



### 1. Trustee Information

The Trustees of the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Committee during 2023/24 and as recorded with the Charity Commission were:

The Chief Executive of the Metropolitan Borough Council of Sefton, Mr Phil Porter

Executive Director of Corporate Resources Mr Stephan Van Arendsen

The Chief Legal & Democratic Services Officer Mr David McCullough

***During this financial period, Mr Dwayne Johnson stepped down as Chief Executive of Sefton Council and as a Trustee on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023: following this Mr Phil Porter was appointed Chief Executive of Sefton Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 and registered as a Trustee with the Commission on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023.***

### 2. Financial Information

The Trustees expressed thanks to Crosby Charity Committee for their continued support and for their hard work within their own area of operation, which resulted in raising funds for local causes within the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund in the Mayoral Year of Councillor June Burns 2023/24.

The Mayor would like to thank all members of the Crosby Charity Committee and pay tribute to the active members of the committee and Sefton Residents who continuing to raise funds.

The total amount raised by the Crosby branch was as follows :

Crosby Committee - £1,500.00

### 3. Charity Applications

It was noted that all application forms were on file of inspection at any time, A total of 38 applications for funding were received, which includes the 3 chosen charities specifically picked by the Mayor to support. These were Plaza Cinema, SWACA (Sefton Women's & Children's Aid) & Carla Lane – Animals in Need. Three applications from Crosby Charity Committee (Keystone, SING – Young People & SING – Older People).

Eight applications were rejected by the Trustees due to them not meeting the criteria this leaves a total of 19 applications to receive funding, some of the organisations that will benefit this year include:

- Stemcell Scousers
- Freshfield Animal Rescue
- St Luke's Girlguiding
- Bridge Inn Community Farm
- The Elderberries Gardening Club
- Queenscourt Hospice

#### **4. Charity Gala Ball & Other Charity Events**

The Mayor's Gala Charity Ball was held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 183 guests attended the event and it raised £7,610.00.

Aswell as the Ball, we were able to hold three further fundraising events, a Charity Divas Night on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023, which raised £288.00, a Charity 70s Night on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023 which raised £216.50. There was also the Euro 2024 Sweepstake which raised £130.00.

The Mayoral Golf Challenge raised £2,187.00 and there were further donations from Castle Bingo for £2,000.00 and from Sefton Design Awards for £790.00.

#### **5. Public Benefit Guidance**

Following documentation released by the Charity Commission regarding guidelines that charities need to be following in relation to public benefit, the Trustees of the Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund are fully aware of this and have complied with their duty to have due regard when it comes to exercising any powers or duties relating to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance. All the funds raised during the year go towards organisation and groups with Sefton that benefit the borough and its residents.

#### **6. Dispersal of the Annual Charity Fund**

Cheques will be prepared and submitted to the Trustees for signature.

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Mr Phil Porter – Trustee

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Stephan Van Arendsen'.

Mr Stephan Van Arendsen – Trustee

Meeting held on: 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025

# Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund

07/01/2025

## Revenue Account for the Year Ended 30 June 2024

2022/23		2023/24	
£		£	£
	<b><u>Income</u></b>		
1,800.00	Charity Committee Areas	1,500.00	
17,347.00	Charity Ball	16,050.00	
320.00	Charity World Cup (22/23) Euro Sweep (23/24 )	240.00	
0.00	Charity Diva Night	866.00	
995.00	Charity 80s Night (22/23) 70s Night (23/24)	1,095.00	
586.00	Charty Pub Quiz	0.00	
2,091.00	Golf Challenge	2,187.00	
860.00	Toy Appeal	0.00	
4,841.55	Mayoral Donations Received	5,079.91	
6,510.00	Sefton Lottery - Payroll Deductions	6,866.00	
0.00	Misc Income	0.00	
872.00	Donations - cancelled (previous years)	605.00	
0.00	Donations - unallocated (previous years)	0.00	
1,798.08	Crosby Area Committee Fund Raising Activities	1,531.41	
<u>38,020.63</u>			<u>36,020.32</u>
	<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
-19,980.00	Donations 23/24	-18,999.95	
0.00	Donations reissued	0.00	
-10,719.30	Charity Ball	-9,520.00	
0.00	Charity Diva Night	-600.00	
0.00	Charity 70s Night	-897.50	
-500.00	Charity 80's Night	0.00	
-160.00	Charity Euro Sweep	-110.00	
-243.39	Toy Appeal	0.00	
-3,255.00	Sefton Lottery - Winnings paid out	-3,446.00	
0.00	Misc	0.00	
-20.00	Lottery Fee	-20.00	
-2,002.18	Crosby Area Committee Fund Raising Activities	-1,804.19	
<u>-36,879.87</u>			<u>-35,397.64</u>
<u>1,140.76</u>	<b>Surplus / Deficit (-) for year</b>		<u>622.68</u>

## Balance Sheet as at 30 June 2024

2022/23		2023/24	
£		£	£
	<b><u>Current Assets:</u></b>		
26,125.78	Mayoral Bank Account balance 30/06/2024	26,326.19	
2,093.86	Crosby Area Committee Current Assets Current Bank Account	1,521.08	
			<u>27,847.27</u>
	<b><u>Debtors:</u></b>		
50.00	Charity Ball Tickets	0.00	
0.00	Auction Prizes	0.00	
0.00	Euro Sweep Tickets	100.00	
0.00	Sefton Lottery Winners overpayment	0.00	
243.00	Donations to Mayoral Charity Fund 17/18	243.00	
1,800.00	Donations to Mayoral Charity Fund	1,500.00	

538.00	Sefton Lottery Payroll Deductions	612.00	2,455.00
<u>30,850.64</u>		<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><b>30,302.27</b></u>
	<b><u>Liabilities:</u></b>		
	<b>Creditors falling due within one year:</b>		
-19,980.00	Donations 23/24	-18,999.95	
-808.00	Sefton Lottery Winners	-917.00	
0.00	Toy Appeal Payment	0.00	
0.00	Charity Ball	0.00	
0.00	Charity Night	0.00	
0.00	Donations	0.00	
<u>-1,800.00</u>	Crosby Area Committee Current Liabilities	-1,500.00	
<u>-22,588.00</u>		<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u><b>-21,416.95</b></u>
<u>8,262.64</u>		<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<u><b>8,885.32</b></u>
	<b><u>Financed by the funds of the charity:</u></b>		
	<b><u>Unrestricted funds</u></b>		<b>Total</b>
7,121.88	Balance @ 1 July		8,262.64
<u>1,140.76</u>	Surplus / Deficit (-) for year		<u>622.68</u>
<u>8,262.64</u>	Balance @ 30 June		<u><b>8,885.32</b></u>

reverse out in the SoFA

<b>Main</b>	<b>Crosby</b>
895.46	-272.78

0.00 diff should be zero

<b>Main</b>	<b>Crosby</b>
7,968.78	293.86
895.46	-272.78
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# Independent examiner's report on the accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Section A

## Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Mayor of Sefton's Charity Fund

On accounts for the  
year ended

30 June 2024

Charity  
no (if  
any)

1026227

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**Respective  
responsibilities of  
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities 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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent  
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 statement 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records, or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

<b>Signed:</b>		<b>Date:</b> 30 April 2025

<b>Name:</b>	Jonathan Boden
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<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>	Chartered Public Finance Accountant
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<b>Address:</b>	Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road
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**Section B Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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