



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st March 2022 Period start date To 28th February 2023 Period end date

Charity name: Earsdon and Wellfield Community Association (EWCA)

Charity registration number: 513679

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The charity's objectives are to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Earsdon and Wellfield and the surrounding neighbourhood without distinction of sex, politics, religious or other opinions. We offer opportunities for people to improve their education and health. We provide facilities for recreation and leisure time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the inhabitants and in the interests of their social welfare. When individual group funds are limited we look for ways to keep the group going by reducing their costs.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provide warm, clean and comfortable places for people to meet, talk, learn and partake in activities at a reasonable cost. Provide a library, loan service and emergency response service to the community. Hold Warm Welcome sessions for those in need or isolated.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees of EWCA follow the guidelines of the Charity Commission's procedures in their operation.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment	Para 1.38	

including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Trustees would like to thank the volunteers working at the centre for all of their outstanding work, a lot of which is not seen by our beneficiaries, but without their efforts the centre would not be able to function effectively. This includes cleaning, maintenance, planning and the opening and general running of the centre.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Since COVID the centre's demographics have changed, which caused some of our groups to cease operation. We have also gained other new groups to replace them.</p> <p>In total the centre had over 30 different groups, clubs and organisations using the centre, not including the residences private hires.</p> <p>Planning the lettings of the rooms, at our regular committee meetings, we consider the activities very carefully in line with the Charity Commissions guidelines on the benefits to the public. These activities include but are not limited to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Independent art groups, 3 Yoga groups, 2 Karate groups 4 Independent art groups, 3 Pilates <p>Various craft groups including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Needlework, Ceramic painting and Quilting Dance Academe and a dance school Book Binding Calligraphy Fitness <p>Various Self help and support groups</p> <p>Councillor's Surgeries</p> <p>Theatrical groups and rehearsal rooms</p> <p>Warm Welcome Sessions and groups to combat isolation.</p> <p>All these classes and groups assist in the healthy growth of the local community.</p>

		<p>The centre also allows independent groups to run various activities that fit the need and requirements of our growing community.</p> <p>We also like to help new groups to establish themselves and to assist other voluntary organisations.</p> <p>These activities help support and nurture the community and help the neighbourhood bond together again as pre COVID.</p> <p>Although the COVID grant support has ceased, the centre proved itself to be self-financing over the year.</p> <p>The centre's range of activities and community support group continues to grow by trying to predict the forthcoming needs of the community.</p> <p>The Warm Welcome (formally Warm Bank) project, was a great success, not only supply a warm place with hot refreshments and combating isolation but acted for a help and communications network and helpline for some of the residence.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>We have achieved our main goal of restoring full facilities at the centre after running with limited scope during the pandemic.</p> <p>We have proved we can self-finance the basic running costs of the centre from our rental charges and our own fundraising.</p> <p>We reduced our Carbon Footprint by approximately 25% this year compared to our baseline from 2019. This is partially due to the Heat Recovery System we installed in our two large rooms.</p>
<p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	<p>Fundraising is lower than what we wished for from the Music Festival activities, but the festival was a great success with over 450 attending. The reduction is mainly because we did not charge any entrance fee, hence allowing the public to attend a great event without large expenditure. This again was a project to get people to gain confidence in meeting people post COVID.</p> <p>We also had low level of grant success due to funders redirecting their resources to different target areas post COVID</p>

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At 28th February 2023 the financial position of the charity was we had a total of £36.206 funds, none of which was restricted.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Trustees and Committee agreed to make a new reserves list at the AGM, which included 3 to 6 months running costs. (As per Charity Commissions Guidelines) Unforeseen maintenance reserves (the build was built in 1856 and unprogrammed repairs often happen). Phase 3 replacement roof fund. Inspection and upgrade of hard wiring. Funding for restoration to the Old Lodge
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total Reserves going into 2023 2024 £28,000.00 This is made up of: - Running expenses as per Charity Commissions guidelines £10,500 Unforeseen Maintenance £ 5,000 Phase 3 Roof replacement £10,000 Electrical Inspection and Upgrade £ 2,500 Funding for Old Lodge project, to be agreed.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Na
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Na
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Na

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our main income comes from room rental
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Na
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	In 2024 we come out of our long-term utility agreements and will have to accept

		a considerable increase in our outgoing. We have already started looking for alternatives power supplies.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Suitable candidates which fit the needs of the charity and fit within the guidelines. Trustees positions come up for renewal or reappointment annually at the Annual General Meeting by the members and committee.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	

Charity's principal address	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity.	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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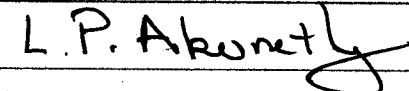
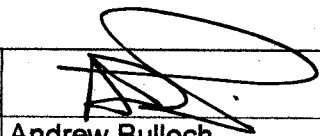
Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Leslie Philip Abernethy	Andrew Bulloch
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Trustee

Date 17th July 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st March 2022	To	Period end date 28th February 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Rental income	22,354	-	-	22,354	16,392
Function	3,591	-	-	3,591	530
Sponsorship	1,607	-	-	1,607	70
Donations	135	-	-	135	-
Grants	2,900	-	-	2,900	16,193
Interest Barclays Bank	12	-	-	12	1
Interest NSI Account	7	-	-	7	1
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,606	-	-	30,606	33,187
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,606	-	-	30,606	33,187
A3 Payments					
Rent	1,765	-	-	1,765	1,765
Utilities	3,779	-	-	3,779	2,896
Insurance	1,322	-	-	1,322	1,102
Cleaning Materials	316	-	-	316	349
Cleaning Fees	3,858	-	-	3,858	3,144
Licences	41	-	-	41	20
Telephone / Broadband	483	-	-	483	513
Equipment and Purchases	759	-	-	759	500
Transport and Fuel	204	-	-	204	54
Printing , Stationary Advertising Post	73	-	-	73	50
General Maintenance labour	2,046	-	-	2,046	1,713
General Maintenance Material	249	-	-	249	487
Projects	6,890	-	-	6,890	8,860
Functions	4,015	-	-	4,015	156
Sundries	310	-	-	310	83
Donation	50	-	-	50	-
Rounding up correction	-	1	-	-	1
	-	-	-	-	2
Sub total	26,159	-	-	26,159	21,690
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	26,159	-	-	26,159	21,690
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,447	-	-	4,447	11,497
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	4,447	-	-	4,447	11,497

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Current	16,358	-	-
	Barclays Savings	12,104	-	-
	NSI Account	7,291	-	-
	Cash in hand	453	-	-
	Total cash funds	36,206	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>L P Abernethy</i>	L P Abernethy	20/12/2023
		20/12/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity name
Earsdon & Wellfield Community Association

**On accounts for the year
ended**

28th February 2023
Charity no (if any) 513679

Set out on pages

Page (3) Report
(Remember to include the page numbers of any additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 28 02 2023

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date: 19/12/2023

Name: Marcus Wickinson

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Local Government Accountant

Address:

C/o Earsdon & Wellfield Community Association

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

n/a

Earsdon and Wellfield Community Association

2022/2023 Accounts

For all organisations, it is important to have the relevant and proportionate controls in place covering its financial and other matters including both current and future operational issues. These controls include those carried out by the management of the association, the records in place and having those independently verified.

The Association's records have been tested within the period March 2022 to February 2023 and there are no areas of concern or matters to raise with the Committee.

The work carried out included:

- Bank and cash balances from the previous accounts for 2021/22.
- The format of the cash book in use.
- Bank reconciliations throughout the financial year.
- Invoices and income.
- Maintaining agreed operational balances
- A programme of continuing improvements for the centre and community
- Seeking external funding where possible
- Noting the good practices arising from the recent pandemic
- The independent test checking at Committee meetings

Discussions again took place at the start of the financial year with regard to the plans for the year given the easing of restrictions from the pandemic and the commitments of the centre itself e.g., heat recovery/ventilation system. The format of the cash book/accounts continues to be improved upon over recent years and these continue to provide the necessary information for both accounting and management information, in line with the requirements of the Charity Commission and for other management purposes.

The audit testing included examination of documents relevant to amounts and disclosures in the accounts and notes. This evidence was sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounts and notes are free from material misstatement as well as demonstrating that there are adequate and effective controls in place.

In my opinion the audit work carried out fairly represents the situation of Earsdon and Wellfield Community Association for the year ended 28 February 2023 and will allow for the subsequent completion of the Charities Commission return. The Association has a satisfactory financial situation and has again financed projects, many with a much lesser grants contribution, to provide improvements mainly with regard to health and safety re air quality and economies on utility charges.

The financial position at the year-end provides the stability required under the guidelines in terms of reserves compared with running costs, which gives an encouraging position for the 2023/24 accounts.

Malcolm Wilkinson

4 July 2023