim to replicate this model by advancing the involvement of other partners.

We are delighted to be welcoming back PCrefurb Digital Wellbeing Project Tameside and Glossop, together with a weekly luncheon club, and very excited to be bringing two new initiatives to Hurst Cross:

We will provide a weekly men's suicide prevention session, offering free-to-attend peer-to-peer support groups to try to end the stigma surrounding men's mental health and help men through the power of conversation. The events will be run in conjunction with Andy's Man's Club (Registered Charity No 1179647), supported by Ashton United in the Community volunteers and Community Development Officer will be held over 40 weeks of the year, open to all men over the age of 18yrs but specifically targeting local men with a simple aim of talking through their issues and helping each other deal with their mental health. Each session will last for 3hrs and will build capacity to reach 40+ individuals. AUITC and AUFC will provide volunteering opportunities to those in attendance to help support their continued good mental and physical health and wellbeing.



We are excited to be developing a collaborative programme that will provide extended adult learning opportunities for volunteers, through a partnership with Job Gym GM. The Job Gym GM has over 12 years' experience and has supported over 20,000 Greater Manchester residents with the skills, knowledge and behaviour required to thrive in life and work. Our partnership will seek to develop accredited learning for people wishing to engage in the sport industry and beyond.



Everyone at Ashton United in the Community was especially thrilled to receive word that, in 2023, the charity had been nominated for a Kings Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK. The Award seeks to recognise groups that are volunteer driven, making an outstanding impact in their local community, and when viewed across the UK, exceptional at a national level. The nomination is now under consideration by the authorities and we wait with baited breath to hear if we have been successful in achieving the award.

Thank You

During the year Ashton United in the Community were successful in a number of grant applications. We are extremely thankful for the support of the following organisations providing grant support (predominantly over £500) toward a number of objectives:

- Action Together Tameside Wellbeing Fund
- Barclays Community Football Fund
- The Charity Service
- W O Street Charitable Foundation
- Jigsaw Housing Trust
- Jigsaw Foundation
- GM High Sheriff's Police Trust
- The National Lottery Community Fund
- Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust
- Save the Children Fund
- Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council
- Yorkshire Building Society
- Jonathan Sayer
- The Burke Family
- Mischief Theatre Company
- Ashton United FC players, management & officials
- The Trident Community Foundation

The grants we receive enable AUITC to continue to develop as an anchor charity in the Hurst, Smallshaw & Broadoak area of Ashton under Lyne; delivering positive outcomes for local people adversely affected by the complex issues they face living in some of the poorest areas in England, let alone Tameside. These issues are set to expand as the effects of low wages, fuel poverty and rising costs of living put further pressure on those facing the greatest challenges in society. Together we can, and will, help people survive and thrive.

Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

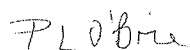
The charity trustees are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure for that period.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees will be required to:

- Select suitable accounting principles and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures that must be disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is appropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with legal requirements. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

By order of the trustees



Peter O'Brien
Treasurer

Date: 21st October 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ASHTON UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1166483**

I report on the accounts of the charity, for the year ended 31st December 2023 which are set out on pages 27 to 38.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiners Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out below.

Independent Examiner's 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 have in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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: *A. u. King*

AM King FCCA
Date: 21st October 2024

Community Accountancy Service Ltd
The Grange, Pilgrim Drive, Beswick,
Manchester, M11 3TQ

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023
(INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

				Total Funds	Total Funds
				Year Ended	Year Ended 31
		Unrestricted	Restricted	31 December	December
	Further Details	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
		£	£	£	£
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	(3)	2,260	-	2,260	2,914
Charitable Activities	(4)	-	39,700	39,700	79,160
Other Trading Activities	(5)	7,817	-	7,817	5,593
Other Income		202	-	202	-
Total		10,279	39,700	49,979	87,667
Expenditure on:					
Raising Funds	(6)	5,048		5,048	7,612
Charitable Activities	(6)	2,434	56,863	59,297	66,817
Total		7,482	56,863	64,345	74,429
Net income/(expenditure)		2,797	(17,163)	(14,366)	13,238
Transfers between funds	(17)	(784)	784	-	-
Net movement in funds		2,013	(16,379)	(14,366)	13,238
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	(17)	2,793	54,974	57,767	44,529
Total funds carried forward	(17)	4,806	38,595	43,401	57,767

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

The notes on pages 30 to 38 form part of these accounts.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets:			
Tangible assets	(11)	4,149	8,299
Total fixed assets		<u>4,149</u>	<u>8,299</u>
Current assets:			
Stocks	(12)	-	-
Debtors	(13)	1,435	1,513
Cash at Bank & in Hand		39,157	49,668
Total current assets		<u>40,592</u>	<u>51,181</u>
Liabilities:			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(14)	1,340	1,713
Net current assets or liabilities		<u>39,252</u>	<u>49,468</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		43,401	57,767
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year	(16)	-	-
Provisions for liabilities		-	-
Total net assets or liabilities		<u><u>43,401</u></u>	<u><u>57,767</u></u>
The funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds	(17)	38,595	54,974
Unrestricted income funds	(17)	4,806	2,793
Total charity funds		<u><u>43,401</u></u>	<u><u>57,767</u></u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees Management Committee

Peter O'Brien

Andrew Clayton

Date: 21st October 2024

The notes on pages 30 to 38 form part of these accounts.

Statement of Cash Flows for the year ended 31 December 2023

Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(14,366)	13,238
Add back depreciation	4,150	4,150
Deduct investment income	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	-	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	78	(625)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(373)	428
Net cash used in operating activities	(10,511)	17,191
Cash flows from investment activities:		
Interest	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets	-	(1,658)
Net cash provided by investing activities	-	(1,658)
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents during the year	(10,511)	15,533
Cash and cash equivalents brought forward	49,668	34,135
Cash and cash equivalents carried forward	39,157	49,668

Notes to the accounts

1. Accounting policies**(a) Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern**

The accounts (financial statements) have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities 2019 preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

(b) Funds structure

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or trust deed. There are 22 restricted funds.

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have created a fund for a specific purpose.

Further details of each fund are disclosed in note 17.

(c) Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

(d) Expenditure Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. For more information on this attribution refer to note (f) below.

(e) Irrecoverable VAT

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

(f) Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support costs. Governance costs comprise all costs involving the public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice. These costs include costs related to independent examination and legal fees together with an apportionment of overhead and support costs.

Governance costs and support costs relating to charitable activities have been apportioned based on type of expense. The allocation of support and governance costs is analysed in note 8.

(g) Costs of raising funds

The costs of raising funds consists of events.

(h) Charitable Activities

Costs of charitable activities include governance costs and an apportionment of support costs as shown in note 7.

(i) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised and valued at historical cost. Depreciation is charged on the following basis:

Equipment	33.33% on cost
Motor Vehicles	25% on cost

(j) Realised gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year. Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their varying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(k) Pensions

The charity currently does not administer contributions to a pension scheme on behalf of individuals.

(l) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(m) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind. Expenses paid to the trustees in the year totalled £nil (2022: £nil).

3. Donations and Legacies

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	Year Ended 31	31 December	Year Ended 31	31 December
	December 2023	2023	December 2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Donations	2,260	-	2,260	2,914
	2,260	-	2,260	2,914

Previous reporting period:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended		Year Ended 31
	Year Ended 31	31 December	
	December 2022	2022	December 2022
	£	£	£
Donations	2,914	-	2,914
	2,914	-	2,914

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Restricted grants:				
Action Together - We're in this Together	-	-	-	25,000
Action Together - Hate Crime	-	-	-	1,000
Action Together - Defra	-	-	-	4,785
Action Together	-	15,000	15,000	-
Asda - Back to School	-	-	-	500
Barclays Community Fund	-	500	500	-
Charities Trust	-	1,000	1,000	-
Jigsaw Housing	-	5,000	5,000	15,000
Manchester College	-	5,000	5,000	-
High Sheriff's Trust	-	3,500	3,500	-
Trident Foundation	-	-	-	5,000
WO Street	-	3,000	3,000	-
Community Fund - Happy Hurst	-	-	-	9,875
Tameside MBC - Safety Fund	-	-	-	10,000
Tameside MBC - Skillz & Drillz	-	3,700	3,700	-
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	-	3,000	3,000	8,000
	-	39,700	39,700	79,160

Previous reporting period:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2022	Year Ended 31 December 2022	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£	£
Restricted grants:			
Action Together - We're in this Together	-	25,000	25,000
Action Together - Hate Crime	-	1,000	1,000
Action Together - Defra	-	4,785	4,785
Asda - Back to School	-	500	500
Jigsaw Housing	-	15,000	15,000
Trident Foundation	-	5,000	5,000
Community Fund - Happy Hurst	-	9,875	9,875
Tameside MBC - Safety Fund	-	10,000	10,000
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	-	8,000	8,000
	-	79,160	79,160

5. Income from other trading activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Year Ended Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from Van Rental & Other Recharges	6,447	-	6,447	754
Fundraising Income	1,370	-	1,370	4,839
	<u>7,817</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,817</u>	<u>5,593</u>

Previous reporting period:

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total Funds
	Year Ended 31 December 2022	Year Ended 31 December 2022	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£	£
Income from Van Rental	754	-	754
Fundraising Income	4,839	-	4,839
	<u>5,593</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,593</u>

6. Expenditure

	Community Engagement in Tameside	Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£	£
Expenditure on raising funds:			
Advertising	2,378	2,378	3,247
Fundraising costs	50	50	-
Event costs	2,620	2,620	4,365
	<u>5,048</u>	<u>5,048</u>	<u>7,612</u>

Expenditure on charitable activities:

Employment Costs	26,523	26,523	26,329
DBS Costs	-	-	77
Training	-	-	5,620
Telephone	-	-	10
Social Events	467	467	-
Grounds Expenses	-	-	220
Donations Paid	1,375	1,375	-
Refreshments	6,551	6,551	3,821
Project Costs	2,121	2,121	8,369
Equipment	411	411	1,005
Motor Expenses	1,303	1,303	2,291
Room & Facility Hire	5,210	5,210	5,830
Subscriptions	1,135	1,135	431
Computer & Internet Costs	140	140	1,057
Insurance	574	574	277
Governance	8,892	8,892	7,230
Post, Printing & Stationery	445	445	100
Depreciation	4,150	4,150	4,150
	<u>59,297</u>	<u>59,297</u>	<u>66,817</u>
	<u>64,345</u>	<u>64,345</u>	<u>74,429</u>

Unrestricted funds	7,482	10,604
Restricted funds	56,863	63,825
	<u>64,345</u>	<u>74,429</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

As per note 6.

8. Allocation of governance and support costs

The breakdown of support costs and how these were allocated between governance and other support costs is shown below:

	General Support	Governance	Total 2023	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	990	990	type of expense
Other Professional Services	7,902	-	7,902	type of expense
	<u>7,902</u>	<u>990</u>	<u>8,892</u>	

Previous reporting period;

	General Support	Governance	Total 2022	Basis of apportionment
Accountancy Fees	-	750	750	type of expense
QuickBooks Training	135	-	135	type of expense
Consultancy	6,300	-	6,300	
Trustee Expenses	-	45	45	type of expense
	<u>6,435</u>	<u>795</u>	<u>7,230</u>	

9. Analysis of staff costs

	Year Ended Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£
Wages and Salaries	25,751	25,562
Redundancy	-	-
Social Security Costs	-	-
Pension Costs	772	767
	<u>26,523</u>	<u>26,329</u>
Charitable activities	26,523	26,329
Support costs	-	-
	<u>26,523</u>	<u>26,329</u>

The average number of employees during the year was 1 (2022: 1).

The charity considers its key management personnel comprises the trustees and consultant project manager. The total employment benefits, including employer pension contributions of the key management personnel were £nil (2022: £nil). No employee has benefits in excess of £60,000.

10. Independent Examiner Fees

	Year Ended Year Ended 31 December 2023	Year Ended 31 December 2022
	£	£
Independent examination fees	990	750
QuickBooks Training	-	135
	<u>990</u>	<u>885</u>

11. Tangible Fixed Assets

	Motor Vehicles	Equipment	Total
Cost	£	£	£
At 01 January 2023	14,388	12,473	26,861
Additions	-	-	-
At 31 December 2023	14,388	12,473	26,861
Depreciation			
At 01 January 2023	7,194	11,368	18,562
Charge for Year	3,597	553	4,150
At 31 December 2023	10,791	11,921	22,712
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2023	3,597	552	4,149
At 31 December 2022	7,194	1,105	8,299

12. Stocks

The charity does not hold stocks of any items.

13. Analysis of debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors	-	-
Prepayments	1,435	1,513
	1,435	1,513

Debtors and prepayments relate to restricted funds £844 (2022: £650) and unrestricted funds £591 (2022: £863).

14. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	150	466
Accruals	840	750
Taxation and social security	350	497
	1,340	1,713

15. Deferred income

The CIO did not have any deferred income at the period end.

16. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Provisions for liabilities	-	-
	-	-

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in unrestricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	2,793	10,279	(7,482)	(784)	4,806
	2,793	10,279	(7,482)	(784)	4,806

Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	12,596	8,507	(10,604)	(7,706)	2,793
	12,596	8,507	(10,604)	(7,706)	2,793

Name of unrestricted fund:

General Fund

Description, nature and purpose of the fund

The "free reserves" after allowing for all designated funds

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

	Balance at 01 January 2023	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
National League Trust	83	-	(183)	100	-
Action Together - We're in this Together	14,356	-	(10,370)	-	3,986
Action Together - Hate Crime	56	-	(56)	-	-
Action Together - Defra	1,232	-	(1,232)	-	-
Action Together	-	15,000	(10,973)	-	4,027
Action Together - Volunteer Recognition	500	-	(500)	-	-
Action Together - Volunteer Recognition	8,209	-	-	-	8,209
Barclays Community Fund	-	500	(500)	-	-
Charities Trust	-	1,000	-	-	1,000
Jigsaw Housing	-	5,000	(4,420)	-	580
Manchester College	-	5,000	(5,023)	23	-
High Sheriff's Trust	40	3,500	(1,065)	-	2,475
Community Fund	677	-	(161)	-	516
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	5,797	-	-	-	5,797
Trident Foundation	858	-	(858)	-	-
Community Fund - Happy Hurst	5,137	-	(47)	-	5,090
Tameside MBC	3,824	-	(2,068)	-	1,756
Tameside MBC - Safety Fund	6,197	-	(6,197)	-	-
WO Street	-	3,000	(3,000)	-	-
Tameside MBC - Skillz & Drillz	-	3,700	(3,861)	161	-
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	8,000	3,000	(6,341)	500	5,159
Tameside Action Together	8	-	(8)	-	-
	54,974	39,700	(56,863)	784	38,595

17. Analysis of charitable funds

Analysis of movements in restricted funds

Previous reporting period:

	Balance at 01 January 2022	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Balance at 31 December 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
National League Trust	83	-	-	-	83
The Big Lottery Fund	-	-	(44)	44	-
Action Together - We're in this Together	-	25,000	(10,644)	-	14,356
Action Together - Hate Crime	-	1,000	(944)	-	56
Action Together - Defra	-	4,785	(3,553)	-	1,232
Action Together - Volunteer Recognition	-	-	-	500	500
Asda - Back to School	-	500	(500)	-	-
Tameside MBC	8,585	-	(376)	-	8,209
High Sheriff	40	-	-	-	40
Awards for All	75	-	(171)	96	-
Community Fund	677	-	-	-	677
Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces	9,616	-	(3,819)	-	5,797
Jigsaw Housing	-	15,000	(15,157)	157	-
Trident Foundation	-	5,000	(4,142)	-	858
Community Fund - Happy Hurst	-	9,875	(4,738)	-	5,137
Tameside MBC	12,849	-	(9,085)	60	3,824
Tameside MBC - Safety Fund	-	10,000	(3,803)	-	6,197
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	-	8,000	-	-	8,000
Tameside Action Together	-	-	(6,849)	6,849	-
Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club	8	-	-	-	8
	31,933	79,160	(63,825)	7,706	54,974

Name of restricted fund:

National League Trust
 Action Together - We're in this Together
 Action Together - Hate Crime
 Action Together - Defra
 Action Together
 Action Together - Volunteer Recognition
 Action Together - Volunteer Recognition
 Barclays Community Fund
 Charities Trust
 Jigsaw Housing
 Manchester College
 High Sheriff's Trust
 Community Fund
 Community Fund - Picking up the Pieces
 Trident Foundation
 Community Fund - Happy Hurst

 Tameside MBC
 Tameside MBC - Safety Fund
 WO Street
 Tameside MBC - Skillz & Drillz
 Tameside MBC - Luncheon Club
 Tameside Action Together

Description, nature and purpose of the fund

to support 'Volunteer Matter' programme with both capital and revenue costs
 for salaries, fulfilment/activities/core costs
 for hate crime awareness, skillz & drillz @ Hurstfest, publicity
 for food, household essentials, core costs, publicity, equipment, food
 for Community Development Officer salary
 for a volunteer recognition evening
 for the food pantry
 towards running costs of Hurstfest community event
 emergency response community support fund
 towards running costs of Hurstfest community event
 to support volunteers programme
 towards general running costs associated with HurstFest
 for a volunteer project
 for setting up a food pantry
 for delivery of skillz & drillz, food
 for volunteer engagement, Hurstfest, Hurst Band Contest, Gardening Group,
 marketing and communications
 for the purchase of a van
 for activities and core costs
 for Skillz & Drillz
 for Skillz & Drillz
 for Luncheon Club
 for a hunger/poverty project and for school children during school holidays

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	4,149	-	-	4,149
Cash at bank and in hand	1,212	-	37,945	39,157
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(555)	-	650	95
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total	4,806	-	38,595	43,401

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Previous reporting period:				
Tangible fixed assets	8,299	-	-	8,299
Cash at bank and in hand	(4,656)	-	54,324	49,668
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	(850)	-	650	(200)
Creditors of more than one year	-	-	-	-
Total	2,793	-	54,974	57,767

19. Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised on a transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at an amortised cost using the effective interest method.