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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 519835

Report of the Trustees and
Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 August 2023
for
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Alt Valley Community Trust (AVCT) is a Social Business based in The North East of Liverpool. It serves several electoral wards experiencing significant social and economic challenges (as identified by the 'indices of Multiple Deprivation'). It was founded as an Educational charity in 1988 but has since developed into a multi-faceted anchor organisation contributing to Individual Well-Being and sustainable Communities.

Vision

Sustainable communities where everybody achieves their full potential and leads happy, healthy and fulfilled lives.

Mission

We bring about positive change in Alt Valley and the wider community by developing innovative partnerships to maximise opportunities in community engagement, education and training, sport and wellbeing, and business and enterprise.

The charity's core objectives are:

- 1) To contribute to the creation of sustainable communities.
- 2) To provide education and leisure training facilities to enable people to acquire and develop vocational skills.
- 3) To train and educate people through their leisure time activities so their health and wellbeing and conditions of life may be improved.

The charity's objectives are promoted through 4 key operational areas namely;

- Business and Employment
- Community Development
- Education and Training
- Sports and Wellbeing

Public benefit

AVCT was established to provide a range of services to address disadvantage in the Alt Valley and surrounding neighbourhoods of Liverpool. Our activities are intended to improve access to education and training, support for people entering employment and to provide community facilities and well-being activities, all of which build a sustainable community.

AVCT has grown to be one of the biggest social enterprise, community organisations in Liverpool, offering a unique range of services and facilities. AVCT has contracts with Liverpool City Council for the delivery of education and sports activities, the ESFA for the delivery of vocational training and has taken over the management of some City Council community assets to keep them open and to maintain local services for local people. Not only has local provision been retained, the footfall and the community use has increased.

AVCT is increasingly being called on to provide additional support to local community organisations to keep them going. This includes providing advice, staff expertise and affordable office and meeting space. The range of services, resources, partners and experience has made AVCT an invaluable resource for the north east of the city. The Trust's key role as the main 'Anchor' organisation for the Alt Valley communities now extends to the North East wards of Yew Tree and Knotty Ash as well as Croxteth, Norris Green, Clubmoor and Fazakerley.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objectives are reviewed on an annual basis. The company ensures that robust monitoring, evaluation and review processes are in place to evidence the impact and effectiveness of our community focused work.

Governance

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should pursue.

All company policies were reviewed & updated and internal financial controls for charities documentation completed at the AGM on 4th February 2023.

Two new trustees were appointed to ensure that the company had relevant expertise to support the development of youth- based provision. Trustees have also ensured that they have greater insight into operations and delivery by conducting site visits to examine progress and discuss issues with staff.

Staff and Management

Two consultants assist senior staff and Trustees in developing plans for the future. The Executive Director along with the Assistant Chief Executive retain an overview of all Trust activities including finance. Staff re-structuring is a permanent feature of the organisation and a pre-requisite for adapting to changing needs and contexts.

Community development

All of AVCT's Community hubs have youth and elderly focused provision. Both youth and elderly initiatives have secured exceptional progress from a standing start position.

- Ellergreen centre is full to capacity with 9 partners in situ, it is the base for the successful DWP Youth Hub who recognised that young people preferred community focused provision to DWP offices. The Kickstart programme targets 19-24 year olds who have experienced barriers to employment. Hope University social work students support service users. Staff have devised detailed case studies of how hard to reach young people with increasing mental health needs have been supported. Intensive intervention is required so arts and creative opportunities provided as a means of improving confidence and self-esteem. There have been 104 referrals to date with 47 young people progressing into employment.
- Dovecot hub the community café and library will be merged to establish an older persons' hub space. The sports facility will be re-opened in conjunction with new partners and a theatre space created.
- Libraries are gradually increasing their activities after the long closure periods. Breck Road is the busiest base and now has a high percentage of BAME service users so this is being addressed. New strategy to be devised in order to make provision more vibrant, stimulating and inclusive.
- Communiversity has two- fold provision as the education base and community hub. Successful grant applications (Trailblazer Music) provided innovative creative projects such as young peoples' music, community podcasts and drama opportunities. The creative strategy has proven to be very effective in encouraging people back into community hubs following the impact of the pandemic.

Sports & well-being centres.

- Increasing footfall has been secured through initiatives such as holiday play schemes for young people. Walton centre has been refurbished.
- More partnerships have been developed with health care services.

Education

- The constantly shifting education landscape requires continuous review. Currently have approximately 150 learners on programmes funded by loans, apprenticeships, and new futures digi bid. Traineeships are no longer available following a change in Government policy. The contracts are well managed and funders are continually increasing compliance and administrative procedures. AVCT's curriculum offer now focuses upon three pillars; Learning support and Care services/Creative and Digital/Health and Well-Being.

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for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

- Adult Learning Service. This year we delivered courses for the 19+ age range in Croxteth, Yew Tree and Vauxhall. To date all targets have been met and quality of provision cited in various documents such as an Ofsted Consultant's observation reports.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Trust continues to operate extremely tight financial margins. All financial years are equally challenging as public funding continues to be put under increasing pressure. The Finance Manager ensures that rigorous systems are applied to secure efficiencies, value for money and contract compliance.

In summary there is total incoming resources in the accounts for year ended 31 August 2023 of £3,484,702 with expenditure on charitable activities £1,662,176, impairment loss on programme related investment £81,977 therefore net income of £1,740,549.

Whilst increased costs have affected service provision we continue to provide services that offer exemplary value for money. Next financial year's forecast will include anticipated losses of revenue, however we anticipate growth going forward. We employ 30 staff and have a strong forward plan which puts AVCT and partners in a good position to respond to community need and provision of services in the future.

The SLT have developed improved systems and processes to create synergy between projects and their funding streams. New procedures have strengthened the impact of initiatives such as elderly, creative and youth hubs, similarly financial monitoring has secured increased effectiveness.

The most significant financial development has been the successful application to The Youth Investment fund. A total of £3.5 million will be provided to develop provision for young people across 4 sites. SIB (Social Investment Business) is managing this grant and continues to provide much needed support to AVCT.

Reserves policy

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The Trustees regularly review the finances and budget forecasts in the context of the of an ever changing environment and monitor the Trust's working capital requirements.

In line with Charity Commission guidance, the Trustees believe a good reserves policy helps the organisation to be prepared to deal with unforeseen emergencies or other unexpected needs for funds, such as an unexpected large repair bill. There could also be a need to fund short-term deficits in a cash budget whereby money needs to be spent before a funding grant is received.

The Trustees, in line with Charity Commission guidance have therefore established a reserves policy whereby the unrestricted funds not committed or invested in tangible fixed assets held by the Charity should be approximately equal to three months of expenditure at current levels. The Trustees are actively planning to build towards the stated level of reserves.

FUTURE PLANS

Partnerships

AVCT continues to work in collaboration with a range of partners including the City Council, Liverpool City Region, social housing providers, key services and most importantly local community organisations. We are fully committed to partnership working and this aspect is always an integral part of our work.

The Trust continues to develop its work in the wider community, building on its successful partnerships with Neighbourhood Services Company, and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council.

AVCT has close working relationships with several Universities such as Solent (undergraduate work experience), Hope University (social worker placements), Edge Hill University (student nurses placements) and Uppsala University (developing new approaches to reduce NEET rate amongst young people). In addition we were invited to be a partner with Toynbee Hall (London) to develop peer-based research with our community to examine 'Access to cash'.

VNC

As management agents we have arrested the deterioration and decline in provision by rationalising the premises. A range of services are now established including activities for the Elderly, youth facilities, adult learning classes, food pantry project and holiday play schemes. This is a major community project requiring further thought and partnership work with organisations such as Everton in the Community. The area desperately needs a community base given that so many community- focused organisations have closed.

Our work and responsibilities as a Community Anchor organisation will continue to be the main driver influencing our future strategies for community sustainability and well-being.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

As set out in the Articles of Association there will be a minimum of four trustees and no more than seventeen. When considering the appointment of trustees the Board has regard to the requirement of any specialist skills needed. For example Mrs. L Baugh is an experienced Early Years Practitioner with a Safeguarding Specialism and she joined the board to assist in this regard in the delivery of the education and training programmes for the charity.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

Organisational structure

The board of trustees which can have up to 17 members administers the charity. The board normally meets quarterly and there are link directors who liaise with the Education and Training, Community Development, Sport and Well Being and Business and Employment Managers.

A Chief Executive is appointed by the trustees to manage the day to day operations of the charity. In order to facilitate effective operations the Chief Executive has delegated authority, within terms of delegation approved by the trustees in operational matters including finance, employment and programme delivery.

Induction and training of new trustees

New trustees undergo an induction process to ensure they are aware of their legal obligations under charity and company law, the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and inform them of the content of the Memorandum and Articles of Association as well as the recent financial performance of the charity. Trustees will meet key employees, other trustees and are encouraged to undertake appropriate external training to help facilitate the undertaking of their role.

The Chair of the Board is completing a skills audit to ensure that bespoke support and training is provided to all trustees and that a range of governance competencies are in place.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

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.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

04275541 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

519835

Registered office

Communiversy
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Trustees

Ms A M Mason
Mrs L A Baugh
Mr G Brennan
Mr A Jennings
Dr B McDonough
Mr A L Rimmer
Ms S A Sweeney
Mr R Meredith
Mr P J Hooton (appointed 14.11.22)
Ms P Thornley (appointed 14.11.22)

Company Secretary

Ms S A Sweeney

Auditors

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited for the purposes of company law) 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).

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company 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 charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and
- the trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

AUDITORS

The auditors, MAR Kilshaw Limited, will be proposed for re-appointment at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Ms A M Mason - Trustee

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited (the 'charitable company') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charitable company has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

We identified areas of laws and regulations that could reasonably be expected to have a material effect on the financial statements from our general commercial and sector experience, and through discussions with the trustees (as required by auditing standards) and discussed with the trustees the policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations. We communicated identified laws and regulations throughout our team and remained alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout the audit. The potential effect of these laws and regulations on the financial statements varies considerably.

Firstly, the company is subject to laws and regulations that directly affect the financial statements including financial reporting legislation and taxation legislation. We assessed the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our procedures on the related financial statement items.

Secondly, the company is subject to many other laws and regulations where the consequences of noncompliance could have a material effect on amounts or disclosures in the financial statements, for instance through the imposition of fines or litigation. We identified the following areas as those most likely to have such an effect: Charities Act 2011, Health and Safety at Work Act and Employment Law.

Auditing standards limit the required audit procedures to identify non-compliance with these laws and regulations to enquiry of the directors and inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any. Through these procedures we did not become aware of any actual or suspected non-compliance.

Owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. For example, the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely the inherently limited procedures required by auditing standards would identify it. In addition, as with any audit, there remained a higher risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal controls. We are not responsible for preventing noncompliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined below to detect material misstatement due to fraud:

- Matters are discussed amongst the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud might occur
- Identifying and assessing the design and effectiveness of controls that management have in place
- Detecting and responding to the risks of fraud following discussions with management.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Report of the Independent Auditors to the Trustees of
Alt Valley Community Trust Limited

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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CLAIRE RILEY (SENIOR STATUTORY AUDITOR)

MAR Kilshaw Limited

Eligible to act as an auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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Date: 08.08.2024

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	110,524	-	110,524	-
Charitable activities					
Sports and wellbeing	3	116,626	9,944	126,570	207,045
Education		442,292	169,950	612,242	387,475
Community engagement		346,009	2,270,252	2,616,261	666,487
Covid Funding		-	-	-	39,902
Other income		19,105	-	19,105	21,623
Total		1,034,556	2,450,146	3,484,702	1,322,532
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Sports and wellbeing	4	140,667	9,944	150,611	251,437
Education		548,177	169,950	718,127	430,832
Community engagement		428,843	364,595	793,438	659,132
Total		1,117,687	544,489	1,662,176	1,341,401
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(81,977)	-	(81,977)	-
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(165,108)	1,905,657	1,740,549	(18,869)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		2,425,388	1,780,368	4,205,756	4,224,625
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,260,280	3,686,025	5,946,305	4,205,756

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Balance Sheet
31 August 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.8.23 Total funds £	31.8.22 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	9	1,960,510	3,684,425	5,644,935	3,770,144
Social investments	10	23	-	23	82,000
		<u>1,960,533</u>	<u>3,684,425</u>	<u>5,644,958</u>	<u>3,852,144</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	11	264,272	-	264,272	251,172
Prepayments and accrued income		6,313	-	6,313	9,170
Cash at bank and in hand		250,679	1,600	252,279	585,980
		<u>521,264</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>522,864</u>	<u>846,322</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	12	(221,517)	-	(221,517)	(389,077)
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>299,747</u>	<u>1,600</u>	<u>301,347</u>	<u>457,245</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		<u>2,260,280</u>	<u>3,686,025</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>	<u>4,309,389</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	13	-	-	-	(103,633)
NET ASSETS					
		<u>2,260,280</u>	<u>3,686,025</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds	15			2,260,280	2,425,388
Restricted funds				3,686,025	1,780,368
TOTAL FUNDS					
				<u>5,946,305</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 August 2023.

The members have not deposited notice, pursuant to Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006 requiring an audit of these financial statements.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been audited under the requirements of Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

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Balance Sheet - continued

31 August 2023

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 August 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A.M. Mason". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Ms A M Mason - Trustee

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Cash Flow Statement

for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Cash generated from operations	1	1,679,829	53,853
Interest paid		(6,855)	(4,958)
Net cash provided by operating activities		<u>1,672,974</u>	<u>48,895</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(2,006,675)</u>	<u>(53,874)</u>
Net cash used in investing activities		<u>(2,006,675)</u>	<u>(53,874)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		<u>(333,701)</u>	<u>(4,979)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		<u>585,980</u>	<u>590,959</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		<u><u>252,279</u></u>	<u><u>585,980</u></u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

Notes to the Cash Flow Statement
for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Net income/(expenditure) for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities)	1,740,549	(18,869)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	131,884	85,910
Losses on investments	81,977	-
Interest paid	6,855	4,958
Increase in debtors	(10,243)	(118,585)
(Decrease)/increase in creditors	(271,193)	100,439
Net cash provided by operations	<u>1,679,829</u>	<u>53,853</u>

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

	At 1.9.22 £	Cash flow £	At 31.8.23 £
Net cash			
Cash at bank and in hand	585,980	(333,701)	252,279
	<u>585,980</u>	<u>(333,701)</u>	<u>252,279</u>
Debt			
Debts falling due within 1 year	(23,567)	(80,814)	(104,381)
Debts falling due after 1 year	(103,633)	103,633	-
	<u>(127,200)</u>	<u>22,819</u>	<u>(104,381)</u>
Total	<u>458,780</u>	<u>(310,882)</u>	<u>147,898</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. 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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Freehold property	- 1% on cost
Long leasehold	- at varying rates on cost
Improvements to property	- 1% on cost, at varying rates on cost and straight line over the term of the lease
Plant and machinery	- Straight line over 4 years
Fixtures and fittings	- Straight line over 4 years
Computer equipment	- 33% on cost

Under FRS 102 section 35.10(c) transitional provisions, the Trustees have elected to use the fair value of certain freehold properties as a 'deemed cost'. The valuation was undertaken by Mason Owen Chartered Surveyors. The buildings will be subject to annual depreciation and no further revaluations will be necessary.

Social investments

Programme related social investments are valued at fair value.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation 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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Donations	110,524	-

3. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Activity	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Grants	Sports and wellbeing	9,944	-
Sports Centre income	Sports and wellbeing	116,626	207,045
Training income	Education	442,292	271,086
Grants	Education	169,950	116,389
Library management	Community engagement	165,000	165,000
Room hire	Community engagement	19,395	21,428
Room rental	Community engagement	146,796	154,934
Grants	Community engagement	2,285,070	325,125
Grants	Covid Funding	-	39,902
		<u>3,355,073</u>	<u>1,300,909</u>

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.8.23 £	31.8.22 £
Sports England	9,944	-
Power to Change Trust	10,000	-
Liverpool City Council	179,368	53,011
Big Lottery	31,816	75,317
Cobalt Housing	3,750	3,562
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	27,547	35,837
Awards For All	-	9,983
Veolia Environmental Trust	12,600	50,400
Covid Funding	-	28,520
Steve Morgan Foundation	8,720	14,949
Liverpool Council for Voluntary Service	-	36,766
Department for Work & Pension	43,734	54,566
Sutton Croft	-	12,962
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	50,000
Big Issue National Lottery	-	13,500
New Futures	7,520	42,043
Youth Investment Fund	2,056,000	-
Merseytravel	14,992	-
The National Foundation for Youth Music	25,767	-
Skills Bootcamps LCR	4,140	-
Community Foundations for Lancashire	21,848	-
CLA Charitable Trust	2,400	-
BRACE - University of Birmingham	70	-
Enterprise Credit Union	748	-
Ford Britain Trust	1,000	-
Toynbee Hall Trading Limited	3,000	-
	<u>2,464,964</u>	<u>481,416</u>

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4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 5) £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	101,534	49,077	150,611
Education	526,878	191,249	718,127
Community engagement	528,013	265,425	793,438
	<u>1,156,425</u>	<u>505,751</u>	<u>1,662,176</u>

5. SUPPORT COSTS

	General £	Finance £	Governance costs £	Totals £
Sports and wellbeing	46,730	950	1,397	49,077
Education	182,103	3,702	5,444	191,249
Community engagement	258,270	2,896	4,259	265,425
	<u>487,103</u>	<u>7,548</u>	<u>11,100</u>	<u>505,751</u>

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	Sports and wellbeing £	Education £	Community engagement £	31.8.23 Total activities £	31.8.22 Total activities £
Premises costs	29,818	116,201	90,904	236,923	287,842
Repairs and renewals	2,270	8,844	20,788	31,902	115,307
Travel expenses	383	1,494	1,169	3,046	2,407
Postage and stationery	29	112	88	229	7,209
Sundries	361	1,408	1,101	2,870	2,017
Legal and professional fees	10,100	39,359	30,790	80,249	75,355
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	3,769	14,685	113,430	131,884	85,910
Bank charges	87	340	266	693	698
Interest payable and similar charges	863	3,362	2,630	6,855	4,958
Auditors' remuneration	1,397	5,444	4,259	11,100	11,100
	<u>49,077</u>	<u>191,249</u>	<u>265,425</u>	<u>505,751</u>	<u>592,803</u>

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6. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Auditors' remuneration	11,100	11,100
Depreciation - owned assets	131,884	85,910
	<u>131,884</u>	<u>85,910</u>

7. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2023 nor for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Trustees are reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred whilst carrying out their duties on behalf of Alt Valley Community Trust Limited. The aggregate value reimbursed for the year was £3,611 (2021 £3,661).

8. STAFF COSTS

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Wages and salaries	604,258	560,257
Social security costs	46,887	36,683
Other pension costs	8,426	6,765
	<u>659,571</u>	<u>603,705</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
Teaching staff and trainees	6	4
Caretaker / cleaners	3	4
Office and management	10	10
Sports Centre staff	7	8
Library staff	4	6
	<u>30</u>	<u>32</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Long leasehold £	Improvements to property £
COST			
At 1 September 2022	1,225,304	1,228,841	1,751,182
Additions	-	-	2,006,000
At 31 August 2023	1,225,304	1,228,841	3,757,182
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 September 2022	95,771	161,366	236,561
Charge for year	12,253	11,288	79,443
At 31 August 2023	108,024	172,654	316,004
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 August 2023	1,117,280	1,056,187	3,441,178
At 31 August 2022	1,129,533	1,067,475	1,514,621

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 September 2022	131,172	522,375	139,950	4,998,824
Additions	675	-	-	2,006,675
At 31 August 2023	131,847	522,375	139,950	7,005,499
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 September 2022	85,073	522,375	127,534	1,228,680
Charge for year	16,484	-	12,416	131,884
At 31 August 2023	101,557	522,375	139,950	1,360,564
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 August 2023	30,290	-	-	5,644,935
At 31 August 2022	46,099	-	12,416	3,770,144

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10. SOCIAL INVESTMENTS

		Programme related investments equity £
MARKET VALUE		
At 1 September 2022		82,000
Impairments		(81,977)
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At 31 August 2023		23
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NET BOOK VALUE		
At 31 August 2023		23
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At 31 August 2022		82,000
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11. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Trade debtors	79,037	134,737
Other debtors	185,235	116,435
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	264,272	251,172
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12. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR		
	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Other loans (see note 14)	104,381	23,567
Trade creditors	47,654	198,627
Social security and other taxes	-	10,115
Other creditors	22,868	122,203
Accruals and deferred income	46,614	34,565
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	221,517	389,077
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13. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR		
	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Other loans (see note 14)	-	103,633
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14. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.8.23	31.8.22
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	<u>104,381</u>	<u>23,567</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Other loans - 1-2 years	<u>-</u>	<u>23,567</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Other loans - 2-5 years	<u>-</u>	<u>70,700</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Other loans more 5yrs instal	-	9,366

£700,000 from Futurebuilders England Limited, repayable by instalments over 20 years, commencing April 2007 with an interest rate of 3%. This loan is secured by way of a legal charge on the property at Gillmoss Lane, Liverpool.

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.9.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.8.23
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,425,388	(165,108)	2,260,280
Restricted funds			
ERDF	700,048	(17,530)	682,518
SEIF Sports	420,719	(19,522)	401,197
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	33,732	(357)	33,375
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	588,369	(6,228)	582,141
The Clothworkers Foundation	37,500	(12,500)	25,000
Youth Investment Fund	-	1,960,194	1,960,194
The National Foundation for Youth Music	-	1,600	1,600
	<u>1,780,368</u>	<u>1,905,657</u>	<u>3,686,025</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,205,756</u>	<u>1,740,549</u>	<u>5,946,305</u>

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15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	1,034,556	(1,117,687)	(81,977)	(165,108)
Restricted funds				
ERDF	-	(17,530)	-	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	-	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	9,944	(10,301)	-	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	-	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	155,040	(155,040)	-	-
Cobalt Housing	3,750	(3,750)	-	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	7,520	(7,520)	-	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	31,816	(31,816)	-	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	12,600	(12,600)	-	-
Include - IT Mersey	27,547	(27,547)	-	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	8,720	(8,720)	-	-
HAF Funding	24,328	(24,328)	-	-
Youth Hub	43,734	(43,734)	-	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	(12,500)	-	(12,500)
Youth Investment Fund	2,056,000	(95,806)	-	1,960,194
Merseytravel	14,992	(14,992)	-	-
The National Foundation for Youth Music	25,767	(24,167)	-	1,600
Skills Bootcamp	4,140	(4,140)	-	-
VRP Sports, Arts and Culture	21,848	(21,848)	-	-
CLA Charitable Trust	2,400	(2,400)	-	-
	<u>2,450,146</u>	<u>(544,489)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,905,657</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>3,484,702</u>	<u>(1,662,176)</u>	<u>(81,977)</u>	<u>1,740,549</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.9.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.8.22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	2,438,120	(12,732)	2,425,388
Restricted funds			
ERDF	717,578	(17,530)	700,048
SEIF Sports	440,241	(19,522)	420,719
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	34,089	(357)	33,732
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	594,597	(6,228)	588,369
The Clothworkers Foundation	-	37,500	37,500
	<u>1,786,505</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>	<u>1,780,368</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,224,625</u>	<u>(18,869)</u>	<u>4,205,756</u>

15. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	902,353	(915,085)	(12,732)
Restricted funds			
ERDF	-	(17,530)	(17,530)
SEIF Sports	-	(19,522)	(19,522)
Sports England - Dovecot MAC	-	(357)	(357)
Big Lottery - Dovecot MAC	-	(6,228)	(6,228)
Liverpool City Council	53,011	(53,011)	-
Cobalt Housing	3,562	(3,562)	-
Sefton Council for Voluntary Service	42,043	(42,043)	-
Big Lottery - Reaching Communities	75,317	(75,317)	-
Veolia Environmental Trust	50,400	(50,400)	-
Include - IT Mersey	35,837	(35,837)	-
Big Lottery - Awards for All	9,983	(9,983)	-
Steve Morgan Older Persons Hub	14,949	(14,949)	-
HAF Funding	30,852	(30,852)	-
Youth Hub	33,231	(33,231)	-
Big Issue Investment	13,500	(13,500)	-
Innovation in Communities	7,494	(7,494)	-
The Clothworkers Foundation	50,000	(12,500)	37,500
	<u>420,179</u>	<u>(426,316)</u>	<u>(6,137)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,322,532</u>	<u>(1,341,401)</u>	<u>(18,869)</u>

16. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year, the charity entered into transactions, on an arms length basis, with community organisations The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited, Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited and NSC Care Ltd; all related parties by virtue of there being common directors.

The liability owed to The Neighbourhood Services Company Limited totalling £110,524 was written off as a donation during the year.

During the year £68,500 was loaned to Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited. At 31st August 2023, the charity was owed £184,935 from Vauxhall Neighbourhood Council Limited by way of other debtors. (31st August 2022 - £116,435)