GREAT GEORGES

COMMUNITY CULTURAL PROJECT LIMITED

[THE BLACKIE]

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6 APRIL 1997 TO 5 APRIL 1998



Registered Charity No. 501 859 Registered Company No. 0105 6472

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 5TH APRIL 1998

The Council present their report and accounts for the year ended 5 April 1998.

RESULTS AND DIVIDENDS

The Cultural Activities realised a surplus of £1,066 during the year. The Capital Project realised a surplus of £5,810 which is reserved for the Annexe II programme during the year ending 5 April 1999.

No provision for taxation and dividends is required.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The activities of the Company are the promotion of the arts and education through a cultural programme at the Company's premises and elsewhere, which combines the activities of a contemporary arts centre and a community centre.

COUNCIL

The following Council members have served the Company as Trustees/Directors during the year:-

Donna Alleyne Edward Berry
Joseph Ankrah Peter Eyo
Judy Gough Jan Green
Bill Harpe Stephen Knox
Xia Lu Ann Maloney
Jennie McClure Brendan McCorma
Sally Morris

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Sally Morris Stephen Mulrooney
Ramon Deen Stefan Nicholls

DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- * select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- * make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- * prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue to operate.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

STATUS OF COMPANY

The Company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company a maximum of £1.00 in the event of winding up, whilst, or within 12 months of ceasing to be, a member.

The Directors have agreed to make use, in the preparation of their report, of the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

By Order of the Board

H.J.S. Davis Secretary

11 December 1998

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 5 APRIL 1998

	Notes	1998 <u>£</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>£</u>
Current Assets Debtors Cash at Bank and in Hand	8	11,724 52,169 63,893	17,776 <u>6,079</u> 23,885
Creditors Amounts falling due within one year Net Liabilities	9	66,694 -2,801	- <u>33,432</u> - <u>9,577</u>
Represented by: Profit and Loss Account Accumulated Deficit	**	<u>-2,801</u>	- <u>9,577</u>

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The notes on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

DIRECTOR

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^{**} The accumulated deficit is more than offset by the value of freehold and leasehold property owned by the Company as set out in Note 6 to the accounts.

COMBINED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 1998

	Notes	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Turnover	5	182,309	195,550
Cost of activities and redevelopment		167,761 14,548	- <u>187,597</u> 7,953
Administration expenses		<u>-7,672</u>	- <u>9,305</u>
Surplus/[Deficit] for the year before			
prior year adjustments		6,876	-1,352
Prior year adjustments		100	<u>2,000</u>
Surplus/[Deficit] for the year		6,776	648
[Loss/Profit at beginning of year		- <u>9,577</u>	- <u>10,225</u>
Accumulated [Loss]/Profit			
carried forward		<u>-2,801</u>	- <u>9,577</u>

In each of the years ended 5 April 1997 and 5 April 1998, the only gain/[loss] recognised by the Company was the profit/[loss] for the year. All of the activities undertaken by the Company were continuing activities, and the reported profit/[loss] was found under the historical cost convention.

The prior year adjustment relates to grants income relating to 1996/97. The notes on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

GREAT GEORGES COMMUNITY CULLTURAL PROJECT LIMITED [THE BLACKIE]

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 1998 [CULTURAL ACTIVITIES]

Income	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u>	Restricted Funds	<u>Total</u> <u>1998</u>	<u>Total</u> 1997
	<u>1998</u>	<u>1998</u>	51.115	74 400
Revenue grants from funding bodies	74,445		74,445	74,488
National Lottery Charities Board	-	42,066	42,066	24,140
Investment income	8,340	-	8,340	5,970
Donations	14,900	-	14,900	11,456
Other income	<u>6,418</u>		<u>6,418</u>	<u>30,329</u>
Total incoming resources	<u>104,103</u>	<u>42,066</u>	<u>146,169</u>	<u>146,383</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>				
Direct Costs	75,318	42,351	117,669	115,453
Administration costs	7,672	, -	7,672	9,305
Other operating costs	19,762	_	19,762	<u>22,977</u>
Total resources used	102,752	42,351	<u>145,103</u>	<u>147,735</u>
Net incoming resources for the year	<u>1,351</u>	<u>-285</u>	<u>1,066</u>	
Fund balances at 31 March 1998	<u>1,351</u>	<u>-285</u>	<u>1,066</u>	

The notes on pages 6 to 9 form an integral part of these accounts.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 5 APRIL 1998: ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies adopted by the Company and dealt with below are consistent with the previous year and have been applied under the Historical Cost Convention.

1. CASH FLOW STATEMENT

The Company qualifies as a small Company under the Companies Act 1985. The directors have elected to make use of the exemption under FRS1 not to prepare a cash flow statement.

2. FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Having regard to the method of management and operation, the accounts are prepared in the form of a Revenue Account and Balance Sheet for cultural and other activities, and a separate account in respect of the development programme for 1 Great George Street.

3. ACCOUNTS FOR CULTURAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Company provides for the cost of capital assets and equipment used for the purposes of its cultural and other activities on the basis of management decisions as to the ability to meet the cost thereof out of Revenue over a short period. Such assets are therefore written off to Revenue in accordance with these decisions, which are not in accordance with Standard Accounting Practice.

4. <u>DEPRECIATION</u>

Depreciation is calculated to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated lives as follows:

Freehold and leasehold property: a variable amount determined by Council.

Fixtures, fittings and equipment: written off to the Income and Expenditure Account in the year of acquisition.

5. TURNOVER

Turnover represents income from the activities of the Company and in respect of the Phase 2 Redevelopment Programme.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

At 5 April 1998 the Company owned the following properties:

		Cost
		$\mathbf{\underline{\mathfrak{t}}}$
Freehold:	3 Second Coast, Laide, Ross-shire	14,625
Leasehold:	5 Huskisson Street, Liverpool	7,500
	40 Canning Street, Liverpool	10,000
	1 Great George Street, Liverpool	Nil
	•	£32,125

The property at 40 Canning Street was written down to £Nil at 5 April 1989, and that at 5 Huskisson Street was written down to £Nil at 5 April 1976.

The Council members consider that the expense of revaluation of Freehold property for the purpose of differentiating between separate values of land and buildings in order to depreciate the Freehold building, which is required by Statement of Standard Accounting Practice No.12, would outweigh the benefit to be gained by members. If Standard Accounting Practice had been applied the Council estimate that the properties would have a written down value of £100,000.

The Blackie building - the former Great George Street Congregational Church - is an architectural landmark and a listed building situated at the heart of Liverpool's Chinatown. Although it is clearly a building of distinction and value, its market valuation has proved something of a conundrum. The reasons for this are:

- a] that the interior is in the process of redevelopment with some two-thirds of the interior awaiting completion.
- b] the nineteenth century exterior in Classical style must be maintained and preserved, and
- c] the use of the building is restricted to non-commercial and cultural purposes.

At this time the building is insured for £640,000.

At 5 April 1998 the leasehold property had unexpired terms of:

5 Huskisson Street 22 years 40 Canning Street 84 years 1 Great George Street 842 years

7. **INVESTMENTS**

At 5 April 1997 the Company held investments on behalf of the Mabel and Jack Harpe Educational Fund at a cost of £2,007. In the course of 1997/98 Bill Harpe and Wendy Harpe, as joint Trustees of the Fund, realised part of the value of these investments for use as specified within the terms of M. Harpe's Will. Accordingly, the market value of these investments at 5 April 1998 was £1,169. These investments are not included in the Company's assets. Income derived from the investments is included in the Company's turnover.

8. <u>DEBTORS</u>

9.

	1998 £	<u>1997</u> <u>£</u>
	<u></u>	<u>=</u>
Due within one year:-		
Trade debtors	9,152	14,995
Prepayments	432	1,126
Other debtors	<u>2,140</u>	<u>1,695</u>
	<u>11,724</u>	<u>17,776</u>
CREDITORS		
		
	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
	$\underline{\mathbf{\pounds}}$	£
Amounts falling due within one year:-		
Bank overdraft *	_	6,018
Trade creditors	1,350	10,626
[Expenses for the year to 5.4.98. paid	•	,
after 5.4.98.		
Deferred income **	64,619	12,561
[Grants & income already received for		
future activities]		
Other creditors		
- reserves for activities not yet completed	-	3,502
- ramped access programme - reserve for		
completion of small outstanding items		
["snags"]	<u>725</u>	<u>725</u>

^{*} The bank overdraft is secured by legal charges over the Company's 40 Canning Street property and land at the rear of 5 Huskisson Street.

66,694

33,432

^{**} Deferred income includes a grant of £ 12,200 which has been received from the National Lottery Charities Board and is being held for expenditure in the year to 5 April 1999.

10. <u>COUNCIL MEMBERS EMOLUMENTS</u>

	<u>1998</u>	<u> 1997</u>
	£	£
Fees paid to working Directors	7,460	9,611
Number of working Directors	3	3

11. TAXATION

The Company is a Registered Charity and no provision for any taxation is required.

12. APPRENTICE SCHEME

The income shown in these accounts from the National Lottery Charities Board [see page 11] represents the second instalment of a total grant of £137,431 to be paid over 3 years to support the Youth and Community Apprenticeship Scheme.

13. <u>CAPITAL COMMITMENTS</u>

	1998 <u>£</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>£</u>
Contracted	<u>7,683</u>	39,000

The Company's capital commitment of £7,683 at 5 April 1998 related to the Annexe 2 External Renovation Programme [see page 15].

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF GREAT GEORGES COMMUNITY CULTURAL PROJECT LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements on pages 3 to 9 and pages 11 to 18 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out on pages 6 to 9.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

As described on page 1 the Company's directors are responsible for the preparation of financial statements. It is our responsibility to form an independent opinion, based on our audit, on the financial statements and to report our opinion to you.

Basis of opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Auditing Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance as to whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the charitable Company's state of affairs as at 5 April 1998 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, in the year then ended and have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985.

Youds, Ellison & Co., Registered Auditors & Chartered Accountants fonds Ellien.

42 Market Street, Hoylake, Wirral, Merseyside, L47 2AF

9 february 1999

GREAT GEORGES COMMUNITY CULTURAL PROJECT/THE BLACKIE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

BALANCE SHEET AT 5 APRIL 1998

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	$\mathbf{\underline{\mathfrak{t}}}$	$\mathbf{\underline{\mathfrak{E}}}$
Current Assets		
Bank balances	46,153	6,079
Debtors	11,724	17,776
Redevelopment Phase 2		-
	57,877	23,855
Current Liabilities	ŕ	,
Creditors	14,084	-18,253
Redevelopment Phase 2	<u>-45,286</u>	<u>-8,061</u>
Net Current Assets/[Liabilities]	-1,493	-2,459
Represented by:		
Accumulated Surplus/[Deficit]	<u>-1,493</u>	<u>-2,459</u>

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDED

5 APRIL 1998

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
	基	$\mathbf{\underline{t}}$
Total income for the year	146,169	146,383
Deduct total expenditure for the year	<u>145,103</u>	147,735
Surplus/[Deficit] for the year before prior year adjustments	1,066	-1,352
Prior year adjustments		2,000
Surplus/[Deficit] for the year	966	648
Deficit at 5 April 1998 [1997]	-2,459	-3,107
Surplus/[Deficit] carried forward	-1,493	<u>-2,459</u>

CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 1998

INCOME

Revenue grants and income:	<u>1998</u> <u>£</u>	1997 <u>£</u>
North West Arts Board Liverpool City Council: Main programme Liverpool Education Committee: Staffing Artists' fees & other earned income Donations [inc. GAYE account] Rent National Lottery Charities Board: Apprentice scheme Mabel and Jack Harpe Education Fund Bank interest received	44,000 23,712 6,619 3,966 14,900 7,820 42,066 114 520	44,000 23,712 6,619 13,167 11,456 5,963 24,140 157 7
Trusts, Sponsorships & Project Grants:		
Access is a State of Mind Channel 4 Television Spring & Summer Youth Arts Programmes	1,000	1,000
Merseyside Play Action Council	1,452	1,117
Unrepeated Total	146,169	15,045 146,383

EXPENDITURE

STAFFING	1998 <u>£</u>	1997 £

Full-time workers & associates	34,981	28,869
Short-term staffing	6,148	5,092
Accommodation [staff houses]	8,863	8,416
Recruitment	1,338	338
	<u>51,330</u>	42,715
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Telephone	3,693	4,883
Postage	530	393
Computers	285	513
Stationery	514	387
General administration	404	543
Audit & Professional fees	790	835
Bank charges	<u>-1,456</u>	1,751
	7,672	9,305
GENERAL		
Library	37	_
Hospitality	665	1,111
Marketing, Fund-raising & Publicity	309	596
Transport	1,432	1,750
Research & Development, Conferences, Travel	_401	1,125
	2,844	4,582
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	-	
Heat & Light	5,529	6,134
Rates & general maintenance	5,381	6,797
Insurance & Security	9,150	9,093
•	20,060	$\frac{22,024}{22}$
RESOURCES)·
Equipment maintenance	360	308
1 1	360	308
	200	<u>500</u>

EXPENDITURE [Continued]

	1998 <u>£</u>	1997 £
YOUTH ARTS		
Spring "Full of beans"	414	1,111
Summer "Summer in South America"	1,766	2,562
Winter "Winter in South America"	903	569
Term-time Sessions	368	1,303
The Blackie Reports	<u>1,126</u>	<u> </u>
	<u>4,577</u>	5,545
CULTURAL AND FURTHER EDUCATION		
Theatre & Gallery visits	400	262
Blackie Grants & Scholarships	300	2,600
General & Academic Education and Ipi Tombi	<u>3,175</u>	1,782
	3,875	4.144

APPRENTICE SCHEME		
Revenue	40,189	22,162
Capital	<u>2,162</u>	2,075
	42,351	24,237
ACTIVITIES The Blackie Gallery: exhibitions by resident and visiting artists incl. "Access is a State of Mind", Dot on the Map, Lpool Anti-Racist & Community Arts Association 1986-97, The Year of the Tiger "V for Violence" "Kicking Free" "Thoughts in Tune" "L'Arche" event	11,142 2,317 489 249 237	12,418
"Bulgarian Dance Event"	90	-
African Routes 2	106	9,342
Other events, including Elroy Josephs Memorial,		•
Talking in Tongues, Positive Energy, Hungarian		
Cultural Evening, Blackie Games	405	-
General Publications	501	926
Unrepeated		<u>15,626</u>
	15,536	38,312
TOTAL EXPENDITURE Theft - Cash snatch March 1997	148,605	151,672 753
Release of prior provision for publications	<u>-3,502</u>	<u>-4,690</u>
	145,103	147,735

SURPLUS/[DEFICIT] BEFORE[see note on page 4]

PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENTS

<u>1,066</u>

<u>-1,352</u>

EXPENDITURE [Continued]

GREAT GEORGES COMMUNITY CULTURAL PROJECT/THE BLACKIE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

COMBINED SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET:

PHASE 1 COMPLETE AND PHASE 2 TO 5 APRIL 1998

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Current Assets	<u>£</u>	£
Bank	6,016	-
Cultural activities account	45,286	<u>8,061</u>
	51,302	8,061
Current Liabilities		
Bank overdraft	_	-6,018
Creditors	-51,885	-8,436
Reserve for completion of small outstanding items	- 1,000	0,.50
["snags"] on ramped access programme	725	-725
Net Current Assets/[Liabilities]	-1,308	<u>-7,118</u>
Represented by:		
Phase 1 completed [deficit]	-36,821	-36,821
Less Phase 2 and exterior programme - at 5 4.97.	29,703	,
- year to 5.4.98.	<u>5,810</u>	<u>-29,703</u>
Accumulated Surplus/[Deficit]	<u>-1,308</u>	<u>-7,118</u>

Note: GREAT GEORGES PROJECT

The Great Georges Project is the redevelopment of the former Great George Street Congregational Church premises into a community cultural centre, which is run by Great Georges Community Cultural Project Limited. The property was transferred to the Company in the year 1990/91.

The redevelopment programme is being carried out in 3 phases. On page 18 is detailed a summary of the income and expenditure on the programme in the year to 5 April 1998. The surplus will be spent during 1998/99 to complete the programme.

REDEVELOPMENT PHASE 2

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 1998

INCOME

	1998 f	1997
Annexe 2 External Renovation Programme	~	~
Canning St. Area Partnership:		
English Heritage/City Challenge/		
Liverpool City Council	34,841	31,707
Great Georges Community Cultural Project	· -	10,000
Esmee Fairbairn Foundation	-	7,000
Great Georges Project [bank int.reimbursed]	299	460
Fairway Foundation	<u>1,000</u>	
Total	36,140	49,167

EXPENDITURE

Annexe 2 External Renovation Programme		
Nobles Construction Ltd.	23,843	40,807
Kingham Knight Associates[Architects]	1,673	5,018
Youdan Briggs Associates[Quantity Surveyors]	1,281	2,023
Steve Hunt PartnershipStructural Engineers]	226	821
Bank charges	299	298
Audit & Accountancy	200	200
Nobles - Associated & Management costs	2,759	
Architectural Engineering Services	49	-
Total	<u>30,330</u>	49,167
Surplus for year	5,810	
Phase I deficit brought forward	<u>-7,118</u>	<u>-7,118</u>
Net Deficit carried forward	<u>-1,308</u>	<u>-7,118</u>

GIFTS AND DONATIONS TO THE BLACKIE

The Company would like to thank all those businesses, companies and individuals who have contributed to either the cultural or the redevelopment programme by way of gifts, services, and donations in kind, during the financial year to 5 April 1998. All are from Merseyside unless otherwise stated.

The Company apologises to any individual or organisation who might inadvertently have been omitted.

Abbots Packaging

Auto Paint International

C3 Imaging Clarence Glass Francisco Curasco

Richard & Odile Fong(Canada)

The Grapes Hertz Rental

Hole in the Wall Restaurant John Moores University

Richard Kirkby

Liverpool Chinatown Business Association

Merseyside Play Action Council

Rapid Discount
Roy Rubenstein
Taskers D.I.Y.
Enrique Veogente
Whittaker Garden Centre

Atlantic Tower Hotel
The Bluecoat Arts Centre

City Tiles

Clipper Drawing Pin Company

Peter Daley Girobank

Handyman House Dr. Sidney Hoddes

Robert Jefford (Cambridge)

Graham Jones L.1. Focus Xia Lu

Oyez Stationery Rennie's Arts Supplies Smiths Business Machines

Unity Theatre Viva Havana Phil Williams

The Blackie would also like to thank the many volunteers who contributed to the programme during 1997/98. An estimated 17,000 hours of voluntary work were donated in the year to 5 April 1998.