

South West Bristol Co-operative Learning Trust

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 August 2022

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COMPANIES HOUSE

Registration number: 7196462

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 August 2021

Status

The organisation is a company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 19th March 2010.

Company Number

07196462

Registered Office

3 Clifton Wood Crescent
Bristol
BS8 4TU

Directors

Thomas Monks
Steven Michael Moseley
Michael Brian Pengelly
Ingrid Caroline Ruth Skells
Kathryn Webb
Roger White

Terminated in Year

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Company Secretary

Jane Ivey

Directors and Secretary as at 31 August 2022

Directors Report

For the year ending 31 August 2022

The directors present their directors' report and the financial statements for the year ending 31 August 2022.

Principal Activity

The trust has continued its principal activities raising income from fundraising. It has incurred expenditure in respect of its activities.

Directors and directors' interests

The directors who held office during the year and to the date of this report were as follows:

Thomas Monks
Steven Michael Moseley
Michael Brian Pengelly
Ingrid Caroline Ruth Skells
Kathryn Webb
Roger White

No director has any beneficial interest in the trust.

Business Review and Principal Activities

The purpose of the Trust is to advance the education of the pupils at the member schools and to advance the education of other members of the community and otherwise benefit the community having regard to the Trust's obligation to promote Community Cohesion under the Education Act.

South West Bristol Co-operative Learning Trust passed responsibility for the land and buildings of the four schools over to Gatehouse Green Learning Trust on 1st July 2018.

Statement of directors' responsibilities in respect of the Directors' Report and financial statements

For the year ending 31 August 2022

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial period 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 then apply them consistently;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- 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 company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for maintaining 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 2006.

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.

The Directors' report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2003 relating to small companies.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

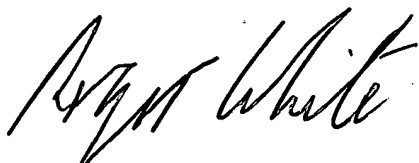
Jane Ivey
Company Secretary
March 2022

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2022

	Note	31/08/2022 £	31/08/2021 £
Incoming Resources from generated funds			
Donations and fundraising events	3	6754	2111.50
Resources expended			
Costs of generating funds	4	9318	4177
Net Income/expenditure for the year		(2564)	(2065)
Interest Receivable	3	0	0
Net movement in Funds		(2564)	(2065)
Fund balance as at 31 August 2021		38068	40133
Fund balance as at 31 August 2022		35504	38068

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the directors on 22/03/23 and signed on their behalf by


Roger White


Steven Michael Moseley

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 August 2022

	Notes	31/08/2022 £	31/08/2021 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand	I.R.O. SWBCLT / HoH	35504	38068
Net Assets		<u>35504</u>	<u>38068</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Total Capital Reserves		<u>35504</u>	<u>38068</u>

The accounts have been delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company regime.


For the year ending 31/08/2022 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.


Director's responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small company regime.

Approved by the directors on 22/03/23 and signed on their behalf by


Roger White


Steven Michael Moseley

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ending 31 August 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with applicable accounting standards.

Donations and Other Voluntary Income

All donations and other voluntary income are included in the Income and Expenditure Statement and accounted for according to date of receipt.

2. PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

The company is a not for profit organisation and has generated income and incurred expenditure in respect of its activities in the advancement of education at the member schools. Directors' emoluments and audit fees were both £nil.

3. TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES

Incoming resources from generated funds	31/08/2022
	£
Handfuls of Harmony Choir subscriptions	5541
Spring Term 2022 Handfuls of Harmony Concert	1213
Total Income	<u>6754</u>

4. ANALYSIS OF TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED

Cost of generating funds	31/08/2022
	£
SWBCLT Company Secretary	750
Choir Leadership	5470
School Choir Assistants	1420
Venue hire	980
Concert photographer, CDs, poster costs	121
Handfuls of Harmony Choir website	204
Solicitors' costs (MoU)	360
Companies House	13
Total Expenditure	<u>9318</u>



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1 st	Sept	2021		31	August	2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger White	Chair		Community
2	Steve Moseley	Vice Chair		Community
3	Michael Hook			Community
4	Ingrid Skeels			Community
5	Tom Monks			Bristol Sport Foundation
6	Michael Pengelly			Co-operative Group
7	Nick John		Until April 2021	Ashton Park school
8	Susan Hughes		Until July 2021	UWE
9	Matt Perkins		Until July 2021	Compass Point

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
National Law Firm	Browne Jacobson LLP	Mowbray House, Castle Meadow Rd, Nottingham, NG2 1BJ

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Memorandum of Understanding and Articles of Association

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Limited Company

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

The Trustees elect and appoint up to four Trustees who represent the Trust's community; up to four Trustees following recommendations by Gatehouse Green Multi Academy Trust, and a further four nominated by the partner organisations.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education of young people in the BS3 community.

To advance the education of other members of the community and otherwise to benefit the community.

It is intended that the curriculum and ethos of the schools we work with will place an emphasis on, and include a commitment to students learning about, the Co-operative Values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity, solidarity, honesty, openness, social responsibility and caring for others with the aim of encouraging all students to become better citizens, not only while they are students but during the rest of their lives.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trust has been involved with a number of activities undertaken for public benefit. These include Handfuls of Harmony choir which is open to everyone living in the South West Bristol area and; the Children's University initiative co-ordinated by the University of the West of England.

Under a Memorandum of Understanding signed between members of SWBCLT and GGLT in July 2018, the assets of the land and building of all schools were transferred to GGLT, with an assurance from GGLT that any proposals to divest any part of the assets would be subject to consultation with the respective BS3 communities. GGLT also guaranteed to uphold the co-operative values within its articles of association and day-to-day operation, and to report on progress to the SWBCLT Board.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Report on SWBCLT achievements during 2020/21

1. Activities of the Trust

Because of the Covid 19 situation, and the various lockdowns and official constraints on group gatherings, our activities during 2021/22 were initially limited to maintaining the Handfuls of Harmony Adult Community Choir (mostly on line, but with a few face-to-face sessions), and to liaison with our various partners as appropriate. Once the situation started to open up again early in 2022, we decided to recommence our Thursday evening face-to-face sessions for adults as well as working with local schools, aiming for a concert in May 2022

• Handfuls of Harmony Community Choir

This intergenerational community choir has been SWBCLT's biggest success to date, with singing groups covering all ages. In previous years the groups have all rehearsed independently but come together twice a year for performances at St Paul's Church.

Uplifting, sociable and improving participants' sense of belonging, the choir engenders a positive sense of community.

Because of the Covid situation in schools, we were unable to run any face-to-face groups during most of 2021/22, although our choir leaders uploaded on-line materials for children to access, which at least kept the spirit of the choir alive.

With regard to the adult choir, during the period when lockdown eased, we were able to run a number of open-air singing sessions, gathering together under the Cumberland Basin flyover or in Ashton Park for a socially distanced singalong, whilst adhering to the Bristol City Council guidelines. BCC was very supportive of our endeavours and gave approval for the sessions to take place. These ran during the spring, summer and autumn, until inclement weather made such gatherings inappropriate.

After Covid restrictions were removed in early 2022, we re-started the adult choir Thursday evening session and our work with school. Some schools were hesitant to take part and we worked with Ashton Gate,

Southville and Parson Street, aiming for our first joint concert for two and half years at St. Paul's church in Southville on Sunday 8th May 2022

Throughout this period, we were indebted to the efforts of Ali Orbaum, our wonderful choir leader, whose inspiration and leadership during the dark days of Covid, were so very much appreciated by everyone involved.

Since this report is being written in early Spring 2023, we are pleased to report that the choir has maintained its work with local schools and arranged a further concert in November 2022. With numbers increasing in the adult choir, It feels like we are going to see renewed involvement from local schools in the autumn term 2023

- **Primary visits to Ashton Park Secondary School**

On hold during 2021/22.

- **Children's University**

On hold during 2021/22

- **Links with schools in China**

On hold during 2021/22

- **Orchestra**

On hold during 2021/22

- **Bristol Sport**

On hold during 2021/22.

- **Forest school activities**

Following the election to the SWBCLT Board of Steve Moseley, offers to help promote forest school type activities have been made to all BS3 schools. As with the Orchestra idea, these were put on hold, until the Covid situation improved. With the easing of restrictions in Spring 2022, discussions re-opened with Ashton Park school about possible development of an area of the playing field for Forest School activities.

2. Relationship with GGLT

As GGLT gathered momentum, SWBCLT had always looked forward to a symbiotic partnership between the two organisations, to take forward the actions agreed by all signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding in July 2018.

Although SWBCLT initiated a number of approaches in the period 2018-2020, we encountered resistance, and there was little progress. However, discussions re-started in April 2020 and initial conversations gave grounds for cautious optimism that some things might be possible for 2021. In the

event nothing tangible materialised in terms of joint activities, apart from a commitment to endorse the agreements that both organisations had promised to uphold in the original MoU of July 2018. This new agreement was subsequently signed in August 2021 and witnessed by lawyers to the respective organisations.

The departure of the chair of GGLT board of trustees in autumn 2021 opened up possibilities for a more constructive dialogue, which Steve Moseley and Mike Hook pursued, although these were hampered by changes of headship at Ashton Park and a lack of positive response from the leadership of GGLT.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trust has not adopted a Reserves Policy. Income and expenditure are below £25000 per annum.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of ongoing income for SWBCLT is through choir subscriptions and revenue from choir concerts. This contributes towards the running costs of the choirs, although this activity has required subsidy during the covid period. Fortunately we have been carrying forward a surplus from the Big Lottery project of 2015/16 and this has enabled us to keep going.

Section F Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Roger White

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair of Trustees

Date

22/01/23