

BOARD REPORT 2023-2024

We are pleased to present our Annual Report for 2023/24, highlighting our achievements over the past year. Despite changes in policies, organisation structure, funding, and the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on both our charity and community, our centre remains a crucial support hub for vulnerable individuals.

We continue to focus on addressing inequality and disadvantages faced by Black people, offering ongoing support to marginalized and economically inactive individuals facing discrimination.

Organisation Structure & Sustainability

To strengthen and sustain our charity, we are close to becoming a registered incorporated organisation. To aid this we are working to identify training for board members to better understand their roles and have worked to recruit new members with relevant skills and passion. We also regularly review our business strategic plan to ensure we meet our targets.

Funding

Securing funding remains challenging due to increased competition. Our Vulnerable Adults Project funding ends in October 2024, so we are actively working on plans to attract more funding for core and project activities. We are excited about the Windrush Sister Project, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, which will document the history of women from the Windrush generations and the Walsall Black Sisters Collective.

Conclusion & Thanks

Thanks to our dedicated staff led by Chief Officer Maureen Lewis, who ensure smooth service delivery. We also appreciate our funders and strategic partners for their ongoing support and collaboration. As we implement our business strategy, we look forward to strengthening existing partnerships and forming new ones within the West Midlands and beyond.

CHAIR – WENDY ANGUS-BOVELL

On behalf of Walsall BSC Board of Trustees



WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

CHARITY NUMBER : 1009687

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WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Restricted				
Big Lottery grant	126,593		97,693	
Awards for All - Lottery	10,000		-	
Walsall Council Grants	35,420		18,000	
NHS Grants	2,100		-	
Kickstart	-		595	
Food Bank	-		1,000	
Locality	8,250		-	
Heart of England	2,400		-	
Safe Place	-		10,000	
Resetting	-		7,916	
ESF Community Grants	-		15,298	
Walsall Wellbeing Grant	1,250		7,975	
Holiday Program	-		4,371	
Community Cohesion	-		1,137	
Heating/Winter Warm	-		1,500	
Walsall for All	1,950		16,545	
Garfield Western	-		7,500	
Eveson Trust	-		10,000	
Baron Davenport grant	-		600	
		187,963		200,130
Unrestricted				
Money Manager Interest	1,048		184	
Donations - Walsall Womens Forum			5,000	
Donations - Other	366		450	
WBSC Accumulated Fund			-	
Repayments	7,192		-	
After School Club Fees			6,560	
Room Hire and Charges	3,312		10,749	
Day care - Elderley	19,227		9,305	
		31,144		32,247
		219,106		232,377
Less : Expenditure		201,604		240,689
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER (EXPENDITURE)		17,503		- 8,312

WALSALL BLACK SISTERS COLLECTIVE

EXPENDITURE

Year ended 31 March 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages	121,517	158,198
Rent and rates	564	305
Heat and light	422	249
Stationery & printing	579	1,945
Postage	393	1,066
Computer costs	172	976
Insurance	3,908	5,565
Motor expenses & travel	3,833	5,953
Repairs and maintenance	2,870	1,761
Events	11,099	9,351
Professional fees	4,199	13,730
Consultancy	13,500	-
Telephone	5,071	2,337
Training	732	405
Food	5,948	5,338
Materials and resource	3,128	3,133
Volunteers expenses	1,559	1,399
Sundries	649	343
Marketing	1,931	2,148
Photocopier & phone system leases	8,745	5,738
Hygiene services	429	387
TV & zoom licences	159	303
Room hire & charges	2,257	1,555
Bank charges	182	197
Counselling	480	4,454
Crisis support project	7,277	13,853
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BALANCE SHEET

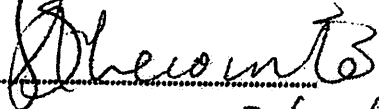
Year ended 31 March 2024

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	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Motor Vehicles	25,250		25,250	
Office Equipment	4,679		3,322	
Computer Equipment	<u>8,021</u>		<u>8,021</u>	
		37,949		36,592
CURRENT ASSETS				
Bank Account	24,135		3,718	
Deposit Account	61,243		65,195	
Cash in hand	<u>254</u>		<u>108</u>	
		85,631		69,021
TOTAL ASSETS		<u><u>123,580</u></u>		<u><u>105,613</u></u>
CREDITORS				
HMRC - PAYE		1,946		1,989
NEST - Pension		830		322
Accruals		<u>1,440</u>		<u>1,440</u>
		<u><u>4,216</u></u>		<u><u>3,751</u></u>
NET ASSETS		<u><u>119,365</u></u>		<u><u>101,862</u></u>
Represented by:-				
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance brought forward		101,862		110,174
Excess of expenditure over income :-		<u>17,503</u>		<u>- 8,312</u>
		<u><u>119,365</u></u>		<u><u>101,862</u></u>

The income funds of the charity include £60,000 which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees. It is the charity's policy to regard a general reserve requirement equivalent to 3 months running costs of the charity's charitable and administrative expenditure.

Signed on behalf of the trustees :

Tracey Leconte - Treasurer



Date of Approval : 23/12/2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER’S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF WALSALL BLACK SISTERS’ COLLECTIVE
YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2024
CHARITY NUMBER 1009657**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages 1-3.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity’s trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

The charity’s trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner’s 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 the 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 in the statements below.

Independent examiner’s statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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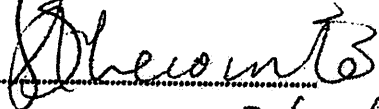
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