

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT 2023

Members, friends, ladies and gentlemen - a truly warm welcome to you all as we come together to celebrate another year of work, pleasure and family togetherness at this Annual General Meeting of the Society in 2023.

As we celebrate a full year with the tragedy of Covid behind us, it is indeed good to be here. We continue to cope with the ongoing loss of so many beloved members.

CARE GROUP REPORT APRIL 2023

The Jamaica Society Care Group is made up of a group of members within the society, who have volunteered their services, to befriend and visit our Elderly members in their homes, along with other members and friends within the wider community who are ill, or housebound. Visits are also made to Care Homes, Hospitals and hospices, to help reduce isolation and loneliness. In addition, we also support members and friends who are bereaved.

Since Covid there has been a very slow return in getting back to full normality, as many of our members are elderly and frightened to leave their homes or accept visits. Therefore, our Care Group members keep in touch by phone, or send a "Thinking of you Card" and occasionally ring and let them know that there is a bunch of flowers or fruits outside their door.

Feedback received:

"They look forward to the telephone calls to get any updated information on the Society, along with sharing the banter and colloquial phrases which create so much laughter, as it reminds them of home, helps them feel better, and gives them a buzz. They do appreciate the flowers/fruit received from the Society, and always end with "May the Good Lord continue to bless the Jamaica Society and its Members".

When any members/friends are reported ill, in hospital, deceased, or members who we have not seen for a long time, appropriate cards are sent to wish individuals a speedy recovery along with a bouquet of flowers/plant. Condolence cards are sent to families expressing our sympathy for the loss of their loved ones. Unfortunately, we have lost a few of our Members and Friends during the year. May

their soul Rest in Peace and rise in glory. They are: Mr Lincoln Cole, Mr Neville Atkins, Mr Keith Armstrong, Mr Watson, Mrs Murrant, Mr Terry Hutchinson, Mr Ben Jarrett.

We have also formed very strong links with The Irish Health and Homes organization over the years, where both Groups have supported/attended each other's functions and really enjoy and appreciate each other company and Social Events.

Theresa Condor
Care Group Co-Ordinator

SECRETARY'S REPORT 2023

Greetings to all our members and friends of the Jamaica Society. I take this opportunity to say "Thank You" for your continuous support over these past difficult years. As you are aware that 2020-2022 were challenging times for everyone due to Covid'19 pandemic which had affected both our activities and resources.

We have seen a decline in our membership due to ill-health, or bereavement, and some members are unable to venture outdoors.

The Jamaica Society holds their Monthly Meeting every third Sunday of each Month and the Executive Meeting every 2nd Thursday of each month.

Post covid '19 I can honestly say that we have bounced back and have started holding events. I can report what we have achieved in the past year and present. Members are kept in the loop about things that are important to them. this can be through a telephone contact, letter or an email. We are resilient and the Society is moving forward from strength to strength.

In May 2022 We launched the Out of Many Festival which lasted throughout the year, and Celebrated 60 Years of Jamaican Independence. On May 24th Curator Susan Pitter held a reception at the Leeds Central Library that was well attended with all the funding sponsors and many dignitaries present.

On the 3rd June 2022, to mark the late Queen's 70th Platinum Jubilee, we held a outdoor social event at Jamaica House, this was well supported and

we had lovely weather. Next was our Annual Charity Ball in the summer, this was held at the Hilton Hotel. Those who supported it had a wonderful event. It was an auspicious occasion.

On August 1st 2022 the Society hosted Mawnin Emancipation Day, a breakfast event. Well, if you missed it, you missed out on something that was really good. It was an early start and we had good attendance with members of the community.

On August 7th 2022 - We held our 60th Independence Service at St. Aidan's Church, the theme was - One People - Blessed by God. Our speaker was the Rev Carl Ramsay. On September 18th we were invited to the St. Kitts & Nevis Independence Service our General Meeting was postponed enabling members to attend. Members from their organization have always supported our Independence Service.

The Rebellion to Romance exhibition at the Leeds Central Library was a natural progression from the 2019 Eulogy Project on first-generation Jamaicans of Leeds. It started with a series of events, showcasing at the Leeds Playhouse. Members were kept informed and updated of the events, as featured in the booklet.

On October 11th 2022 The Rugby League World Cup 2022 commenced. The Jamaican Reggae Warriors held a Reception at the Leeds Civic Hall. The Chairperson and three members of the executive were invited.

In October the Society started Yoga classes for the able and less able to promote one's physical and social well-being. In a calm, relaxing and meditative atmosphere, this is currently ongoing on Saturdays, 2-3pm, with our class Tutor Bianca,

On November 8th 2022 a very special event was held at Leeds Central Library which was attended by King Charles. Several members and friends of the Society and community leaders were invited to the reception. The event was featured on our Regional News and in the local newspapers.

In November the Society held our first Digital Inclusion Training for all members, to learn IT skills, to gain knowledge for beginners and the more advanced. On December 10th 2022 - Our senior citizen Christmas Dinner took place and it was very successful. Unfortunately, the Childrens' Christmas party was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances,

April 1st 2023 was a very great moment in history as it commemorated the contribution of over 4000 Caribbean WW2 Servicemen, the majority of whom were from Jamaica. A Plaque was unveiled at a private residence in Filey, as a result of the generosity of the house' owners. It was organised by Farr family and assisted by the Out of Many Festival Curator Susan

Pitter. There were seven surviving servicemen present. Several Society members attended along with members from other associations.

On April 8th 2023 we held our Easter Supper fundraising event at Jamaica House. It was very successful.

The Society is currently looking at ways to develop and improve our Jamaica House. We continue to stay positive and to provide the best service we can offer to provide more social events and to fundraise.

Finally, my sincere thanks to everyone who is involved with the Society, "Our Yard", for their time and energy. Many thanks to those who have gone over and above to make it what it is. As we continue to put the best out for our Society, I wish the Society a very successful year ahead.

Thank you.

June Wood,
Secretary to the Jamaica Society (Leeds).

The Jamaica Society (Leeds)
277, Chapeltown Road, Leeds, LS7 3HA
Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 30 April 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to The Jamaica Society (Leeds)

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Jamaica Society (Leeds) for the year ended 30 April 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees 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 Society's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Society as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Name: Syed Zahid Ali
Date: 12 June 2023

Address: 20 Oaklands Avenue, Leeds, LS16 8NR

The Jamaica Society (Leeds)
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	2022
Income and Grants				
<i>Donations and Grants</i>				
ACE Festival	-	44,108	44,108	50,000
National Lottery Heritage Fund	6,761	-	6,761	-
Community Foundation	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
Renewal & Membership (New)	117	-	117	26
Church Service Collections/Donations	200	-	200	-
Donations - Members	-	-	-	-
Membership Monthly Dues	1,501	-	1,501	769
Senior Citizen Members Donations	613	-	613	-
Other Donations - Members	1,995	-	1,995	50
Miscellaneous Donations	25	-	25	-
Leeds Inspired	-	-	-	9,000
Wades Trust	-	-	-	3,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	19,800
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	273,273	273,273	-
Leeds Culture Trust	-	-	-	12,000
Loan Member	2,500	-	2,500	-
<i>Donations and Grants Total</i>	13,712	327,381	341,093	104,645
<i>Other Activities</i>				
Eulogy Project Book Sales	120	-	120	-
Ball Night	4,762	-	4,762	-
Social Function - Queens Jubilee	255	-	255	-
Social Functions	1,188	-	1,188	-
Jam Nat Reg Council	-	-	-	-
Use of Hall	1,580	-	1,580	640
Trips	-	-	-	-
Sale of Ties	5	-	5	-
Rent BHI	-	-	-	-
Raffle	104	-	104	30
Yoga	60	-	60	-
<i>Other Activities Total</i>	8,074	-	8,074	670
<i>Investments</i>				
Deposit Account Interest	84	-	84	7
Income Grand Total	21,870	327,381	349,251	112,436

The Jamaica Society (Leeds)
Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2023

Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
			2023	2022
Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society				
Post/Print/Stationery	1,041	-	1,041	332
Van/Coach Hire/Travelling	-	-	-	82
Lighting and Heating	1,560	-	1,560	1,497
General Rates/Water Rates	1,771	-	1,771	1,811
Telephone	946	-	946	688
Repairs & Maintenance	3,361	-	3,361	946
Accountancy Fees	400	-	400	750
Ball Night	5,053	-	5,053	500
Waste Disposal	1,753	-	1,753	1,399
Insurance	2,987	-	2,987	2,761
Cleaning	60	-	60	45
Benevolence - Care Group	657	-	657	1,074
- Charities	-	-	-	-
- Snr Citizens/Childrens Party	496	-	496	-
Fire Protection/Homeguard	2,333	-	2,333	468
Yoga	360	-	360	-
Social Fund	841	-	841	-
Church Service	863	-	863	-
Bond Refunds	300	-	300	-
Relating to the Work of The Jamaica Society Total	24,782	-	24,782	12,353
Expenditure on Restricted Projects				
Eulogy Project	-	-	-	-
Leeds Cultural Trust	-	-	-	11,100
National Lottery Heritage Fund	-	5,571	5,571	8,822
ACE Project	-	-	-	-
Phoenix Fund	-	-	-	9,304
Wades Trust	-	-	-	3,000
National Lottery Community Fund	-	-	-	31,529
ACE Festival	-	52,377	52,377	14,950
Community Foundation	-	5,850	5,850	-
Leeds Inspired	-	9,131	9,131	1,150
National Lottery Heritage Fund OOMF	-	246,130	246,130	-
	-	319,059	319,059	79,855
Expenditure Grand Total	24,782	319,059	343,841	92,207
Income Grand Total	21,870	327,381	349,251	105,322
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	- 2,912	8,322	5,410	13,115

The Jamaica Society (Leeds)
Statement of Assets and Liabilities at 30 April 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	
				2023	2022
Cash at Bank and in Hand					
Deposit Account		625		625	625
Current Account		56	3,000	3,056	5,968
Restricted Fund Account			80,109	80,109	71,787
		<u>681</u>	<u>83,109</u>	<u>83,790</u>	<u>78,380</u>
Represented By:					
Reserves at 1 May 2022				78,380	65,265
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year				5,410	13,115
				<u>83,790</u>	<u>78,380</u>

Other Assets Held for the Unrestricted Use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds)

Fixed Assets	3	11,467
Property	4	1,060,000

The attached notes on page 6 form part of these financial statements.

The Jamaica Society (Leeds)
Notes to The Financial Statements at 30 April 2023

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1. The financial statements of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 2008 using the Receipts and Payments basis.
2. The movements in designated and restricted funds during the year were:

	Bal B/fwd	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	Bal C/Fwd
Restricted					
Leeds Culture Trust	3,700	-	-	-	3,700
National Lottery Heritage Fund	12,397	-	5,571	-	6,826
ACE Project	4,278	-	-	-	4,278
Phoenix Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Community Foundation	10,000	10,000	5,850	-	14,150
Wades Trust	-	-	-	-	-
National Lottery Community Fund	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
ACE Festival	33,563	44,108	52,377	-	25,293
Leeds Inspired	7,850	-	9,131	-	1,281
NLHF & Associated Activities	-	273,273	246,130	-	27,143
	<u>74,787</u>	<u>327,381</u>	<u>319,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>83,109</u>

3. Assets held for the unrestricted use of The Jamaica Society (Leeds) are valued at cost less depreciation calculated at 25% on a reducing balance basis.

	Fixtures Fittings	Equipment	Computer Equipment	Total
Cost	<u>12,400</u>	<u>13,635</u>	<u>1,148</u>	<u>27,183</u>
Depreciation				
Brought Forward	5,425	5,966	502	11,893
Depreciation for Year	<u>1,744</u>	<u>1,917</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>3,823</u>
Carried Forward	<u>7,169</u>	<u>7,883</u>	<u>664</u>	<u>15,716</u>
Net Book Value				
At 30 April 2022	<u>6,975</u>	<u>7,669</u>	<u>646</u>	<u>15,290</u>
At 30 April 2023	<u>5,231</u>	<u>5,752</u>	<u>484</u>	<u>11,467</u>

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