



# ***Cenacolo Community UK***

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT for the Year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**

Signed: *Christopher J D'Arcy* ..... Christopher D'Arcy (Chairman )

Signed: *Christopher J D'Arcy* ..... Christopher D'Arcy (Secretary)

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

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Company No. 4238313  
Registered Charity No. 1089689**



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## 1. Legal and Administrative Information

- Charity Name: Cenacolo Community UK
- Registered/Normal Address: Dodding Green, Dodding Holme, Mealbank, Kendal, Cumbria, LA8 9DH
- Registered Charity No: 1089689
- Company, Limited by Guarantee, No: 04238313
- For the financial year: from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023
- Names of Charity Trustees at 30 June 2023:

Mr Christopher D'Arcy	Trustee and Chairman
Ms Dina Hajdini	Trustee
Mrs Mary Holgate	Trustee
Rev Christopher Loughran	Trustee
Mr Andrew Mitchell	Trustee
Rev Shaun O'Neill	Trustee

- Names of other officers:

Mr Christopher D'Arcy	Admin Officer & Company Secretary
Miss Clare McEntegart	Treasurer

## 2. An Overview of the Community

The Cenacolo Community was founded in July 1983 by an Italian nun, Sister (now Mother) Elvira Petrozzi, who wanted to give her life to God through helping young people suffering from addiction, or who were disillusioned or dissatisfied with their lives.

The Cenacolo Community offers a simple life centred on work, prayer and friendship. It is run by recovering addicts themselves, under the overall direction of Mother Elvira who regards Cenacolo as a 'school of life' which teaches young people how to close the door on their past by healing old wounds and building towards a brighter future. Cenacolo gives hope and an opportunity to live an addiction-free life with dignity and respect for oneself and others. It offers help to those who have lost direction and enables them to go forward with new strength to face the challenges of every day.

Today, the Cenacolo Community has over 60 houses spread throughout Italy and around the world. Up until September 2020 the Cenacolo Community UK operated as one of these houses from a leased former presbytery and chapel at Dodding Green, near Kendal, Cumbria where it provided residential support for up to 16 young men, with its main objective being **the relief and rehabilitation of persons in**

*need, hardship or distress who are suffering physically and mentally as a result of drug or alcohol dependency, or other substance abuse, through the provision of supported residential accommodation in a Christian environment.*

This is the twenty second year of operation of the Charity, which continues to operate under its Memorandum and Articles of Association (Issue 3) dated 14 July 2014 and there are no other deeds or documents which contain provisions regulating the purpose and administration of the Charity.

### **3. A Review of the Year 2022/2023**

As shared in last year's report but included here again for context. Unfortunately, life in the Community at Dodding Green was dramatically affected by the lockdown restrictions imposed by the Government in response to the Covid-19 pandemic, and because of potential issues with residency permits in the UK and a decrease in the number of new entrants to the Cenacolo Community worldwide.

Despite the will to continue the good work by the lads, it was decided by the Community's mother house in Saluzzo that the house at Dodding Green would be temporarily closed and the remaining lads transferred to the Irish house in Knock for a few months in September 2020. Unfortunately for our house this temporary closure was sadly made permanent in October 2021 when the community was informed that our house at Dodding Green would not be reopening.

As a Charity we had a long lease on the property which we were legally obliged to maintain. The owners of the property, The Stephenson Trust, have worked closely with us to manage this situation. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 the Charity were still the 'tenants' of Dodding Green.

The Charity continues to listen and offer support direct to men and women or their families that are struggling with drug and alcohol difficulties and are interested in learning more about life in Cenacolo. This is achieved from contacts via the website, through the network of meeting points throughout the UK or 'word of mouth' from someone with direct experience of the Cenacolo Community. Dodding Green is closed but the 60+ other houses in the Cenacolo Community which are still open and offering a welcome to those in need. We have supported men to enter Cenacolo, direct to the house in Knock, Ireland and to Italy and supported women to enter to Italy.

We have no significant ongoing running cost to support the lads as the 'residential aspect' of the Cenacolo Community UK has ended. Trustees have been able to share a portion of the financial providence that has been gifted to the Charity. The details are attached in the appendix Accounts for the Financial Year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

### **4. The 2022 Annual Meeting and Subsequent Changes to the Trustee/Director Board**

The 2022 statutory Annual Meeting of the Cenacolo Community UK was held on 5 November 2022.

At the 2022 Annual Meeting the Trustees were Chris D'Arcy (Chairman), Fr Chris Loughran, Mary Holgate, Dina Hajdini, Fr Shaun O'Neill, Andy Mitchell and Martin Duggan with David Taylor as Secretary and Clare McEntegart as Treasurer.

In accordance with statutory requirements, no trustees are due for resignation and re-election at this time.

## **5. The Year Ahead (2023/2024)**

The year ahead will be very much determined by the closure of Dodding Green, which will need to be handed back to the Stephenson Trust (which leases the buildings to the Charity) in a well maintained condition. (It is positive this has now been achieved with Cenacolo Community now being released for the tenancy agreement. This happened outside the time frame for this report. Cenacolo Community UK ceased to be the legal tenant on 31.10.23).

The Trustees continue working to improve the website and various publicity materials about the community, which is aimed not only at those with addictions as a route to recovery but also their families and others, as initially it is often someone other than the addict who seeks help and advice.

The Trustees will also continue to work closely with the leadership of the Cenacolo Community in Saluzzo Italy and with our closest house in Ireland.

## **6. The Cenacolo Newsletter**

The Cenacolo Newsletter continues to be 'on hold'. Trustees will review the function and future of a physically newsletter in line with the review of the website.

## **7. Prayer Groups**

Prayer is fundamental to the Community. Many prayer groups around the country continue to pray on a regular basis for the work of the Cenacolo Community, and for those afflicted with addiction and other problems. These prayer groups are a network across the country forming a web of grace to support the apostolate of Cenacolo. Some of those praying never have direct contact with Cenacolo, but simply know of its work and are moved to support it in prayer. These groups are listed on our website and are regarded as a possible first contact for any addict seeking help to overcome their addiction.

Such prayerful faithfulness is vital for the work of Cenacolo to succeed. We offer our most sincere thanks to all those who give of themselves at the various prayer meetings and to those who individually offer prayer for the good of the Cenacolo Community.

Any individual, an addict, family member or friend arriving at a Prayer Group is given information about the Cenacolo Community, and encouraged to consider the Community as a way forward. If they are interested, they are referred to their nearest main meeting for addicts and their families, which are held in Kendal, Liverpool, London, Birmingham, Glasgow and Wrexham. A positive legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic was meetings being offered virtually via 'zoom' or other conference call. Individuals continued to be welcomed in this way, at least in the beginning if this suits their needs better.

## **8. The General Financial Situation**

### **8.1. Charity Income:**

The most reliable source of income for the Charity is from Standing Orders raised by friends of the Community, many of which are Gift-Aided. Other friends and supporters send donations at intervals throughout the year and make up a significant part of our overall income. Other sources of income are from legacies, which are a great help to the Charity.

### **8.2. Public Benefit:**

The Trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission in respect of public benefit and confirm that the Charity adheres to this guidance through the nature of its activities and operations.

### **8.3 Reserves Policy:**

The Trustees have considered the level of reserves which the Charity should hold to allow for the continuation of its activities whilst alternative funding is sourced and consider that 24 months of current operating costs is required in the short term. 'Operating costs' includes the cost of running the Cenacolo house, resources expended on managing and administering the Charity and a contingency for unknown major work. The current level of unrestricted funds of £176,936 (excluding fixed assets) is in excess of this level.

### **8.4 The 2022/2023 Accounts:**

Income from donations and other sources remains sufficient to manage the Cenacolo house and provide for general Community expenses. The balance remaining in the account is predicted to be more than adequate for 2023/2024.

Full details of the year's accounts are included in the Appendix.

It is important to note that at paragraph 31c in the 'Statement of Recommended Practice', SORP 2000, published by the Charity Commission, which refers to Accounting Practices within Charities, there is a requirement to disclose details in our Annual Report of any relationship with any other charity or organisation with whom our charity co-operates, which may have any controlling influence on the affairs of our charity. With regards to the Cenacolo Community UK, no such financial controls exist. Our relationship with the parent house of the Cenacolo Community in Saluzzo, Italy is such that they only have some control over the timing and/or timescales of some of our operations, but none over our finances.

Signed: 

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Christopher John D'Arcy  
Secretary

Appendix



# ***Cenacolo Community UK***

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## **Accounts for the Financial Year 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023**

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**CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Cenacolo Community UK (the 'charity')**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2023.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my own work or for this report.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the Trustees of the charitable company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)/ In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I can confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charitable company as required by section 386 of the 2011 Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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



Karen Rae FCCA  
**Armstrong Watson Audit Limited**  
Chartered Accountants  
Kendal

Dated: 9 May 2024

**CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	Year ended 30/06/23			Year ended
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	30/06/22
		Funds	Funds	Funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Donations		-	12,369	12,369	14,763
Gift aid - Tax relief		-	894	894	1,796
Miscellaneous sales		-	9,732	9,732	7,800
Bank interest		-	566	566	119
Other interest		-	-	-	-
Bank revaluations		-	6,006	6,006	(3,112)
Profit on disposal	1	-	-	-	4,000
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>29,567</b>	<b>29,567</b>	<b>25,366</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Donations paid		-	125,063	125,063	358
<b>Cost of running the Cenacolo House</b>					
Insurance		-	547	547	606
Council tax		-	3,003	3,003	2,910
Water		-	185	185	178
Electricity and heating		-	9,468	9,468	5,982
Repairs and maintenance		-	14,852	14,852	1,157
Telephone		-	124	124	502
Motor expenses		-	-	-	507
Travel expenses		-	9,388	9,388	194
Other expenses		-	159	159	159
Events		-	-	-	-
Training costs		-	-	-	-
Professional fees		-	705	705	610
Petty cash day to day expenses		-	131	131	(207)
Animal husbandry and vet fees		-	-	-	67
Equipment depreciation		-	-	-	-
Motor vehicle depreciation		-	-	-	-
(Profit) / loss on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
<b>Resources expended on managing and administering the Charity</b>					
Printing, postage and stationery		-	159	159	348
Sundry		-	140	140	476
<b>Development costs</b>					
Repairs and development		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>163,924</b>	<b>163,924</b>	<b>13,847</b>
<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) Resources</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>(134,357)</b>	<b>(134,357)</b>	<b>11,519</b>
Transfers		-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds brought forward</b>		<b>4,924</b>	<b>311,293</b>	<b>316,217</b>	<b>304,698</b>
<b>Total Funds carried forward</b>		<b>4,924</b>	<b>176,936</b>	<b>181,860</b>	<b>316,217</b>

**CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK**  
**BALANCE SHEET (Company No. 04238313)**  
**AS AT 30 JUNE 2023**

	Notes	30/06/23 £	30/06/22 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	3	-	-
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	4	6,929	6,035
Accrued Income	5	-	650
Bank - current account		59,169	199,575
Bank - COIF deposit account		943	918
Bank - COIF Ethical Investment Fund		115,026	109,019
Cash		498	629
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<u>182,565</u>	<u>316,826</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accruals	6	705	610
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<u>181,860</u>	<u>316,216</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<u><u>181,860</u></u>	<u><u>316,216</u></u>
Restricted funds	7	4,924	4,924
Unrestricted funds	8	176,936	311,293
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u><u>181,860</u></u>	<u><u>316,217</u></u>


The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The directors consider that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to have an audit under the provisions of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") and members have not required the company to obtain an audit for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the directors and are signed on their behalf by:

Signed: 

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Christopher J D'Arcy  
 Director & Chairman

**CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**Accounting Policies**

a) Basis of preparation

These accounts 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 accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014

the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and with the Charities Act 2011.

b) Incoming resources

Voluntary income including donations, gifts and legacies are recognised when received.

Income from commercial trading activities is recognised as earned.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

c) Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements. Where substantial services are provided to the charity as a donation, the contribution is included in the financial statements at an estimate based on the market value of the services provided. The charity relies on the donation of clothing and food, the value of these goods is not reflected in these financial statements

d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred.

e) Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are depreciated on a straight line basis over their estimated useful lives as described in the notes to the accounts

f) Funds structure

The charity has restricted income funds to account for situations where a donor requires that a donation must be spent on a particular purpose or where funds have been raised for a specific purpose. All other funds are unrestricted income funds.

g) Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

h) Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the Financial Statements.

i) Debtors

Short term debtors are measured at transaction price, less any impairment.

j) Creditors

Short term creditors are measured at the transaction price.

**CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**1. Profit on disposal**

No disposals in current year

**2. Gifts in Kind**

The Cenacolo community relies on the donation of goods and services which are individually immaterial.

**3. Fixed Assets**

	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost brought forward	53,339	6,500	59,839
Additions	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-
Cost carried forward	<u>53,339</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>59,839</u>
Depreciation brought forward	53,339	6,500	59,839
Charge for the year	-	-	-
On disposals	-	-	-
Depreciation carried forward	<u>53,339</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>59,839</u>
NBV carried forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NBV brought forward	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Depreciation policy:	20% Straight Line	33% Straight Line	

**4. Debtors**

	<u>30/06/23</u> £	<u>30/06/22</u> £
Trade Debtors	-	-
Gift aid tax relief for 22/23	894	-
Gift aid tax relief for 21/22	1,796	1,796.00
Gift aid tax relief for 20/21	2,565	2,565
Gift aid tax relief for 19/20	815	815
Gift aid tax relief for 18/19	859	859
	<u>6,929</u>	<u>6,035</u>

**5. Accrued Income**

Rental Income - June 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>650.00</u>
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**CENACOLO COMMUNITY UK**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (Continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

	30/06/23	30/06/22
	£	£
<b>6. Creditors and Accruals</b>		
Deferred Rental Income	-	-
Accountancy fees 2021/22 (includes irrecoverable VAT)	-	610
Accountancy fees 2022/23 (includes irrecoverable VAT)	705	-
	705	610

**7. Restricted fund movements**

	at 30/06/22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	at 30/06/23
	£	£	£	£	£
Medjugorie fund	464	-	-	-	464
Equipment fund	4,460	-	-	-	4,460
	4,924	-	-	-	4,924

The Medjugorie fund is for a visit to Medjugorie.  
The Equipment fund is to be used to buy equipment.

**8. Unrestricted fund movements**

	at 30/06/22	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	at 30/06/23
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	311,293	29,567	(163,924)	-	176,936
	311,293	29,567	(163,924)	-	176,936

**9. Related party transactions**

No related party transactions were incurred during the year.