

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

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CHARITY INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Newtown Community Association (Exeter, Devon)

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:	1173331

ADDRESS: Newtown Community Centre

CHARITY NAME:

Belmont Park Belmont Road

Exeter EX1 2HQ

CURRENT TRUSTEES: Stephen Palmer (Secretary)

Jackie Holdstock Rory McNeile Christina Towler Kevin Winser

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER: Mr M B J Cronin MAAT FCIE

Bowhill Bookkeeping Services

172 Newman Road

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

The trustees present their report together with the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2021. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 9 and 10 and comply with the charity's Trust Deed, the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

Structure, Governance and Management

Newtown Community Association (Exeter, Devon) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which is governed by an 'associated' model Constitution adopted on 28th May 2017. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 8th June 2017.

Newtown Community Association is governed by a board comprising a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 12 appointed trustees. New trustees are appointed either through being elected by the members, or coopted by the existing trustees. At each Annual General Meeting, one third of the trustees retire from office on a rotation basis.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date the report was approved are as follows:

Stephen Palmer (Secretary)
James Leigh (Treasurer) (to 7th June 2021)
Jackie Holdstock
Rory McNeile
Christina Towler (from 15th November 2021)
Kev Winser

No nominations for Trustee were received for the AGM.

Objectives

The objects of the CIO are as follows:

- (a) promote the benefit of all the inhabitants of Newtown, Exeter (the area bounded by the roads of Polsloe Road, Mount Pleasant Road, Iddesleigh Road, Old Tiverton Road, Sidwell Street, Paris Street and Heavitree Road.) and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, nationality, age, disability, race or of political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said inhabitants and the statutory 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;
- (b) establish, or to secure the establishment, of a community centre (hereinafter called "the centre") and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any statutory authority or other person or body) in furtherance of the above objects;
- (c) promote such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be determined by majority vote of the management committee of the association.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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Public Benefit

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011. The trustees are satisfied that the charity's activities as described in this report meet the public benefit purposes of the advancement of community development and the advancement of education.

Main activities and achievements during the year

The year was dominated by restrictions due to Covid-19, which were gradually lifted. We started the year with the only bookings allowed for the Community Centre being for elite athletes, work training and support groups; one highlight was use by a person preparing for a ballet exam. A gradual relaxing of restrictions started in March; reduced capacity remained in place for the rest of the year. A number of Covid support grants were received, plus one from Devon Sports to support the restart of the Qigong group.

We finally resolved the problem about the electricity meter from the old hut. Unfortunately, we are still unable to register the solar panels for the Smart Export Guarantee tariff due to British Gas failing to resolve the metering. The formal complaint we made to Ofgen was inconclusive, and the only remaining solution is to transfer to a more capable supplier at the end of the British Gas contract in 2022. An acknowledgement board was designed and put up in the Centre lobby, thanking all those involved in the construction of the Centre.

We continued to use self-employed contractors for the roles of Manager and Assistant Manager, and for cleaning and security; these continued through the lock-down period. These arrangements have worked well. There is a regular meeting for managers of all Community Centres in Exeter, and NCA was represented.

The NCA "Friends of Belmont Park" group continues to work with Exeter City Council Parks and Open Spaces team on ideas for improving the children's play area in Belmont Park, under the new leadership of Rachael Shah.

The Hallmaster package for managing room bookings has continued to operate. The ability to display the Covid-related terms and conditions was a new feature. There continues to be a 30-minute gap between successive bookings. One-off bookings are now required to pay a deposit with the booking fee; this has deterred people from cancelling at short notice and recouped the cost of extra rooms or time not booked.

Meeting our Purposes

NCA works to fulfil its purposes in two main ways. The first is through use of the Community Centre by a wide variety of user groups. These cover a wide range of cultures, languages and interests, and there are very few days when there is not at least one booking, and most days have several bookings.

The second way is by acting as an umbrella for a variety of groups. Some of these are regular specific NCA activities; others are for specific projects.

The Social Café restarted in May, and has continued monthly. The Qigong group had continued at a low level online, then returned to meeting, and numbers grew. The Roots Band resumed meeting when allowed, and continues to be popular. The Community Choir has not restarted, a new leader is needed. During the year we investigated holding a Chess club, but decided it was not viable. The Exeter Jazz Orchestra was started as an NCA activity in May, and has attracted a good group of musicians, and is developing well.

There was a Summer Sunday Musical Café on 25 July. This was a great success, with sets from the Exeter Jazz Orchestra and the Roots Band. Drinks and cakes were organised by a group from St Sids. Thanks to all involved.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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Meeting our Purposes (continued)

A project "Garden for the Bees" was started in the summer, with wildflower and other planting in an area at the junction of Clifton Road and Clifton Street, as well as in the planters by the Centre. This was supported by an ECC Locality Grant and has been a success with a dedicated group of volunteers and much interest generated.



Reach and engagement

The NCA website http://newtowncommunity.org.uk/ has continued to operate.

NCA news has continued to be shared through Jayne Leaver's Community Builder newsletter for the Newtown area. This cooperation is working very well, though it would be helpful to have a NCA volunteer to work with Jayne.

NCA social media presence was managed very capably through the year by Kev Winser.

The 2021 AGM was held on 25 September as a hybrid meeting in the large room, with some people joining over Zoom.

TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

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Regular groups and classes included:

NCA activities:

Qigong x2 Social Café

Roots Band Exeter Jazz Orchestra

Other groups:

Yoga

Heels with Harley x2 Pilates Body Conditioning Capoeria Violin lessons Adult Tap **Exeter Flutes** DoReMi Jumping beans

Bulgarian Sunday School Bulgarian Dance Swing Dance Pilates Yoga Fusion Latin American Cultural group Yoga with Natasha Samatha Meditation La Petite French School Exeter Malayee Association Monkey Music Private Yoga Hatha Vinyassa Spanish Playgroup Zumba

If you would like to help or have ideas for what NCA can do, please get in touch by email secretary@newtowncommunity.org.uk or the Centre Manager on manager@newtowncommunity.org.uk or Assistant Manager on

assistantmanager@newtowncommunity.org.uk. It would be great to hear from you and we would welcome your participation.



TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

Financial Review

The CIO made a net deficit in the year of £5,663 (2020 - deficit £20,255).

Total income showed an increase of 43% compared to 2020 with grant income increasing by 35%, centre rental by 49% and event income by 18%.

Total expenditure decreased by 4.5% compared to the previous year with reductions in costs for the centre management, repairs and renewals and cleaning costs.

The CIO carried forward balances at 31st December 2021 of £489,740, of which £2,000 was held in restricted funds.

Reserves Policy

Unrestricted reserves totalled £487,740 at the year-end of which £27,061 was held in net current assets and is the effective charity reserves. This equates to between 7-8 months unrestricted expenditure and is considered an adequate reserve by the trustees. The trustees continue to monitor the financial situation of the charity.

The report was approved by the Trustees on 16/08/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF

NEWTOWN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (EXETER, DEVON)

I report on the accounts of the charitable incorporated association for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 8 to 16.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the CIO are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the CIO'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 CIO 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.

Mr M Cronin MAAT FCIE Bowhill Bookkeeping Services 172 Newman Road

Exeter EX4 1PQ

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Date 16th August 2022

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2020
INCOME FROM:	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations	11	16,213	4,114	20,327	12,633	1,200	13,833
Charitable activities	12	20,027	-	20,027	14,313	-	14,313
TOTAL		36,240	4,114	40,354	26,946	1,200	28,146
EXPENDITURE ON:							
Charitable activities	13	40,818	5,199	46,017	47,591	810	48,401
TOTAL		40,818	5,199	46,017	47,591	810	48,401
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(4,578)	(1,085)	(5,663)	(20,645)	390	(20,255)
TRANSFERS BETWEEN FUNDS		(2,695)	2,695	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		(7,273)	1,610	(5,663)	(20,645)	390	(20,255)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:							
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		495,013	390	495,403	515,658	-	515,658
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		487,740	2,000	489,740	495,013	390	495,403

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	Note	£	At 31 st Dec 2021 £	£	At 31 st Dec 2020 £
FIXED ASSETS:		L	L	L	L
Tangible assets	2		460,679		478,638
CURRENT ASSETS:					
Debtors	3	457		428	
Cash at bank and in hand		30,022		17,812	
		30,479		18,240	
LIABILITIES:	_			(
Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,418)		(1,475)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			29,061		16,765
TOTAL NET ASSETS			489,740		495,403
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY:					
Restricted Income Funds	5		2,000		390
Unrestricted Funds			487,740		495,013
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS			489,740		495,403

The notes on pages 10-16 form an integral part of these accounts.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The financial statements have been prepared with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2019) and with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The financial statements have also been prepared with the Charities Act 2011.

Newtown Community Association (Exeter, Devon) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Tangible Fixed Assets: Leasehold Property: New Centre

The site of the new centre is held on a lease of 35 years from Exeter City Council. As there is no recompense for the association should it be wound up before the expiry of the lease, it was felt prudent by the trustees to depreciate the property over 25 years (4% on a straight line basis) rather than the full length of the lease.

c) Tangible Assets: Fixtures and Fittings and Equipment

Fixtures and Fittings and Equipment are capitalised when the amount exceeds £500. Fixtures and Fittings are depreciated at a rate of 15% and equipment at a rate of 20%.

d) Debtors

Debtors are measured on initial recognition at the settlement amount after any discounts. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

e) Cash at bank

Cash at bank includes short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

f) Creditors

Creditors are recognised when the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

q) Income

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income, receipt is probable and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Grant income is credited in the period in which it is receivable and any amounts relating to future periods are shown under creditors.

Rental income and monies received from charity events are accounted for on a receivable basis.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued

h) Volunteer help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the financial statements but is described in the trustees' annual report.

i) Expenditure

Expenditure is included on an accruals basis.

Charitable activities are costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

i) Fund Accounting

Funds held by the charity are:

Unrestricted Income Funds

These are funds that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application within the charitable objects for the general purposes of the charity.

Restricted Income Funds

These are funds which can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when the funds are raised for particular purposes.

k) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

I) Going concern

The trustees consider there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

2. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Leasehold Property	Fixtures & Fittings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
COST				
At 1 January 2021	526,459	1,981	593	529,033
Additions	-	· -	4,394	4,394
At 31st December 2021	526,459	1,981	4,987	533,427
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 January 2021	49,979	297	119	50,395
Charge for year	21,058	297	998	22,353
At 31st December 2021	71,037	594	1,117	72,748
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31st December 2021	455,422	1,387	3,870	460,679
At 31st December 2020	476,480	1,684	474	478,638

3. DEBTORS

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other Debtors	17	-
Prepayments	440	428
	457	428

4. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other Creditors	618	475
Accruals	800	1,000
	1,418	1,475

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Fund Balances B/Forward	Income	Expenditure	Transfers Between Funds	Fund Balances C/Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Exeter Seed Bank	200	-	(188)	(12)	-
Qigong	190	-	(2,104)	1,914	-
Newtown Wildflower Garden	=	500	-	-	500
Tables	-	614	-	(614)	-
Roots Band	=	500	(1,560)	1,060	-
Exeter Jazz Orchestra	=	1,000	(1,347)	347	-
Lighting	-	1,500	-	-	1,500
Total Funds	390	4,114	(5,199)	2,695	2,000

ANALYSIS OF FUNDS

	Restricted Funds £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed Assets	-	460,679	460,679
Current Assets	2,000	28,479	30,479
Liabilities: Due within one year	-	(1,418)	(1,418)
Net Assets	2,000	487,740	489,740

A grant from Devon County Council of £200 for Exeter Seed Bank was carried forward from the previous year. The grant has been spent in the financial year with the remaining small balance of £12 written off to the unrestricted funds.

The balance of the grant from Devon County Council for tackling inequalities totalling £190 has been spent in the year. Expenditure exceeded the remaining grant and a transfer of £1,914 was made from the unrestricted funds.

A grant of £500 was given by Exeter City Council to plant a wildflower garden in Newtown. The grant has been carried forward to be spent in the current financial year.

A grant was given of £614 by Devon County Council for the purchase of tables. The expenditure was capitalised and the monies therefore shown as a transfer to the unrestricted funds.

A grant of £500 was given by Exeter City Council towards the costs of the Roots Band. Expenditure exceeded the grant and a transfer of £1,060 was made from the unrestricted funds.

Community grants were given totalling £1,000 from Exeter City Council towards the costs of Exeter Jazz Orchestra. Expenditure exceeded the grants given and a transfer of £347 was made from the unrestricted funds.

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS (continued)

A grant of £1,500 was given from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner towards lighting in Belmont Park. However, this is not going ahead and the trustees are considering other projects which the grant can be used towards.

6. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES/RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The trustees' insurance includes trustee indemnity insurance.

No remuneration directly or indirectly out of the funds of the CIO was paid or is payable for the year to any Trustee or to any other person or persons known to be connected to any of the Trustees.

There were no trustee expenses paid for the year ended 31st December 2021 nor for the year ended 31st December 2020.

There were no related party transactions during the year.

7. OPERATING LEASES

The site of the new centre is leased from Exeter City Council on a 35-year-old lease at a "peppercorn" rent of £1.

8. OUTSTANDING GUARANTEES

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the period end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

9. GOVERNMENT GRANTS

The charity received grants from Devon County Council and Exeter City Council totalling £17,250 in the year.

10. ACCOUNTING AND INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

£750 was paid for the charity's independent examination in the year which included an element for accounts preparation.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
	INCOME FROM:		_	_	-	_	-	-
11.	Donations and Legacies							
	Donations		1,577	-	1,577	-	-	-
	Grants	9	14,636	4,114	18,750	12,633	1,200	13,833
			16,213	4,114	20,327	12,633	1,200	13,833
12.	Charitable activities							
	Centre rental		15,222	_	15,222	10,229	_	10,229
	Events: Community Choir		10,222	_	10,222	410	_	410
	Events: Roots Band		1,652		1,652	1,514	_	1,514
	Events: Qi Gong		2,011	-	2,011	1,885	-	1,885
	Events: Exeter Jazz Orchestra		1,102	-	1,102	1,000		1,005
			40	-	1, 102 40	- 275	-	- 27E
	Events: Other		40		40	275 	<u>-</u>	275
			20,027	-	20,027	14,313	-	14,313

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YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021

		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
EXP	ENDITURE ON:							
13. Chai	ritable activities							
Ever	nts: Community Choir		-	-	-	240	-	240
Ever	nts: Roots Band		-	1,560	1,560	800	-	800
Ever	nts: Qi Gong		-	2,104	2,104	1,028	810	1,838
Ever	nts: Exeter Jazz Orchestra		-	1,347	1,347	-	-	-
Ever	nts: Other		-	-	-	15	-	15
Clea	ning Costs		3,059	-	3,059	3,411	-	3,411
Utilit	ties: Electric & Water		143	-	143	1,062	-	1,062
Rate	es & Waste Collection		331	-	331	359	-	359
Insu	rance		654	-	654	1,140	-	1,140
Mob	oile Phone		351	-	351	241	-	241
Repa	airs & Renewals		1,444	-	1,444	2,500	-	2,500
Cent	tre Management/Admin/Secur	ity Costs	11,295	-	11,295	13,335	-	13,335
Lice	nces		301	-	301	929	-	929
Web	osite		60	-	60	86	-	86
Print	ting/Newsletter		16	-	16	55	-	55
Sun	dries		61	188	249	(34)	-	(34)
Inde	pendent exam fee	10	750	-	750	950	-	950
Dep	reciation		22,353		22,353	21,474		21,474
			40,818	5,199	46,017	47,591	810	48,401
			40,818	5,199	46,017	47,591	810	