Community Unity (Leeds) CIO

Charity number 1157737

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 July 2026

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position
Karl Footitt	Chair/Treasurer
Mary Brennan	
Ann Lamprell	
Joanne Thewlis	

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Structure, governance and management
The charity is a CIO governed by an Association constitution adopted on 7 July 2014 and as amended 5 January 2019 and 16 October 2019.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees
The trustees of the charity are appointed by the members at the AGM.

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

1. To develop the capacity and skills of the members of the community of Richmond Hill, Cross Green and East End Park in the ward of Burmantofts and Richmond Hill in the Metropolitan District of Leeds in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet their needs and to participate more fully in society.

2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

3. The prevention or relief of poverty by providing items and services to individuals in need:
   a) The provision of recreational and leisure time activities provided in the interest of social welfare, designed to improve their conditions of life;
   b) Providing support and activities which develop their skills, capacities and capabilities to enable them to participate in society as mature and responsible individuals.

The charity's main activities

Community Unity (Leeds) CIO's main activities are community family parties, support for local people, weekly meals and Christmas hampers and toy deliveries.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the prevention or relief of poverty.

Achievements and performance

This year Community Unity trustees and volunteers continued running our weekly Wednesday Meals and community outreach, providing practical help and support to local people. This included Christmas food and toy hampers to local individuals and families as well as a Christmas day meal. Wednesday meals continues to be very well attended.

With financial support from the Household Support Fund from Leeds City Council / Leeds Christian Community Trust as well as grants from Leeds Community Foundation Jimbos Fund and Veolia we have continued our Wednesday meals provision and practical support for local individuals and families including food parcels and financial support for home energy.

This year we moved from our St Hilda's Church home after 13 years and started running the meals at the Cross Green Growing Together hub nearby. We feel we have again developed a close knit supportive group which includes people from our previous venue with new people joining frequently. We are building on the partnership activities in this location with Cross Green Growing Together and Hyde Park Source.

We also supported the running of the annual Lark in the Park summer event.

A significant moment during the year was the passing of one of our friends, Stephen Tremble, who was the first attender of Wednesday meal. His family gave a kind and generous donation in his memory, which supported the continued running of Community Unity and Wednesday meals.

Financial review

The net payments for the year was £2,784, including net receipts of £463 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £3,247 on restricted funds.

Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £8,153.

The trustees have not adopted a formal reserves policy. The Trustees recognise the need to regularly review the finances, budgets and spend against budget together as part of the effective stewardship of the CIO. The charity has not or will not in the near future employ any persons or lease or rent property therefore the Trustees recognise that future reserves need only be kept to a minimum amount to cover its activities for the public benefit and fluctuations in cash flow as well as orderly winding up should the charity need to close.

Approved by the board of trustees on 22/10/2026

Mary Brennan (Trustee)

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Receipts and payments account

for the year ended 31 July 2026

	Notes	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	1,340	8,167	9,507	17,522
Sales and fees		-	-	-	4,032
Total receipts		1,340	8,167	9,507	21,554
Payments					
Christmas hampers		696	1,552	2,248	2,341
Community events		1	121	122	196
Insurance		45	86	131	131
Wednesday meals		122	5,014	5,136	2,523
Accounts preparation		-	300	300	300
Community support		-	4,333	4,333	7,839
AGM and meeting costs		13	8	21	24
Total payments		877	11,414	12,291	13,354
Net receipts / (payments)		463	(3,247)	(2,784)	8,200
Fund balances brought forward		7,690	11,003	18,693	10,493
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	8,153	7,756	15,909	18,693

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Statement of assets and liabilities

as at 31 July 2026

	2026 Unrestricted £	2026 Restricted £	2026 Total £	2025 Total £
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	8,150	7,756	15,906	18,670
Cash in hand	3	-	3	23
Total cash funds	8,153	7,756	15,909	18,693

Liabilities	2026 £
Accruals	312
	312

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 22/10/2026

Mary Brennan (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting
The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.
There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.
No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation
As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting
Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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2 Grants and donations

	2026 Unrestricted funds £	2026 Restricted funds £	2026 Total funds £	2025 Total funds £
Jimbo's Fund	-	2,667	2,667	2,667
Leeds Christian Community Trust (LCCT)	-	2,000	2,000	4,400
St Hilda's Church	-	2,000	2,000	-
Leeds City Council (LCC) - Veolia	-	1,500	1,500	-
Leeds Community Foundation (LCF)	-	-	-	433
National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	-	-	8,932
Other donations	1,340	-	1,340	1,090
	1,340	8,167	9,507	17,522

3 Restricted funds

	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
St Hilda's Church	-	2,000	421	-	1,579
LCCT - Food Aid Network	601	2,000	2,601	-	-
LCC - Veolia	(336)	1,500	1,164	-	-
NLCF - Awards for All	8,248	-	4,988	-	3,260
Jimbo's fund	2,490	2,667	2,240	-	2,917
	11,003	8,167	11,414	-	7,756

Fund name	**Purpose of restriction**
St Hilda's Church	Community Support grant for hampers and food provision.
LCCT - Food Aid Network	For emergency support and practical help for local people.
LCC - Veolia	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach. The negative starting balance is due to the funding being paid in arrears.
NLCF - Awards for All	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.
Jimbo's fund	To support the running of Wednesday Meals and community outreach.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses
No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits
No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.