



Little Aston Community Association

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 509757

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended
31 December 2023

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Report of the Trustees **For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

Report of the Trustees

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's trust deed, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities published on 16/07/14

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The object of the Association is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Little Aston and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, political, religious or other opinions by associating the local authorities, voluntary associations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants.

Public Benefit

The association's activities are available to everyone. Theatre group organises social and educational activities for its members, many of whom are senior citizens. Twinning section has for many years fostered international relations by its association with the group in Burgundy. Walking group provides its members with social activities combined with exercise. The association aims to benefit the local community and by its support of Little Aston Recreation Ground Association and the village hall.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Review of charitable activities in 2023.

Theatre Group had a varied programme of activities during the year. Visits were made to several theatres and restaurants as well as various days out to places of interest. 23 Members took part in a three-night break to North Yorkshire. Membership numbers remained constant. A bench was donated to Little Aston Village Hall in remembrance of Mrs Joy Herbert who was a Trustee and Chairman of Theatre Group for many years. A donation was also made to Birmingham Childrens Hospital.

Twinning Section hosted their French friends from St Georges-sur-Baulche. Visits were made to the Cotswolds and to Birmingham City Centre and there was a group dinner at a local hotel. There were two successful fund-raising activities - a barbeque and a quiz night.

Walking Group carried out programme of activities during the year.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The association controls its expenditure to ensure that financial obligations are covered by specific income streams. Activities only take place if they are financially viable. The policy is to keep a small fund in reserve to cover contingencies.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

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Report of the Trustees (continued) **for the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Theatre Group and Walking Group are planning a full programme of activities for 2024. Twinning Section members will be paying their bi-annual visit to St Georges-sur-Baulche in Burgundy in April 2024.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Little Aston Community Association (LACA) is governed by its constitution, adopted on 1 October 1979.

Organisational structure

The Trustees form the LACA general committee, who oversee the general management and policies of the association. For the purpose of its activities, LACA is split into three sub-groups, each with its own sub-committee, subscription and bank account. These sub-groups are -

Theatre Group	The members take part in trips to theatres, restaurants and places of interest.
Twinning Section	Little Aston has been twinned with Saint-Georges-sur-Baulche in Burgundy, France since 1981. The members take part in bi-annual trips to Burgundy and host their French correspondents on a bi-annual basis.
Walking Group	The members take part in walking trips based on places of interest.

Key management personnel remuneration

The trustees consider the board of trustees as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day-to-day basis. All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

509757

Trustees

Mr S Bennett	Chairman	Mrs A Howle (Resigned August 2023)
Mr J T Smart	Treasurer	Mrs V J Smart
Miss N Herbert (Resigned January 2024)		Mr A I Roberts (Deceased January 2024)

Principal address

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West Midlands, B75 5JB

Independent Examiner

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Report of the Trustees (continued)
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TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period.

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on behalf of the board by:

..... *S. J. Bennett*
S Bennett
Trustee

Dated: 5/08/24

**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of
Little Aston Community Association**

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 set out on pages five to ten.

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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)) and that an independent examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under Section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act); 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 you as 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 matter has 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 15th July 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2023

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Notes	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income		1,131	974
Investment income	2	443	31
Incoming resources from charitable activities			
Theatre Group	3	35,139	25,570
Twinning Section		5,623	7,940
Parent body		-	-
Total incoming resources		<u>42,336</u>	<u>34,515</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities			
Theatre Group	4	31,386	24,353
Twinning Section		8,332	5,811
Parent body		747	653
Governance costs		480	780
Total resources expended		<u>40,945</u>	<u>31,597</u>
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		1,391	2,918
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		28,018	25,100
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>29,409</u>	<u>28,018</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2023

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>	
		<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	Notes	£	£
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	-	-
		<hr/>	<hr/>
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	2,494	1,600
Cash at bank		33,192	34,027
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		35,686	35,627
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	6,277	7,609
		<hr/>	<hr/>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		29,409	28,018
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		29,409	28,018
		<hr/>	<hr/>
NET ASSETS		29,409	28,018
		<hr/>	<hr/>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		29,409	28,018
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL FUNDS		29,409	28,018
		<hr/>	<hr/>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on
and were signed on its behalf by:

5/08/24



.....
S Bennett
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements **For the Year Ended 31 December 2023**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) 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 (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The Trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year-end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - 25% / 33% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

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2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Deposit account interest	443	31

3. INCOMING RESOURCES FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2023			2022
	Theatre Group	Twinning Section	Total Activities	Total Activities
	£	£	£	£
Income from trips, visits and events	33,312	4,632	37,944	31,347
Members subscriptions	1,130	350	1,480	1,358
Gift Aid	187	65	252	234
Members raffle and quiz income	510	576	1,086	571
	<u>35,139</u>	<u>5,623</u>	<u>40,762</u>	<u>33,510</u>

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2023	2022
	Direct Costs	Total Costs
	£	£
Theatre Group	31,386	24,353
Twinning Section	8,332	5,811
Parent Body	747	653
	<u>40,465</u>	<u>30,817</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration, expenses or other benefits paid for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixtures and Fittings		
Cost		
At 1 January	247	477
At 31 December	<u>247</u>	<u>247</u>
Depreciation		
At 1 January	247	477
At 31 December	<u>247</u>	<u>247</u>
Net Book Value	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade debtors and prepayments	512	710
Other debtors	1,982	890
	<u>2,494</u>	<u>1,600</u>

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deferred Income	4,990	5,753
Trade creditors	1,267	1,836
Other creditors	20	20
	<u>6,277</u>	<u>7,609</u>

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9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no Related Party Transactions for the year ended 31 December 2023 nor for the year ended 31 December 2022.

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1 Jan 2023 £	Net Movement In Funds £	At 31 Dec 2023 £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	28,018	1,391	29,409
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>28,018</u>	<u>1,391</u>	<u>29,409</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement In Funds £
Unrestricted Funds			
General Fund	42,336	40,945	1,391
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>42,336</u>	<u>40,945</u>	<u>1,391</u>

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the year Ended 31 December 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2021</u>
	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES		
Voluntary income		
Subscriptions	869	810
Donations	112	27
Gift Aid	150	137
	<hr/> 1,131	<hr/> 974
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	443	31
Incoming resources from charitable activities		
Income from trips, visits and events	37,944	31,347
Members subscriptions	1,480	1,358
Gift Aid	252	234
Members raffle and quiz income	1,086	571
	<hr/> 40,762	<hr/> 33,510
Total incoming resources	<hr/> 42,336	<hr/> 34,515
RESOURCES EXPENDED		
Charitable activities		
Costs of trips, visits and events	36,489	27,183
Insurance	396	406
Postage and stationery	713	639
Telephone	-	60
Sundry Expenses	751	486
Meeting expenses	787	1,452
Computer Software	360	346
Bank Charges	163	153
Website Development	121	92
Grants Made	685	-
	<hr/> 40,465	<hr/> 30,817
Governance costs		
Accountancy	480	780
Total resources expended	<hr/> 40,945	<hr/> 31,597
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES	<hr/> 1,391	<hr/> 2,918

This statement does not form part of the statutory financial statements.