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**HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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### Trustees

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# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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The trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### **A New Era**

This document records the activities and achievements of Highgate Newtown Community Centre Limited (HNCC) during the year of the COVID crisis and looks forward to a new era. From 2022 the charity expects to have the privilege of occupying of a brand new community centre (which is pictured on the front cover), built by the London Borough of Camden (LBC) at a cost in excess of £6 million. This means that we will be able to restore, improve and expand the activities and services for our community which had to cease when the old building closed and was demolished. The document constitutes the formal report of the Trustees for the year and our financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016).

#### **Objectives and activities**

The charity's object and principal activity continues to be to promote the benefit to the inhabitants of the area around 25 Bertram Street without distinction of sex, race, sexual orientation, disability, political affiliation, religious or other opinions, by associating the local authorities, local churches, voluntary organisations and inhabitants 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 conditions of life of the said inhabitants with special emphasis on young and elderly users. Accordingly our primary purpose is to be a self sufficient community based organisation which provides welcoming supportive enriching activities and services within the community especially to the young and elderly. Following the arrival of the coronavirus in early 2020 much of our effort has been diverted to the relief of food shortages and on countering the effects of the lock-down on the elderly and the vulnerable in our community.

The strategies employed to achieve the charity's objectives are: to offer opportunities for a broad range of people to get involved in activities in order to explore and expand their own social, recreational, educational and vocational skills and abilities; and to provide facilities for local people of all ages and backgrounds to come together as a community which respects and values differences in age and culture and cares about the welfare of its component parts.

#### **Redevelopment of 25 Bertram Street**

In 2017 the London Borough of Camden ('LBC') decided to redevelop our premises at 25 Bertram Street to provide additional housing in our area and an enhanced Community Centre building. As a result we relocated many of our activities to a number of venues in the area around Bertram Street. Construction of the new building has commenced and discussions continue with LBC and with various possible tenants for some of the floors of the building, and the LBC on the basis upon which the Community Centre and the possible tenants will occupy the building. However the Trustees believe that the new Community Centre building is unlikely to be ready for occupation prior to late 2022 and accordingly anticipate that the Community Centre will operate exclusively in the decentralised, partnership mode described below for at least the next two years.

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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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### **Mode of operation until the new Centre opens**

During 2020/21 our activities were re-located to a number of facilities in the local area. These include Hargrave Hall in the Archway area, St Anne's Church, and the United Reformed Church in Highgate and St Mary's Church in Brookfield, Dartmouth Park. The Trustees expect this process to continue, and activities have now commenced at St Michael's Church Highgate. Some of these facilities have been secured on a rental basis, some are free of charge, but with them all the Trustees seek to operate on a partnership basis with the owner or leaseholder, all of whom are anxious to contribute to providing the kind of services we offer to the local community. Our relations with LBC remain strong, but as part of our community is located in Islington we have established a relationship with the London Borough of Islington (LBI) from whom we received a small amount of grant funding. Our administrative office continues at St Anne's Church on Highgate West Hill but it is only staffed intermittently, as our Director operates on a peripatetic basis around all the locations in which we provide services. The decentralised mode of operation we had commenced in 2019, although forced on us, has in the event proved popular with many of our client groups, and the Trustees now envisage that even after the new centre opens they will continue many activities in the decentralised partnership mode.

### **Achievements and Performance for Public Benefit**

The trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity this year. Despite the disruption caused by the decant we have succeeded in significantly expanding the services we offer to our community and this in a form which is not critically dependent on access to 25 Bertram Street. Also the Trustees are proud of the fact that the Community Centre has demonstrated the ability to mobilise a fast and effective response to the challenges posed for our community by the coronavirus lock-down. And although we pay all our employees in excess of the London Living Wage we are proud too of our low running and administration costs which amount to under 15% of our total expenditure.

Significant achievements and developments through 2020/21 include:

### **Under 5s children services**

Highgate Newtown Community believes children should have great services and free services that all can access and enjoy. Our principal offering is a daily drop-in session for under 5s. Which has now been relocated to St Mary's Brookfield in Dartmouth Park. The full programme can be found on our website at <https://www.highgatentown.org.uk>. Early years matter and parents with new born babies also can feel isolated, but with our café and other free services a family support centre is created. Parents can also access our clothes bank and advice from our children service manager on a range of needs. Funding for this activity has been obtained from the John Lyon's Charity, QBE Insurance Limited and Lady Gould's Charity. Following the lock-down all face-to-face activities were suspended, but have now been restarted. They were replaced with telephone support for parents, food parcels and help for those who are shielding to get shopping and medication, home delivered arts and craft material packs and online singing activities for children.

# **HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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### **Health and well-being over 75s and elderly and Dementia Café**

In 2019/20 we offered support to older members of our community with full time staff coordinators for these activities, funded by City Bridge Trust, the Mercers Company and Ageing Better Camden programme.

In the year of the pandemic our activities were concentrated on supporting older people (many of whom in our area are lonely and isolated) through regular phone calls, our Meals on Wheels service, the delivery of food parcels, help with shopping picking up medication and telephone befriending and minor repairs. For a lot of people our help and calls have been a lifesaver, they were scared and felt confused and isolated and very alone while shielding. Our calls gave them something to look forward to. Our activities are now located at St Michaels Church Highgate where we provide healthy lunches and a variety of activities such as quizzes for older residents in particular those suffering from dementia and their carers. Further information can be found on our website at <https://www.highgatentown.org.uk>.

### **Community lunch club**

We know that many people in our area eat alone, may not eat properly or be able to afford healthy food and can therefore end up hungry, isolated and depressed. We created a heavily subsidised lunch club which runs from Monday to Saturday throughout the year. Following the lock-down the lunch clubs were suspended and the staff redeployed to support the Meals on Wheels and pandemic crisis efforts. The lunch clubs have now restarted and we provide a hot meal cooked on the premises and a pudding for just £2.50 in a variety of locations around the area, including St Michael's Church and the United Reformed Church in Highgate, and St Mary's Brookfield, close to Peabody Trust housing and relatively deprived areas around Archway. The current programme can be found at <https://www.highgatentown.org.uk>. Part of the funding for this activity has been obtained from the Lady Gould's Charity, and in addition we have also assisted the churches in securing funding for the necessary upgrades to their kitchen facilities.

### **Meals on Wheels and our Electric Van**

In the first quarter of 2020 we purchased and fitted out an electric van with food warming capability in order to provide a Meals on Wheels service throughout our community and (during the pandemic crisis), in partial replacement of our community lunches. Initially we had the use of the kitchen at Brookfield School to cook our hot meals for the Meals on Wheels Service but latterly this has been transferred to Channing School. We also allowed the use of our electric van by a number of organisation servicing nearby parts of North London with home delivered hot food. We will be continuing this service in liaison with our local Councils.

### **Pandemic response and Food Bank**

For many years every week local residents brought in to the old Centre good quality groceries and other items which we then hand out to people in crisis or those needing extras. It was central to the scheme that we do not ask for vouchers or proof of entitlement and was especially welcomed by our local primary school and a nearby hostel for homeless people as well as many others in this neighbourhood which includes three large council estates. During the year we substantially upgraded this programme by mobilising a dedicated team of paid and volunteer staff just over 100 volunteers and five staff to provide food parcels (much of it purchased in) and other support (such as shopping, medicine collection, telephone and general support) to the many old and isolated members of our community. This was all funded by grants from central government (DEFRA) and from the London Borough of Camden and from private donations. We are now working to transition this programme into a co-operative effort organised by the recipients themselves.

# **HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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### **Art programmes**

Since our leaving the HNCC building in March 2019 our Artist In Residence was working with the range of our local partners to maintain an overall art programme for the local community. These included both regular weekday, after school and school holiday programmes at St Anne's Highgate, Hargrave Hall, and the London Irish Centre, as well as supporting seasonal events and festivals organised by our other partners, including the Kentish Town Community Centre and Highgate United Reform Church. Overall our classes have continued to provide for all ages from 6 years to over 75, including children drawing and painting club and intergenerational community classes.

Following lock-down this programme was suspended but was partially replaced by weekly on-line exercises and tuition from our Angus Anderson Artist in Residence. Tragically however Angus passed away suddenly in December 2020 and this programme was suspended. Angus will be greatly missed by all at HNCC. Single-handedly he created our arts programme which we will continue and we hope will stand as a memorial to him.

We will shortly appoint a new Artist in Residence and will continue to seek to maximise access both by understanding personal circumstances, and by keeping class fees to a minimum. Places on the adult / open access programmes are all provided on the basis that those on benefits are able to attend for free or on a materials cost only basis.

### **Woodwork**

During 2018/19 we offered classes in wood work for children aged 7 to 14 at Bertram Street, which were very successful and popular with the community and local schools, none of which have wood working facilities. Thanks to generous donations from LBC funds, arranged by our ward councillors Oliver Lewis, Anna Wright and Siân Berry, from September this activity has been relocated to a dedicated space in Raydon Street and is now carried on by a separate social enterprise.

### **Website and Communications**

Today websites and an active internet presence are essential, and particularly so for HNCC while it is operating from so many different locations. Considerable effort has been spent in the year on ensuring that our website (<https://www.highgatentown.org.uk>) is up-to-date and relevant and paints a true picture of our activities. During the pandemic crisis the website has proved to be an extremely effective tool for fund raising from the local community to support our activities.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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### **Fundraising**

This year we had strong support from a number of local and national organisations (mentioned above and the accounts) and also from local people giving to the charity. Our low running costs mean funds donated by the public only go to support our front line services. At the height of the pandemic the level of and frequency of donations from individuals and small private trusts was remarkable and is a testament to the willingness of the community to step up to help in a time of crisis. Although we benefit from a generous grant from Camden over half the funds we spend come from trusts, other non governmental and private donations. It requires considerable effort and staff resources to maintain this flow of funds, both in preparing applications and reporting to donors how their money has been spent, as each granting organisation has its own requirements and standards all of which we have to meet.

### **Policies for 2021/22**

Our priorities for 2021/22 are unchanged from last year and reflect growing demand for our free services as many other services from local councils are cut. Many people on low incomes and living below the poverty line are facing isolation and social exclusion as they can no longer afford the fees for paid services.

1. Deliver high quality services that enable stability, security, improved well-being and the development of positive relationships.
2. Develop and deliver a range of free services which welcome all.
3. Be the leading provider of emergency food parcels, supporting people in hostel and temporary accommodation.
4. Raise funding to support existing activities, growth plans and increase reserves so as to ensure that the Centre is able to come through the transition to the new building with strong support from its clients, young and old.
5. Develop our people, systems and operations to ensure our core running costs for the charity are the lowest in the sector which means we have more funds to protect our front line essential services.

### **The year ahead**

In the coming year we expect to rise to the challenge of being responsive to the emerging needs of the community as a result of the pandemic and to deliver more services to more people without having a core building from which to deliver services. We will continue to follow our successful operating model of seeking grant funding for specific initiatives and in general apart from certain core programmes our philosophy is that if an activity can be funded by grants and meets our objectives we will do it, but will not continue if grant funding dries up.

### **Financial review**

Prior to the closure the charity enjoyed an income from lettings of space in the Bertram Street Building. During the period of closure this core income has disappeared, but has been partially replaced by an enhanced grant from the London Borough of Camden. When the Centre re-opens this mode of funding could continue with rent paid to Camden funded by letting income. However alternative modes of operation are possible and discussions on this and related issues have commenced. In the meantime the Trustees will continue with their strategy of securing funding from a range of income streams to minimise risk to the organisation.



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## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

HNCC will continue to hold reserves sufficient to keep operating as at present for six months and finance an orderly closure of some or all of our programmes if necessary.

The largest financial challenge facing HNCC is the need to fund the fit out of new building. We estimate that this will cost just under £600,000. We expect to fund the larger part of this expense through capital donations from a number of charities and institutions. Of total amount required £200,000 has already been raised and appears in our financial statements as a £200,000 fit out reserve (designated reserve), and is reflected also in our bank balances.

The trustees have examined the major strategic, business and operational risks which the charity faces and confirm that systems have been established to enable regular reports to be produced so that the necessary steps can be taken to lessen these risks.

### Code of Conduct and Financial and Other Policies including Data Protection

During the year the Trustees reviewed the Charities Code of Conduct and financial and other policies to ensure that they are compliant with current legal requirements and best practice.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has just under 100 members.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Robert Aitken (Chair)

John Carrier

Stephen Hodge

Oliver Lewis

Reverend Andrew Meldrum

James Robin

Barbara Smith

Father Damien Mason

Reverend David Currie

Robert Schon

Philip Whale

(Appointed 16 September 2020)

Olutomi Ayodeji

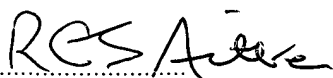
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None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

### Auditor

The auditors, Glaziers, were reappointed as auditor to the company at the 2020 AGM and a proposal that they be reappointed will be put to a General Meeting.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Robert Aitken (Chair)

Trustee

Dated: 27 July 2021



Stephen Hodge

Trustee

Dated: 27/7/2021

# **HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021***

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The trustees, who are also the directors of Highgate Newtown Community Centre Limited for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- 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 charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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#### Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Highgate Newtown Community Centre Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet and the notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 March 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

#### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of trustees' responsibilities, the trustees, who are also the directors of the charity for the purpose of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud, is detailed below.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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In identifying and assessing risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

1) Enquiries of management concerning the charity's policies and procedures relating to:

- identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance
- detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud; and
- the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations;

2) Discussions among the engagement team regarding how and when fraud might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.

We also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included the UK Companies Act and Charities Act along with the Charities SORP.

In addition, we considered provisions of other laws and regulations that do not have a direct effect on the financial statements but compliance with which may be fundamental to the charity's ability to operate or avoid a material penalty.

As a result of performing the above, we did not identify any key audit matters related to the potential risk of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations.

In addition to the above, our procedures to respond to risks identified included the following:

- Reviewing the financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with provisions of relevant laws and regulations described as having a direct effect on the financial statements;
- Enquiring of management concerning actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships that may indicate risks of material misstatement due to fraud;
- Reading minutes of meetings of those charged with governance and reviewing correspondence with relevant tax authorities; and
- In addressing the risk of fraud through management override of controls, testing the appropriateness of journal entries and other adjustments; assessing whether the judgements made in making accounting estimates are indicative of a potential bias; and evaluating the business rationale of any significant transactions that are unusual or outside the normal course of business.

We also communicated relevant identified laws and regulations and potential fraud risks to all engagement team members, and remained alert to any indications of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit.

We note that our audit is not primarily designed to detect non-compliance with laws and regulations and the Trustees and other management are responsible for such internal control as the Trustees and other management of the charity determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to errors or fraud, including compliance with laws and regulations. Additionally, owing to the inherent limitations of an audit, there is an unavoidable risk that we may not have detected some material misstatements in the financial statements, even though we have properly planned and performed our audit in accordance with auditing standards. We are not responsible for preventing non-compliance and cannot be expected to detect non-compliance with all laws and regulations.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

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A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <https://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

#### Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

*Glazers*

**Glazers**

9 August 2021

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

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NW11 8NA

Glazers is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income from:</b>						
Grants, donations and legacies	3	201,516	-	245,132	446,648	479,945
Other trading activities	4	-	-	-	-	2,628
Investments	5	103	-	-	103	280
<b>Total income</b>		201,619	-	245,132	446,751	482,853
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	6	8,509	-	14,774	23,283	14,390
Charitable activities	7	86,507	-	315,419	401,926	359,023
<b>Total resources expended</b>		95,016	-	330,193	425,209	373,413
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		106,603	-	(85,061)	21,542	109,440
Gross transfers between funds		(226,520)	200,000	26,520	-	-
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(119,917)	200,000	(58,541)	21,542	109,440
Fund balances at 1 April 2020		225,868	-	120,412	346,280	236,840
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2021</b>		105,951	200,000	61,871	367,822	346,280

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	2021 £	£	2020 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		13,022		19,533
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	12	17,694		18,191	
Cash at bank and in hand		352,713		320,648	
		<u>370,407</u>		<u>338,839</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	13	<u>(15,607)</u>		<u>(12,092)</u>	
Net current assets			354,800		326,747
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>367,822</u>		<u>346,280</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	14		61,871		120,412
Designated funds			200,000		-
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	15	200,000		-	
General unrestricted funds		<u>(94,049)</u>		<u>225,868</u>	
			105,951		225,868
			<u>367,822</u>		<u>346,280</u>



# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

**AS AT 31 MARCH 2021**

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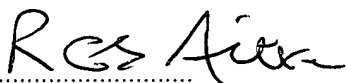
The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2021, although an audit has been carried out under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

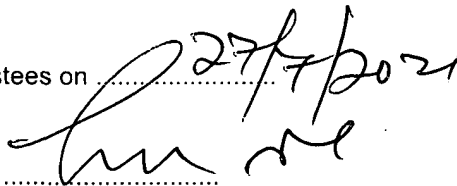
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements under the requirements of the Companies Act 2006, for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

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

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....



Robert Aitken (Chair)  
Trustee



Stephen Hodge  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. 01859173**

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Highgate Newtown Community Centre Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is 12 Highgate Close, London, N6 4SD.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.5 Expenditure

Direct charitable expenditure comprises expenses incurred directly in pursuance of the charity's principal activity.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to that category.

#### 1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	25% on cost
Computers	25% on cost
Motor vehicles	25% on cost

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

#### 1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.9 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 1.10 Employee benefits

The cost of any unused holiday entitlement is recognised in the period in which the employee's services are received.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	111,516	1,549	113,065	11,980
General grants	90,000	243,583	333,583	467,965
	<u>201,516</u>	<u>245,132</u>	<u>446,648</u>	<u>479,945</u>
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2020</b>	<u>153,242</u>	<u>326,703</u>		<u>479,945</u>

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 4 Other trading activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
Cafe income	-	2,436
Letting and licensing arrangements	-	192
Other trading activities	-	2,628

### 5 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest receivable	103	280

### 6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Total
	£	£	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>				
Advertising	8,509	14,774	23,283	9,423
Other fundraising costs	-	-	-	1,600
Fundraising and publicity	8,509	14,774	23,283	11,023
<u>Trading costs</u>				
Cafe expenditure	-	-	-	3,367
	8,509	14,774	23,283	14,390
<b>For the year ended 31 March 2020</b>				
Fundraising and publicity	7,098	3,925		11,023
Trading costs	2,459	908		3,367
	9,557	4,833		14,390

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 7 Charitable activities

	Charitable Expenditure 2021 £	Charitable Expenditure 2020 £
Staff costs	210,646	163,623
Depreciation and impairment	6,511	9,094
Food and other provisions	60,849	-
Insurance	4,715	5,353
Rates and utilities	4,650	2,865
Telephone	3,971	2,359
Printing, postage and stationery	844	380
Sundry expenses	2,391	3,197
Venue hire	-	6,615
Travel and subsistence	3,662	994
Repairs and maintenance	6,464	7,659
Equipment maintenance	6,984	8,469
Bookkeeping	10,788	8,569
Legal and professional fees	54,350	12,654
Tutors	12,663	16,079
Activities and event costs	5,003	10,669
Bank charges	114	64
Woodwork project, build and fees	3,721	96,780
	<u>398,326</u>	<u>355,423</u>
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	3,600	3,600
	<u>401,926</u>	<u>359,023</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	86,507	133,899
Restricted funds	315,419	225,124
	<u>401,926</u>	<u>359,023</u>

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2020 £
Audit fees	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,600	3,600
	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,600	3,600
Analysed between Charitable activities	-	3,600	3,600	-	3,600	3,600

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
	7	7
<b>Employment costs</b>	<b>2021 £</b>	<b>2020 £</b>
Wages and salaries	190,661	152,639
Social security costs	12,039	5,900
Other pension costs	7,946	5,084
	210,646	163,623

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Fixtures and fittings	Computers	Motor vehicles	Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 April 2020	87,872	1,874	26,044	115,790
Disposals	(87,872)	-	-	(87,872)
At 31 March 2021	-	1,874	26,044	27,918
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 April 2020	87,872	1,874	6,511	96,257
Depreciation charged in the year	-	-	6,511	6,511
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(87,872)	-	-	(87,872)
At 31 March 2021	-	1,874	13,022	14,896
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 March 2021	-	-	13,022	13,022
At 31 March 2020	-	-	19,533	19,533

### 12 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Trade debtors	15,756	12,921
Other debtors	-	1,795
Prepayments and accrued income	1,938	3,475
	17,694	18,191

### 13 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	3,892	-
Trade creditors	7,908	7,790
Other creditors	207	154
Accruals and deferred income	3,600	4,148
	15,607	12,092



## HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Transfers	Balance at
	Balance at 1 April 2019	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 April 2020	Incoming resources	Resources expended		31 March 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cafe ( including Lady Gould grant)	-	11,334	(11,334)	-	28,373	(32,837)	4,464	-
75+	-	24,830	(12,605)	12,226	30,600	(27,261)	-	15,565
Age Concern 60+	923	13,389	(14,312)	-	10,356	(13,542)	3,186	-
Somali Project	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	-	10,000
Under 5s	12,124	23,232	(35,356)	-	20,485	(31,613)	11,128	-
QBE Equipment grant	9,636	-	(5,570)	4,066	-	-	-	4,066
Lady Gould grants (other)	983	2,200	(2,885)	298	4,135	(3,831)	-	602
Mercers grant	-	16,667	(15,677)	990	16,667	(19,573)	1,916	-
Wood to Work	-	123,865	(117,400)	6,465	12,500	(24,790)	5,825	-
Crisis Support	-	51,006	(6,214)	44,792	102,850	(144,557)	-	3,085
Meals on Wheels	-	60,180	(8,603)	51,575	9,165	(32,187)	-	28,553
	<u>23,666</u>	<u>326,703</u>	<u>(229,956)</u>	<u>120,412</u>	<u>245,131</u>	<u>(330,191)</u>	<u>26,519</u>	<u>61,871</u>

# HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

### 15 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	<b>Movement in funds</b>			
	<b>Incoming resources</b>	<b>Balance at 1 April 2020</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance at 31 March 2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Rebuilding fund	-	-	200,000	200,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>200,000</u>

The trustees have established a designated fund towards the cost of the rebuilding of the Community Centre as described in the Trustees' Report.

## HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

#### 16 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Designated funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Restricted funds 2020 £	Total 2020 £
Fund balances at 31 March 2021 are represented by:							
Tangible assets	-	-	13,022	13,022	-	19,533	19,533
Current assets/(liabilities)	105,951	200,000	48,849	354,800	225,868	100,879	326,747
	<u>105,951</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>61,871</u>	<u>367,822</u>	<u>225,868</u>	<u>120,412</u>	<u>346,280</u>

# **HIGHGATE NEWTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

***FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021***

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### **17 Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2020 - none).