

Charity Registration Number 508018

**COPPERDALE TRUST
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR April 1st 2023
31st
March 2024**

Copperdale Trust

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TRUSTEES AND ADVISORS

Registered Charity Name	Copperdale Trust
Charity number	508018
Registered Office	Copperdale Trust Solway Rd Wythenshawe Manchester M22 9XR

TRUSTEES

Sharon Darbyshire
Lenny Robinson
Janet Pierson
Eddie Wieczrek
Amy Davis
Cathy Forden
Antony Coulton
Andre Zykowski

OFFICERS

Secretary	Sharon Darbyshire
Treasurer	Janet Pierson
Chair	Cathy Forden (Deputy Chair)

Full time staff	2
Part time staff	2
Voluntary helpers	10

Accounts	1 to 1 accountancy agency
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Bankers	Lloyds Bank 76 Stamford New Rd Altrincham
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WA14 1BS

Hon Solicitors

Stuart Matthews

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Civic Centre
Wythenshawe
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VALUE STATEMENT

We value all who use our service, as the unique people they are with the ability to make life better or worse. We feel privileged that we have the opportunity to help become socially individuals.

History, objectives and activities of the Copperdale Trust

In 1972, the redundant and derelict Benchill Police Station was purchased to provide a base for the first Detached Youth Work Project in Wythenshawe. The building was quickly re-named COPPERDALE and the work amongst our community began, under the original title Wythenshawe Community Trust.

Over the last 5 decades, the original objectives have widened to keep up with changing needs. Projects in the 1970/80s included Youth Exchange across the whole of Europe, including Eastern Bloc countries (International Social Educational Exchange). Many other innovative projects began here including the first FARESHARE Franchise and the large scale Christmas Food distributions in the North West. International Exchanges are still available today and our furniture recycling scheme still operates.

At this present time, Copperdale Trust now operates 2 projects – The Copperdale Trust Hostel which provides supportive accommodation for 10 young single homeless people, and the United Estates of Wythenshawe which provides a Gymnasium and many other community/leisure activities. We are also a part of the Mums Mart food bank for our area. As always, both projects are managed by local people who are aware of the real needs of our own community. We always aim to be at the forefront with support and care and innovation.

We are very glad to say, that despite the severe financial cut backs most of us have had to face, this year we have continued to provide the best possible support service-we are fortunate in that we have always relied on voluntary helpers and this year they have been more than ever our mainstay.

We are hoping for an upturn again in the future, but whatever, we will continue to go that 'extra mile'.

Trustees Report

The Trustees present their annual report and the annual accounts for the year ended 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management Governing Document

Copperdale is registered under the Charities Act 1960 as Charity number 508018. Its principle office is at the address

Copperdale House, Solway Rd, Crossacres, Wythenshawe, Manchester, M22 9XR

Managing and Governance Arrangements

The Trust provides for a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 15 Trustees. If there should be a requirement for new trustees, these would be identified and appointed by the remaining trustees. The Chair of Trustees is responsible for the induction of any new trustee – this would involve awareness of a Trustees responsibilities, the governing document, administrative procedures and the history and philosophical approach of the Charity. A new Trustee would receive copies of the previous year annual report and would, of course, be aware and support the Charity's overall Mission Statement, Vision and Values.

Vision Statement.

We strive to provide relevant support and activities which can meet the needs of young people in our community, with particular regard for those who do not have family support and who may be attracted to alternative (sometimes criminal) lifestyles which can detract from the lifestyle of the wider community as well as their own detriment. Alongside this we strive to provide activities and facilities within our wider community which address real needs and help give a sense of empowerment and self worth.

Mission Statement

We work in partnership with families, LA agencies and voluntary agencies in order to gain optimum help for all who use our facilities and service. We are also of the firm belief that a well nourished person will flourish so are always active in promoting access to food through our close links with various Food Banks.

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Copperdale Hostel Review of Achievements and Performance for the year

This year has flown by as we make up for the time lost during the lockdowns, unfortunately since then there has been a dire shortage of move on accommodation and during the whole year we have only had 2 move Ons.

I am glad to say that despite this our residents have helped maintain a happy and supportive framework for each other and as always we look forward for better times ahead. On this bright note, 2 of our residents have maintained full time employment and others have taken up volunteering opportunities.

Christmas was a particularly happy time and we had a good time with several ex residents staying with us. We were able to do this, to provide hospitality for many others throughout this time, Thanks to food donations from the big supermarkets and we were extremely grateful for this. And also very welcome help from our Muslim friends.

We were also grateful to the Broom Family Trust who supported us once again and the Bramhall Methodist Church who gave us a Christmas donation.

So despite the horrendous fuel bills, we have managed to survive and look forward an exciting future.

Signed

Glenn Davis
Manager Copperdale Hostel

The United Estates embarked into the adventure that was to be 2022 with huge optimism and a new Business Development Manager in Sophie Macaulay. With the covid pandemic now behind us and some great ideas in the pipe line. We set off with what we thought was onward and upward; 'Business as Usual'.

We couldn't have been more wrong!

First came the cost of living crisis with both food and vehicle fuel costs spiralling ever upwards. People on the Wythenshawe estate simply had no 'spare' money for any item deemed anything other than 'essential'.

One local mum from the estate commented,

"I have four outgoings every month. Money for rent; money for bills; money for food and then money for my kids. I can afford three of the four each month"

Sentiments echoed by many, many local people. Action obviously needed!

It was decided, after much thought and discussion that UEW Gym and Music room, the two projects that brought in the most local people would alter its pay structure from a £1.50 entry fee to a voluntary contribution, providing free tea and coffee and using the Gym reception area as an informal meeting place for people who wanted (needed) a warm and welcoming place to go and a friendly face to chat to.

At this time we moved the Food Routes (fresh food distribution) storage from the Kitchen area of the building to the Conservatory area. This provided easier and a more discreet access to the food. This was done in anticipation of demand for this service increasing. We were not wrong. Within the first month of changing the food access point, demand increased by 30%. On some of the busier days all the food had gone in under an hour. This is still a feature today with demand for the Food Routes Projects higher than it has ever been. With the possible exception of the Gym, Food Routes is the busiest project in the UEW family with many of the Mums Mart Crew volunteering three or four days a week just to keep the project running smoothly. As well as local supermarkets, we now pick up food on a daily basis from Manchester Airport and the Pret-a-Manger chain.

(NB. Food Routes is not a Food Bank, it is a locally managed fresh food distribution)

With demand for this service so high and the cost of living crisis showing no signs of slowing down, combined with some of the absolutely awful stories being told by local people and families using the United Estates we felt it would be a good idea to invite a financial/debt counselling service to join us in the reception area for a coffee a couple of days a week. This worked really well. Claire Byfield from Christians Against Poverty joined us for a coffee just one morning a week, which soon became a regular feature. Claire now joins us twice a week offering advice and counselling on all aspects of budgeting and financial/debt management.

Towards the end of 2022 we, (the United Estates) had our own financial shock. Our electricity bill (we were informed) would rise from around £4,000 per year to over £14,000.

Shocking news indeed; news which demanded immediate action.

It was quickly decided that non essential electrical use would simply be switched off.

The two commercial freezers and the fridge were the first to go meaning that chilled and frozen food coming in to Food Routes needed to go out on the same day, a challenge but with demand for food so high, a challenge that was easily met.

The next decision was much more difficult. It was decided that until the nights got lighter the entire building, with the exception of the conservatory area which now housed the food storage would close at 3.00pm. This meant that lights, sound system and much of the electrics would be switched off by 3.00pm every day, effectively cutting the electrical use by 50%. Heating was switched off during the closed periods and only turned back on when the building was in use. This was a really tough decision to make and to implement; with much complaint from people who enjoyed the facilities at UEW in the evening time, nevertheless, a decision that had to be made.

We struggled on with incredibly high bills all through 2023 and into early 2024 until costs came down to a more manageable amount. We are now on top of the bills, but this was a horrible experience; incredibly tough to navigate and one I hope we will not have to ever repeat in the future.

On the positive side, the Orchard has provided its first usable crop of apples. All the apples were taken by eager volunteers who have reported back the result of 'delicious'. Future plans will hopefully see the purchase of a professional press and bottling facility to enable us to produce our own Apple Juice Range.

The Orchard area, at the back of the building has further plans in place to develop into a 'Peace Garden'.

Covered seated area, allotment space and a pagoda are all plans in the pipeline being greeted with enthusiasm from local people and volunteers alike.

2023 saw UEW (Greg Davis) receiving a *Life Time Achievement Award* from the Forever Manchester Charity, we also picked up the '*Pride of Manchester Award*' run by the Daily Mirror and Granada Television.

Both 2023 and into 2024 saw the Music projects remain steady with two of the bands using our 'Manchester Urban Collective studio!' managing to get their music onto the i-tunes download play list.

Both bands are playing regular live events and are picking up a keen and sizeable fan base. Our music room may only be small but to date we have provided some notable, not to say fantastic musicians.

We have played alongside the Halle Orchestra, we have supported mainstream bands like The Stone Roses, Puresence, Peter Hook and the Charlatans, we have played to an audience of 40,000 (Heaton Park) and performed as far afield as the Montreaux Jazz Festival in Switzerland. Current Bands include:

Johnny Sticks

<https://youtu.be/tL14CDv4PvA>

Bolilol

<https://youtu.be/11QDycHUwEU?si=nDsUJ7y7BFD0fBsA>

Mums Mart have had an eventful two years, being one of the driving forces behind the formation and development of WoW, (Women of Wythenshawe) and finally gaining permission and raising funds to start work on their new Head Quarters which will be based in the old (redundant) care takers flat at the rear of the UEW Building. This is real exciting times. Plans for the development look fabulous and work is scheduled to begin on September 16th 2024.

Mums Mart received and played host to a group from Nairobi in March of 2022 but have yet to organise the exchange visit back.

Retreats were organised for Mums Mart crew in 2023, taking 17 local mums to Llandudno and again in 2024 to a place in Trigonos, Wales.

The Mums Mart is now very much a supporting group looking after the United Estates ethos and providing a fantastic service for all local people. The Savings Community, run By Mums Mart continues to grow and welcomed its 100th member recently.

Work began on the Outdoor Gym mid 2023 with metalwork being constructed in the alcove area near Mo's Community Cabin Shop. There are now two 'chin up' bars and two 'dipping frames' bolted into the walls and a frame for a punch bag being made out of car tyres has been bolted securely between the corners of the two walls. There are outdoor benches and a range of kettle bells to be included along with battle ropes and a pushing sledge, a range of nautilus balls with frame will complete phase one of the work.

A company called '*Civilian Military Fitness*' (which actually began life at UEW in 2005) will eventually take on the day to day running and management of the project.

The outdoor gym will be open on a 24/7 basis to all local people and it is hoped that local aspiring PT instructors or anyone with plans to join the fitness industry will use the area for their own dreams, aspirations and community enterprises.

The dance studio remains underused since the advent of lockdown and covid with only one regular client, being the Mixed Martial Arts group. This is a sad development as the Dance Studio is well equipped and looks and feels fabulous.

There are occasional children's parties; the room is fully equipped with a good quality sound system and a great lighting rack with fully mirrored wall and cinema projector.

The room is now more regularly used for rehearsal space for the various musicians using the Urban Collective music room.

The advent of CineCity in Belle Vue, (Manchester based Cinema) closing down did us an unexpected favour as the company offered us one of their professional quality projectors. Not good news for their employees and clients of the place clearly, but at least the equipment didn't go to waste and is now proudly installed in the Gym area. A fantastic feature which we daren't put on for more than the length of a handful of YouTube pop songs for fear of running up the electricity costs! It is a feature of future enjoyment.

Early 2024 saw United Estates renewing our agreement with the Probation Service. We have agreed to take on up to three of their clients per week with community service orders. Duties will include light cleaning, gym steward, gardening and grounds maintenance.

We also continue to offer local secondary schools with work placement opportunities for up to five pupils per year, in areas like music/stage management, sport science and gardening/landscaping and ground maintenance.

Since early 2023 we have been working in partnership with an international group with offices in the UK called Initiatives of Change (IofC UK).

We have worked together in the past on the development of the 'Street Peace' Conferences.

This present piece of work involves another conference asking the question '*Is Honesty a necessary requirement in today's society?*'? The work is most interesting and has taken me across the North West over the last year meeting with people whose lives have been affected (sometimes disastrously) by societal corruption and dishonesty.

There is a separate detailed report on Conference development available on request.

Next year UEW will be 30 years young and still a spring chicken!?

Not bad for an idea that came about simply to bring local families and individuals together to help solve and be a part of the solution to our own problems.

Working with some of the real characters on the estate and reaching out to the young people who had become hard to reach, we find ourselves a real needs led, community owned, 'village hall' type social enterprise.

We have had a real tough couple of years. Despite the many challenges and hurdles, we have managed to overcome these struggles in our own indomitable way; sense of humour intact and with a faith and vision that if the service we provide is genuinely needs led and community run; for the benefit of the local people who we see, day in, day out then our service should and would continue.

With the support of the Tudor Trust we are hopefully through the worst. The bills are back to being manageable and once again there are more ideas in the pipeline than there are hours in the day, a challenge we relish and are well equipped for.

An idea of current numbers, August 2024

- The Gym attracts around 40 people per day
- Mo's Cabin attracts around 10 people per day
- The Dance studio has one regular client and occasional children's parties; is regularly used for music recital and rehearsal space.
- The Urban Collective Music Studio has two regular clients with walk in opportunities' reduced to at most, five per week.
- Food Routes is active seven days a week; has 50 plus volunteers and helps redistribute around 300Kg of fresh food every day. We have a revolving client base numbering in the 100's.
- Mums Mart has a base at UEW and holds regular lunch meetings at UEW every Friday attracting 15 – 20 people, tea, coffee and light lunches are served. Work will soon start on their HQ which will be based within the UEW complex.
- Savings Community recently celebrated its 100th member.

CAP / Debt Management service is open to anyone in the neighbourhood and has a large

- enquiry rate and client list. This is a separate service to UEW but is based in our reception for two days a week.

We continue to offer office space to a local security company, a window cleaning round, a landscape gardening service and a hand car wash and valet service. The hairdresser that was based at UEW is now successfully working out of their own premises in Wythenshawe.

Let's see what 2025 will throw at us!?

Thank you to the Tudor Trust for your kind and generous support, it is most gratefully appreciated by all.

Greg Davis
Sophie Macaulay
August 2024

COPPERDALE TRUST

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT.

Trustees Responsibilities

Charity Law requires the trustees to prepare annual financial statements which show a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and of its financial activities for each year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to :

a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
b) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
c) State whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statement and,

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d) Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with applicable

Accounting Standards and Statement of Recommended Practice and the regulations made under section 130 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

By Order of the Trustees.

Kath Forden

Interim Chair

Copperdale Trust

**REPORT TO THE MEMBERS ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS OF COPPERDALE TRUST
YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 set out on pages

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed

It is my responsibility to

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the act
- Follow the procedure laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145 of the act) and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiners Opinion.

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 of 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 Examiners Statement

No matters have come to my attention:

- 1 Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 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 reached.

Julie Birrane CIMA Dip MA
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Urmston
Manchester
M41 9NW

Receipts and Payments for Copperdale Trust for the year ended 31/3/2024

OVERALL	COPPERDALE	COPPERDALE	UEW	TOTAL	Total
INCOME		TRUST		FUNDS	Funds
				2024	2023
Donations Received		2050	2480	4530	7830
Grants		8050	90246	98296	69497
Supporting people	27708			27708	30018
Contractual Payments	68801			68801	49641
Fund Generation - Charity Shop					9135
Charitable Activities	44		348	392	
TOTAL INCOME	96554	10100	93074	199727	166121
EXPENDITURE					
Provisions	22726		1704	24430	18382
Garden / Maintenance	23			23	3273
Residents	5095			5095	1852
Donations	477			477	108
Miscellaneous Purchases	2174		4010	6184	
Rent			5225	5225	9916
Rates	2339			2339	
Water Rates	1736			1736	
Electricity	9974		8214	18188	11662
Gas			83	83	
Travelling	147		341	488	1080
Car Hire			894	894	
Postage and Carriage	158			158	
Office Stationery	50			50	145
Telephone and Fax	2398		418	2816	2698
Internet	126			126	
Cleaning			412	412	
Premises Expenses	10700		11135	21835	25439
Vehicle Fuel	3066		2360	5426	
Vehicle repairs and servicing	4576		1414	5990	15384
Vehicle licences	1562			1562	
Insurance	4884		792	5676	1235
Sundry Expenses			25	25	9163
Wages - Regular	24208		12747	36955	59048
Wages - Casual	53		974	1027	
Pension	1117		50	1167	1814
Accountancy Fees	2020			2020	1367
Consultancy Fees	35		2500	2535	40
	99643	0	53299	152942	162605
SURPLUS	-3089	10100	39775	46785	3516

cash funds at 31.3.23	39132	
cash funds at 31.3.24	85917	39132

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31/3/23

CASH FUNDS

Cash at Bank and In Hand	88078	39132
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ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE

Furniture and Equipment	8966	11955
Vehicles	8395	11194

	17362	23149
Less Liabilities	5167	8167

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