

Annual report April 2022/April 2023 The Callister Trust (former name EF Callister Youth Club) Charity no: 520017

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Trustees: Catherine Warren, Allan Brame, Melanie Routledge, Laura Penn, Mary O Neill

Introduction

The charity's purposes are 'for the welfare of girls and women in Birkenhead' and derive from a declaration of trust within a conveyance dated April 20th 1925.

The charity owns a property in Argyle Street, Birkenhead tenanted by Wirral Children and Young People's department. The lease was renewed in March 2023 for a further four years.

The Charity also owns a half acre garden in Slatey Road, Birkenhead which had been boarded up and neglected for 15 years up until the appointment of new trustees in 2018.

The plan for April 2022/23 was to continue developing and restoring the Garden, to expand the use of the Garden for community activities and to put into action the funding plan for the Pavilion and identify appropriate grant applications.

The public benefit of the charity is as stated in the introduction. The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the Charity Commission's policy on public benefit.

The trustees do not at present have a policy on reserves.

Tasks planned for 2022/23

The main tasks for 2022/23 were:

1. To continue the clearing and restoration of the garden for its use for the purposes of the charity.
2. To continue to work with a local architect on developing a detailed cost plan for the 'Pavilion' and to develop the funding plan and to identify potential grants sources.
3. To expand the Callister Garden local volunteers.
4. To work with local community groups to run small events to further the purposes of the charity.
5. To apply for local grants for community activities in the Garden and to continue to work in partnership with other local organisations.
6. To develop the 'hops' project working with Make Hamilton Square, local growers and Brimstage brewery.

1. Clearing and Restoration of the Garden

Tasks achieved during this year include:

- a. Use of the Greenhouse to grow plants from seed.
- b. Clearing of areas at the back of the garden planting of the 'stumpery'.

- c. Development of composting and volunteers attending appropriate training.
- d. Growing and harvesting hops as part of a fundraising project with local CIC Make Hamilton Square and local brewery 'Brimstage Brewery.' First 'brew' Autumn 2022.

2. The Pavilion

The trustees continued to work on the fundraising plan to bring this project to fruition offering an indoor space to support the work of the charity, offer modern, accessible facilities and enable the Garden to be used all the year round. A Just Giving platform was established for individual donations and donations were received at events held in the Garden including Heritage Open Day, September 2022 and from Wirral neighbourhood fund. Further meetings were held with local architects.

3. Activities

- a. Women's and Girls wellbeing taster workshops Funding was received from Wirral CVF renewal fund towards a series of women's and girls wellbeing workshops to be run in the Callister Garden. The women's workshops were run in partnership with GROW Wellbeing CIC. They received very positive feedback from the attendees, some from Wirral Spider (recovery project), others from WEB (Women's project) and from Heart for Refugees as well as members of the local community/volunteers. The Girls workshops were offered to a local high school. Twelve teenage girls with difficulties of various sorts (particularly anxiety) were nominated to attend sessions in the Garden every Friday afternoon in the Autumn term 2022. They were managed by Callister volunteers and led by local artists and craftspeople and forest school leaders. The sessions were very well received. The only drawback in the later months was the weather, emphasising again the need for a suitable indoor space to enable the use of the Garden all the year round. The trustees will be seeking further funding to develop these sessions in future.
- b. Weekly reading group: This is held outdoors as long as weather makes it possible.
- c. Volunteers meal out: Held January 2023 for volunteers as a celebration of work achieved. Intend to continue this tradition.
- d. Open Days and public access: This year those that live in the neighbourhood have been encouraged to make use of the garden. The Garden is now open for volunteers every Wednesday and Saturday and is open to the general public every Saturday. During Spring/Summer 2022 an additional 'twilight' gardening session was held to encourage volunteers who were working in the day time. Heritage open day was attended by over 200 people with live music, refreshments and other activities and the Garden benefited from visitors to 'Oxton Secret Gardens.'
- e. Wildlife survey and photography: Wirral Spider project installed wildlife cameras in the Garden during Spring 2023 achieving fascinating footage of the foxes who make their home under the wildflower meadow and using the images to create art prints of foxes, hedgehogs, plants and flowers.

- f. Gardening programme with local refugees and Asylum seekers: In March 2022 Wirral Refugee resettlement programmes 'Bridging Communities' project offered further funding for gardening workshops in the Callister Garden for refugees and asylum seekers. Regular gardening sessions were offered to refugees/asylum seekers through local organisation, Heart for Refugees. A woodcraft day and a family woodland day were also well attended.
- g. The trustees continued to develop links with local organisations:
- GROW – Wellbeing CIC delivered woodland and wellbeing workshops.
 - Wirral Environmental Network delivered gardening sessions.
 - Members from Spider (Recovery project) continue to grow vegetables in a designated area in the Garden.
 - Local community groups have used the Garden for outdoor events.

RHS North West in Bloom: The Callister Garden was visited by the judges from RHS North West in Bloom in August 2022 and were awarded a 'thriving' certificate. The feedback was very useful and has informed work in the Garden going forward.

Conclusion

The Garden has continued to develop and flourish during the year April 2022 – 2023. The work of the volunteers continues to improve both the appearance of the Garden, the variety of plants and encouragement of biodiversity.


Opening to the public on Saturday mornings has brought local visitors and those from further afield and also added to our volunteers.

The Wellbeing workshops and woodland workshops have continued to be very well received and a grant from CVF renewal fund saw them continue in 2022/3 as well as funding the development of the pilot programme of wellbeing workshops for teenage girls.

The income from the property in Argyle Street ensures maintenance costs for the garden. The trustees have continued fund raising towards the capital cost of the new Pavilion.

The trustees thank all the volunteers for their hard work and thank community groups and local people for their support and enthusiasm.

This report was approved by the Trustees at their annual meeting on 10/01/2024 and it was agreed that the Chairperson should sign on their behalf.

Signed  Catherine M Warren (Chairperson)



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

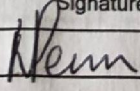
Section A Receipts and payments

	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					
Rent	14,000	-	-	14,000	14,000
Pavilion Fund Donations	-	2,391	-	2,391	2,015
Other Donations	-	-	-	-	320
Bridging Communities Grant	-	6,250	-	6,250	-
CVF Renewal Fund Grant	-	3,600	-	3,600	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,000	12,241	-	26,241	16,335
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	14,000	12,241	-	26,241	16,335
A3 Payments					
Consultants Fees	-	-	-	-	1,190
Garden Materials	874	-	-	874	299
Garden Work Non-Capital	420	-	-	420	500
Hemby Trust Workshop Facilitation	-	-	-	-	1,000
Bridging Communities Grant Spend	-	1,669	-	1,669	2,026
WBC Women's Workshop Facilitation	-	-	-	-	500
Open Day Costs	94	-	-	94	22
Fundraising Platform Fees	216	-	-	216	126
Insurance	282	-	-	282	138
Planning Fees	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-
Travel Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
CVF Renewal Fund Spend	-	3,625	-	3,625	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,886	5,294	-	7,180	5,801
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,886	5,294	-	7,180	5,801
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,114	6,947	-	19,061	10,534
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	101,467	14,535	-	116,002	106,468
Cash funds this year end	113,580	21,483	-	135,063	116,002

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	Total held by Callister Trust			-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	19 Argyle Street	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	34A Slatey Road	The Callister Trust	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Cheques sent but not yet cashed	The Callister Trust	50	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LAURA PENN	10/1/2024

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Callister Trust

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Callister Trust (the trust) for the year ended March 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:


Name: Jane Ward

(Music administrator running own business for 30 years)

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Date: 18 January 2024