

Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association
(Registered charity, number 522269)
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2024

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**Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association
Trustees' annual report
for the year ended 30 September 2024**

Full name Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association

Other names by which the charity is known DOLCA, Dunkirk Community Centre

Registered charity number 522269

Principal address

The Old School, Montpelier Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham, NG7 2JW

Trustees

Helen Randle, Chair

Elizabeth McGuirk, Treasurer

Deborah Ramage, Secretary

Paul Moore

Vivienne Avamanthodo, from 21/06/24

Sue Astle, from 21/06/24

Ruth Poole, until 21/06/24

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 17 December 1971 and most recently amended 27th November 2008.

Trustees are elected usually at the AGM and other gatherings held throughout the year.

Objectives and activities

The objects of the charity include;

- to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Dunkirk and Old Lenton and the neighbourhood without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race, physical and mental disabilities or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure-time occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life for the said inhabitants;
- to establish or secure the establishment of a Community Centre and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or other person or body) in furtherance of these objectives.
- to promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Trustees manage the centre, employ staff to ensure its smooth running, manage resources and funds sufficient to run the centre to provide facilities for the whole community. The aim is to provide opportunities for social, training and sporting activities, leisure time activities and to promote education of all kinds for all age groups.

The centre has been a popular focus for the community, providing opportunities for leisure time activities, festival celebrations, training, educational facilities and as a meeting place for all, whatever age group, whatever interests. We normally host a wide variety of activities, cultural, social, religious and fitness and also maintain a place for local people to celebrate their lives. Our numbers have increased and new projects commenced.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Last year we were very pleased just to have survived. This year more activities/groups have returned and our diary is looking better. The Centre has begun to recover following closure for the Pandemic. Groups and training courses were returning but the Centre was still quiet on weekdays. Our quarterly returns looked fairly healthy and our bank balance stabilised. UHDN Playscheme returned for two main holiday periods; First Aid training for educational and community groups increased; Alcoholics Anonymous are still with us. Other Sunday Church groups continued meeting together with activities for children (dance and karate); Coffee mornings re-commenced but have not seen much growth. We held a few Quiz Nights during the year and we have seen an increase in community bookings for parties/events/cultural gatherings which is healthy.

ROBYN'S WORLD - At the August 2024 meeting, trustees agreed for Robyn's World to be amalgamated into mainstream DOLCA funding/accounts. This was completed in September. The project has been very successful, continuing to grow, introducing many 'new' families and carers who were looking for groups to attend. Robyn's World has worked with other mother-and-baby groups widening the scope of their activities and introducing more new people to the centre.

A grant was sourced from the Local Councillor's Fund to buy the initial equipment and set-up. Storage was provided for this group to ensure the hall's availability when other groups use the Centre. A Lottery grant enabled the project to grow further, purchasing much needed equipment and play activities. Robyn's World has gone from strength to strength with around 5000 people attending the sessions during the year.

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Financial review

Our position at the start of the year was still worrying but room hire continued to pick up despite the rise in the cost of room hire. Robyn's World meant many more people using the centre, some of them hiring space for their own activities, family parties and events. Decisions on spending for replacement items or new equipment have become more difficult. Fundraising, especially bigger grant applications have become more difficult to obtain, as prices rise and everyone needs extra support, in part due to the circumstances at local authorities in many areas of the country, where community centres/groups are at risk. We now have to pay for trade waste to be collected and more recently for our water bills, which in the past were paid by the Communities Department of the city council. The rising costs of gas and electricity are causing concern and grants for these from the local authority are no more. Recent decisions by the local council put our future in jeopardy and we are working hard to ensure our survival. It is going to be very tough.

The charity's policy on reserves

3 months running costs to ensure ability to pay any liabilities in case of closure or major difficulties.

Financial risks

We continue to keep a very close watch on our funds - reviewing the situation at every meeting - to ensure enough funds would be available for our costs, but gas and electricity prices remain a massive cause for concern, particularly in the light of local authority pressures.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed H. E Randle Date 01.04.2025
Helen Randle, Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association for the year ended 30 September 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Association (the charity) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

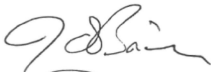
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 charity 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  Date 01/04/2025

John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 30 September 2024**

2023		Note	2024
£	Cash assets		£
17858	Bank accounts		23236
66	Cash in hand		42
<u>17924</u>			<u>23278</u>
	 Other monetary assets		
-	Debtors	5	2090
1519	Prepayments		122
<u>1519</u>			<u>2212</u>
	 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Defibrillator purchased July 2018, cost £1,320.		
	CCTV system purchased September 2018, cost £2,234.		
	Extractor purchased October 2018, cost £682.		
	General equipment.		
	 Liabilities		
(738)	Creditors	6	(997)
<u>(738)</u>			<u>(997)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Elizabeth McGuirk Date 1/4/25
Elizabeth McGuirk, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 30 September 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery	-	10000	10000
Nottingham City Council - designated for utilities	2440	-	2440
Nottingham City Councillor fund	-	163	163
Sundry donations	80	1885	1965
	<u>2520</u>	<u>12048</u>	<u>14568</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments)		Closing balance £
		£	£	
Restricted funds				
Chairs	850	-	-	850
Consultation fund	2808	-	-	2808
Robyn's World	-	36760	(31377)	5383
	<u>3658</u>	<u>36760</u>	<u>(31377)</u>	<u>9041</u>
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	14266	43080	(43109)	14237
	<u>14266</u>	<u>43080</u>	<u>(43109)</u>	<u>14237</u>

4. Balances transferred

The balances transferred represent a combination of: Robyn's World third party funds held by DOLCA of £562 at the end of last financial year, and the opening balance of £293 on the Robyn's World bank account at the beginning of the financial year.

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5. Debtors

	£
Room rents due for September	2090
Insurance	35
Subscriptions	87
	<u>2212</u>

6. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	762
Wages, NI & pensions	235
	<u>997</u>

7. Premises & staff

The premises are provided by the local authority.

8. Trustees' remuneration

During this period, Deborah Ramage, Administrator, received £5,996 in wages.

9. Related party transactions

During this period, Helen Randle's son, Nicholas Randle, was paid £535 in net wages for work as a part-time handyman.

10. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.