

# Ground Floor

Charity no. 515918



**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Report**  
**1981 – 2023**

## **What is Ground Floor?**

### **Organizational structure**

Ground Floor is a registered charity (No. 515918) and a company limited by guarantee (No. 01867571). Ground Floor was set up to provide community facilities for disadvantaged groups living in Calder Valley, Luddendenfoot and Todmorden wards of Calderdale.

Based in the centralized town of Hebden Bridge Ground Floor has developed a special and enduring relationship with the town. As well as being a prime site for developing centralized resources for the region. The town was severely under resourced in community amenities, something that Ground Floor has managed to remedy over the years.

Ground Floor is run by voluntary Council of Management, which consists of the following members (correct as of November 2022)

### **Board of Council of Management and Trustees representatives**

Alan Sladic  
Ben Oubridge  
Peter Manning  
Alice Horner  
Richard Goodwin

### **About Ground Floor (a potted history)**

In 1981 in response to a lack of adequate community provision in the Hebden Bridge area, particularly for young people, a body of local people came together with the aims to create youth provision. Soon the aims grew to encompass other disadvantaged groups, including the elderly, unwaged, single parents and people with both physical and learning disabilities. Securing a lease on the rear ground floor of the Trades Club building Ground Floor was born and in the autumn of 1983 the Ground Floor Centre was officially opened.

In 1984 Ground Floor became a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is now established as one of Calderdale's longest serving charities. The move to charity status led to a change in direction for Ground Floor who went through a period of consolidation where it focused the majority of its energy into developing new facilities and groups within the community.

The charity moved to its current premises Salem Community Resource Centre, adjacent to Co-Operative Food, in 1998.

In partnership with local community groups, Ground Floor was instrumental in developing a variety of independently run community initiatives. One such was the first ever after schools Club - Hebden Bridge Schools Out - an umbrella group that developed out of school provision and resources throughout the whole Upper Valley. Ground Floor was also the major force behind the establishment of a number of organizations in the Calder Valley including the first Credit Union, Pennine Play & Leisure Library and recycling projects as Pennine Magpie, Kerbside Recycling and The Alternation Technology Centre. It also created the first ever Yorkshire Car Share Scheme - the well known Hour Car and set up the first ever Calderdale Computer Recycling Refurbishing and reissue of computers to the disadvantaged, unemployed

and students - the equally well known Dot Communications/3RiT. Both these latter Groups are still based at Salem Community Resource Centre.

Ground Floor is controlled by a management committee of trustees and representatives from its user groups and is currently home to over 40 such user groups including Dog and Puppy Training, Yoga, Ballet, Flamenco Dancing and other Dance Group, AA and NA Groups and a number of Social Welfare Organizations. For the last 30 years it has the Annual Toy Appeal and hosted Les Dansants Panard and other festivals.

In conjunction with the Charities information bureau, West Yorkshire Community Work Training and the local job Centres.

Ground Floor has won many awards including being given the Duke of York Community Initiative Award, Ground Floor being the only charity to win this award three times in a row 2007, 2013 and 2015 and in 2013 became the first recipients of the Duke of York Community Leadership Award that included funding. In 2010 the Charity was given the Queens Award for Voluntary Service (The MBE for Volunteer Groups).

### **Report for 2021/22 Financial Year.**

This financial year, we managed to stay afloat with the electric prices going up and things are looking up financial.

Over the year we have had volunteers from the Halifax Job Centres.

However during the course of the year a number of new groups joined the Ground Floor family including the Ash Hebden Herbs, Marnie's Studio and Oxfam workshop, we were sorry to see the Yoga Hall Soul Space, but we still haven't got all the groups back after covid, some of them are still want to return at a later date.

Kevin Hogan that runs Hour Car retires this year good luck to him hope he enjoys retirement and doesn't miss everyone too much.

Despite the many accolades Ground Floor has received it does not currently receive any grant funding on a regular basis and relies entirely on donations from the groups and the hire of its premises to thrive. However the future of Ground Floor looks bright which makes the long term future of the Centre look good.

### **Mission Statement**

**Ground Floor** aims to promote positive community action that increases opportunities and benefits for all disadvantaged people living in the Calder Valley.

To this end, **Ground Floor** is actively involved in providing, developing, supporting and sustaining a wide range of community-led and self-help initiatives within the region.

### **Charitable Aims & Objectives**

#### **The primary objectives of Ground Floor, are:**

To promote the advancement of education, the relief of the need and the provision of facilities and other leisure-time occupations in the interests of social welfare

among young and other unemployed people residing within Upper Calderdale (comprising Calder Valley, Luddendfoot and Todmorden).

To promote the protection and preservation of the environment for the public benefit by: a) educating the public in the benefits to the environment of sustainable waste management and energy practices, b) conducting research into sustainable waste management and sustainable energy and disseminating the useful results of that research and c) developing and encouraging sustainable waste management and sustainable energy practices.

In this clause 'sustainable waste management and energy practices' shall mean waste miniaturization, minimization of pollution and harmful waste, reuse of waste, waste recovery activities and clearance of pollutants from contaminated land.

In this clause 'sustainable energy practices' shall mean the practical creation of energy from waste and renewable sources in such a way as to minimize pollution from the same.

To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the aforesaid community and in particular the advancement of education, the protection of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness, to promote and organize co-operation in the achievement of the same and to that end to bring together in council representative of the voluntary organization and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

To promote the integration of the disadvantaged groups within the general community and to stress the importance of importance of self-help amongst such disadvantaged groups.

**In order to achieve these aims the council of management is empowered to do the following:**

To create links and contacts both inside and outside the area of benefit.

To establish, maintain and manage any work centers, projects or activities in furtherance of the objectives.

To arrange and provide exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes concerned with the education of the public.

To enter into partnership or into arrangement for shared of mutual promotion of any of the objectives.

**The Staff 2020/21**

**Ground Floor**

Fran Tidswell                      Centre Manager

**Volunteers**

Alan Sladic	Painting
Melissa Meadows	Cleaning
Darryl Tidswell	Odd Jobs
Arron Owens	Odd Jobs

**Job Placements (Job Centre Plus)**

20 individuals were placed with us for work experience over the year  
Together with other volunteers from our user groups.

Financial Accounts of

**Ground Floor**

Company Number 1867571

For the year

ended 31<sup>st</sup>

March 2023

The attached accounts have been prepared from the books,  
records and explanations received, and are in accordance  
therewith.

Lord & Swain Accountants

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Road  
HEBDEN  
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## Ground Floor

### Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Ground Floor for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

I report on the accounts of the company attached herewith.

I have examined the books, records, other information and explanations supplied by the company's administrators without performance of an audit and prepared accounts there from.

The accounts are in accordance with the records as supplied, which I believe give a true and fair view of the company's financial affairs for the period under examination.

No matter has come to my attention that gives me cause to believe that the requirements to keep proper accounting records and prepare accounts which accord with them have not been met.

Notes:

1. The Company's administration has undergone major changes since the withdrawal of Local Authority funded staff, and its role within the community has altered as time has gone on, hence general costs and expenditure streams have varied considerably with time. Income has been restored to pre-pandemic levels, but the current cost of energy remains a challenge.

Gareth Swain M.A.A.T.

5<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## Ground Floor

### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 Income and Expenditure Account

	<u>31.3.2023</u>	<u>31.3.2022</u>
	<u>Total funds</u>	<u>Total funds</u>
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Grants & donations	0	2667
Miscellaneous Income	0	86
Resource Income	36932	37152
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	36932	39905
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Salaries & Casual Labour	9802	9704
Rent, rates & water	5895	6202
Light & heat	10312	13856
Insurances	835	810
Repairs & Improvements	3810	5456
Communications	938	865
Sundry expenditure	48	436
Volunteers' Expenses	98	662
Cleaning	3651	2949
Security	737	532
Accountant's Examination	200	200
Depreciation	85	107
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	36411	41779
Surplus / -Deficit for the year	521	-1874
Fund balance brought forward	79	1953
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Fund balance carried forward	600	79

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### Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023


	<u>31.3.2023</u>	<u>31.3.2022</u>
<b>Fixed Assets (per Schedule)</b>	342	427
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Prepaid Electricity	0	0
Balance at Bank	961	270
Cash in Hand	5	90
	<hr/> 966	<hr/> 360
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<hr/> 1308	<hr/> 787
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Creditors' Ledger	508	508
Accrued Liabilities	200	200
	<hr/> 708	<hr/> 708
<b>Long Term Liabilities</b>		
Loan account	0	0
	<hr/> 600	<hr/> 79
<b>Financed By</b>		
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For the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477(2) of the Companies Act 2006. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibility for:

- I) ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with Section 386; and
- II) preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of Section 393, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as is applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime. The foregoing financial statements were approved by the board and have been signed on their behalf by ALAN SLADIC, trustee, this SIX day of October 2023.

 ALAN SLADIC, Trustee.

## Ground Floor

### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Schedule of movements of fixed assets

<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<u>Buildings</u>	<u>Pool</u>	<u>Motor Van</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance forward	95677	2972	0	98649
Additions	0	0	0	0
Depreciation at Start	-95456	-2766	0	-98222
Depreciation for Period	-44	-41	0	-85
	<hr/> 177	<hr/> 165	<hr/> 0	<hr/> 342
Value at Start	<hr/> <hr/> 221	<hr/> <hr/> 206	<hr/> <hr/> 0	<hr/> <hr/> 427