

Company registration number: 04244661

Charity registration number: 1089635

Ashfield Voluntary Action

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees	Dr Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair, until August 2023 Peter Robinson, Acting Chair, from August 2023 Philip Marshall Ken Bradshaw Jac Lemmen Serita Walker
Senior Management Team	Teresa Jackson, Chief Executive
Charity Registration Number	1089635
Company Registration Number	04244661
Registered Office	Ashfield Health And Well Being Centre Portland Street Kirkby-In-Ashfield Nottingham NG17 7AE
Independent Examiner	John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus Units 1 & 2 North West 41 Talbot Street Nottingham NG1 5GL

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees and officers

The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Trustees:	Dr Margaret Frances Gregory, Chair, until August 2023
	Peter Robinson, Acting Chair, from August 2023
	Philip Marshall
	Ken Bradshaw
	Jac Lemmen
	Serita Walker (appointed 28 September 2022)
	Patrizia Canova (resigned 30 November 2022)

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and registered charity. It is operated under the rules of its memorandum and articles of association dated 2 July 2001. It has no share capital and the liability of each member in the event of winding-up is limited to £1.

Recruitment and appointment of trustees

Potential trustees complete an application form and are invited for an interview with fellow trustees. Two references are required and an agreement to have a DBS check. If acceptable the new trustee is then invited to a Trustee meeting as an observer so they can see the procedures. Following this a vote is taken and if accepted they are placed on the Trustee register on the Charity Commission website.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

1. To promote any charitable purpose for the benefit of the community in the local government district of Ashfield (the area of benefit) and, in particular, the advancement of education, the protection of health, and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
2. To promote and organise co-operation in the achievement of the above purposes and to that end to bring together in council representatives of the voluntary organisations and statutory authorities within the area of benefit.

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Objectives, strategies and activities

Ashfield Voluntary Action provides projects and services for the benefit of people living in the Ashfield District of Nottinghamshire.

We continue to develop new working relationships with organisations across Nottinghamshire to enhance the projects and services we provide which are below:

- Infrastructure support providing governance and funding support to the local voluntary sector.
- Volunteer support programme: the recruitment and training of people interested in volunteering their time to provide support to the community across the Ashfield Area.
- A public and patient engagement programme on behalf of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group/ ICP.
- Support for the NHSE Transformation programme to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services. The programmes involve the areas of Coxmoor in Kirkby and one on Butlers Hill / Broom Hill in Hucknall) in developing a local plan for community led health engagement programmes which will help to reduce the health inequalities of the people living on these estates.
- Living Well Hub - support for people over 60years- to reduce loneliness and improve their mental health & wellbeing and social inclusion through a variety of group activities.
- The Social Prescribing programme evolved into an Upscaling programme; working with Nottingham Trent University a massive review of the programme was undertaken with the intention of scaling up the programme across Mansfield and Newark & Sherwood.

This was a good example of Partnership working. We undertook community interviews to find out how people had engaged with the programme, and looked at what worked and what did not work. The aim being to secure funding for social prescribing activity across the Mid Notts area.

- In Touch, support for people to learn and improve digital skills, especially health related digital devices.
- Ashfield Community Enterprise, registered as a Community Interest Company. It is now AVA's trading arm, a social enterprise supporting people to learn new skills and produce items, from recycled wood; creative designs from textiles and the FAVA tea kiosk which generates an income to cover the costs of social prescribing that are not funded by grants.

A special thanks to our funders during 2022-2023:

Active Notts Partnership Trust

Age UK IAPT promotion funds

Arts and Heritage Research Grants Social Prescribing Funds

Ashfield District Council Community Support

Big Lottery Fund

Kick Start Funds

Margaret Gregory

NHSEI - Community Champions; Inequalities Funds; Public Patient Engagement Fund

Notts and Nottinghamshire (ICB);

Nottinghamshire Community Foundation

Notts County Council - Dementia Funds; Local Community Fund; Local Resilience Funds

Pathways -European Funds through Enable

Romo

Severn Trent Funds

The Jones Trust

The National Lottery Reaching Communities Fund

Thomas Farr Trust

Western Power Generation

Wheatcroft Fund

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Public benefit

Ashfield Voluntary Action continues to offer a range of services to the people of Ashfield, linked to social engagement; health and well-being improvement; digital inclusion. Through partnership working we continue to support families who are struggling with the cost-of-living crisis to provide humanitarian support and through the Ashfield and Mansfield Emergency Foodbank.

Our activities all contribute to improving individual well-being, developing community cohesion, and will lead to a more healthy and vibrant community where people love to live.

A big thank you to all our volunteers who give their time to support the delivery of our projects and services during 2022-2023.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Achievements and performance

The Trustees fully support a stable platform to enable our staff to deliver our existing and new work programmes. We have developed our support for the NHSE transformation plans by strategically aligning our work to key priorities within the Local and County Authorities and NHS plans; and continue to support the NHS through their transformation plans to develop a people-centred service through an Integrated Care System with the voluntary sector as a joint partner.

We have recruited and worked with 47 volunteers this year. We still deliver some aspects of humanitarian aid to our community supporting those adversely affected by Covid.

We have continued to strengthen the Notts Together Alliance with all five Nottinghamshire CVSs, plus Nottingham City CVS, RCAN and Community Accounting Plus, actively engaging to secure contracts and funds to support the Community within Nottinghamshire. The Alliance has developed a Compact with the County Council to provide core services and volunteer bureau services. Ashfield Voluntary Action also support community and voluntary sector groups within the developments across the Mid Notts Place Based Partnership and the South Notts Place Based Partnership (PBP) areas. A larger Alliance to work with other charities and Voluntary Sector organisations has also been developing over the year. The aim being to co-produce effective strategies to combat health inequalities impacting on our communities.

In April 2022 we established the Ashfield Centre for Enterprise (ACE) to create opportunities for people to acquire basic workshop skills and to provide community services. It was managed and developed by Len Allchorne who sadly passed away in May 2023 after a long illness. Initially centred at Stanton Hill, ACE has developed into a shop and refreshment kiosk in the Ashfield Health & Wellbeing Centre, Kirkby. Many thanks to Teresa Jackson our Chief Officer who retired at the end of the year in March, and Margaret Gregory our Chair, for their work in establishing ACE.

Deborah Hill became our new Chief Executive in November 2022.

Financial review

We continue to work with Community Accounting Plus who provide a monthly book-keeping service. They are also helping us to develop a finance reporting system which links to the performance of our projects. Our accounts are on Quick Books which provide transparent accountability.

We paid the staff a 10% pay rise at the beginning of the year, this was because there had not been a pay-rise for over 7 years and our pay rates were very low. Our finances still remain strong.

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Policy on reserves

Following a review last year, we now have a reserve of £10,000 to cover costs of possible future redundancies. We built up reserves to ensure we have three months operational costs, as a cushion against funding loss, giving time to secure further funds. The expected pay rise was not paid until July but was backdated to 1st April 2022. The staff were very appreciative of the efforts to improve our pay. Sadly, the cost-of-living crisis we have experienced this year has virtually wiped out the impact of the pay rise.

Principal risks and uncertainties

Financial risk

Our biggest financial risk is to maintain the level of funds we secured last year. Our future with the ICP still remains uncertain as funding opportunities are still only for 1 year and nothing has yet been agreed for next year. Local Authority funding is also drying up.

We need to continue to seek new funding contracts to be able to maintain programmes and find new funds to deliver new programmes when there is a lot of competition for funding. We spend a large proportion of development time chasing smaller pots of grant funding. Staff turnover and the difficulty in recruiting staff also proves an ongoing problem.

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Statement of Responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of Ashfield Voluntary Action for the purposes 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), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



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Peter Robinson
Trustee

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Ashfield Voluntary Action ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

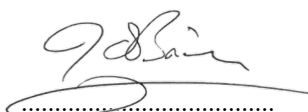
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

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.



John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCCA, FCIE, employee of Community Accounting Plus
Fellow of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners

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21 October 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Donations and legacies	2	8,696	-	8,696	22,768
Charitable activities	3	54,818	177,552	232,370	198,190
Investment income	5	1,315	-	1,315	37
Other income	6	5,034	-	5,034	-
Total Income		<u>69,863</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>247,415</u>	<u>220,995</u>
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	7	<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>(258,514)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		24,127	(35,226)	(11,099)	9,615
Transfers between funds		<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		19,593	(30,692)	(11,099)	9,615
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>92,643</u>	<u>109,916</u>	<u>202,559</u>	<u>192,944</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>112,236</u></u>	<u><u>79,224</u></u>	<u><u>191,460</u></u>	<u><u>202,559</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for the period is shown in note 17.

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2023 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:				
Donations and legacies	2	22,768	-	22,768
Charitable activities	3	5,679	192,511	198,190
Investment income	5	37	-	37
Total income		<u>28,484</u>	<u>192,511</u>	<u>220,995</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	7	<u>(21,225)</u>	<u>(190,155)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Total expenditure		<u>(21,225)</u>	<u>(190,155)</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>
Net income		7,259	2,356	9,615
Transfers between funds		<u>(2,177)</u>	<u>2,177</u>	-
Net movement in funds		5,082	4,533	9,615
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		<u>87,561</u>	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,944</u>
Total funds carried forward	17	<u><u>92,643</u></u>	<u><u>109,916</u></u>	<u><u>202,559</u></u>

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	9	22,711	6,229
Cash at bank and in hand	10	<u>177,353</u>	<u>227,165</u>
		200,064	233,394
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	11	<u>(8,604)</u>	<u>(30,835)</u>
Net assets		<u>191,460</u>	<u>202,559</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds	17	79,224	109,916
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>112,236</u>	<u>92,643</u>
Total funds	17	<u>191,460</u>	<u>202,559</u>

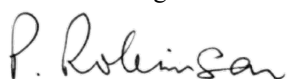
For the financial year ending 31 March 2023 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

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

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 8 to 22 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 October 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



.....
Peter Robinson
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 22 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

1 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

Ashfield Voluntary Action meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

The trustees assess whether the use of going concern is appropriate i.e. whether there are any material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees make this assessment in respect of a period of one year from the date of approval of the financial statements.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

Voluntary income including donations, gifts, legacies and grants that provide core funding or are of a general nature is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donations and legacies

Donations are recognised when the charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Grants receivable

Grants are recognised when the charity has an entitlement to the funds and any conditions linked to the grants have been met. Where performance conditions are attached to the grant and are yet to be met, the income is recognised as a liability and included on the balance sheet as deferred income to be released.

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Deferred income

Deferred income represents amounts received for future periods and is released to incoming resources in the period for which, it has been received. Such income is only deferred when:

- The donor specifies that the grant or donation must only be used in future accounting periods; or
- The donor has imposed conditions which must be met before the charity has unconditional entitlement.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets costing £500.00 or more are initially recorded at cost, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Depreciation and amortisation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Asset class	Depreciation method and rate
Furniture & equipment	20% straight line
IT equipment	33% straight line

Trade debtors

Trade debtors are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Trade debtors are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of trade debtors is established when there is objective evidence that the charity will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Trade creditors

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of business from suppliers. Accounts payable are classified as current liabilities if the charity does not have an unconditional right, at the end of the reporting period, to defer settlement of the creditor for at least twelve months after the reporting date. If there is an unconditional right to defer settlement for at least twelve months after the reporting date, they are presented as non-current liabilities.

Trade creditors are recognised initially at the transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Restricted income funds are those grants for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme for employees. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity. Pension costs charges in the Statement of Financial Activities represent the contributions payable by the charity during the year.

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Donations and legacies;			
Donations from companies, trusts and similar proceeds	565	565	1,496
Grants, including capital grants;			
Government grants	396	396	3,380
Grants from other charities	7,735	7,735	17,892
	<u>8,696</u>	<u>8,696</u>	<u>22,768</u>

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3 Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Grants & donations	-	176,012	176,012	180,433
Fees	-	-	-	2,758
Sundry income	144	1,540	1,684	2,802
Contracts	54,600	-	54,600	7,840
Fundraising	74	-	74	4,357
	<u>54,818</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>232,370</u>	<u>198,190</u>

4 Grants & donations

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total £
Acorn Fund - NCF	-	3,180	3,180
Nottingham CVS - Mental Health Transformation	-	14,908	14,908
Nottingham City Council- Hospital release social care	396	-	396
Nottinghamshire County Council - Covid support events	-	1,400	1,400
Ashfield District Council - Community Support	-	7,500	7,500
Sundry grants & donations	565	59	624
Enable - Pathways Training & Kickstart	7,735	20,197	27,932
Romo Funds Nottinghamshire	-	5,296	5,296
Rushcliffe CVS - SN HWB Partnership Training	-	4,000	4,000
Severn Trent Water	-	1,000	1,000
The Thomas Farr Charity	-	5,000	5,000
Mansfield CVS - MN HWB Partnership Programme	-	48,564	48,564
Western Power Distribution - Winter Warmers	-	8,500	8,500
NHS Nottingham & Nottinghamshire ICB - PPE contract	-	17,400	17,400
Wheatcroft	-	5,000	5,000
Notts Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner	-	6,675	6,675
NCC Local Communities Fund	-	27,333	27,333
	<u>8,696</u>	<u>176,012</u>	<u>184,708</u>

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5 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Interest receivable and similar income;			
Interest receivable on bank deposits	1,315	1,315	37

6 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Income from trading subsidiary	5,034	5,034	-

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

7 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Wages, NI & pensions	39,009	143,548	182,557	95,681
Payroll service	2,125	-	2,125	1,872
Repairs & maintenance	130	300	430	-
Training & conference	1,224	1,095	2,319	995
Volunteer expenses	13	1,209	1,222	2,205
Rent & services	11,308	5,996	17,304	29,642
Insurance	616	-	616	909
Telephone & internet	1,688	153	1,841	2,314
Postage, printing & stationery	2,392	3,000	5,392	3,135
Registrations & subscriptions	360	-	360	133
Equipment, repairs & renewals	378	1,891	2,269	4,250
Staff expenses	291	243	534	740
Donations paid	12,000	5,400	17,400	-
Legal & professional	4,464	742	5,206	10,013
Bank charges	74	-	74	97
Publicity and promotion	129	45	174	-
IT	7,040	8,000	15,040	11,089
Recruitment/HR	995	-	995	799
Utilities	8	-	8	889
Freelance	-	1,007	1,007	606
Secondment charge	-	-	-	43,260
Internal management charges	(39,314)	39,314	-	-
Trustees' expenses	424	-	424	366
Grant repayment	-	773	773	2,385
Refreshments	382	62	444	-
	<u>45,736</u>	<u>212,778</u>	<u>258,514</u>	<u>211,380</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

8 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	175,942	92,417
Social security costs	3,994	1,241
Pension costs	2,621	2,023
	<u>182,557</u>	<u>95,681</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Average number of employees	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>

5 (2022 - 5) of the above employees participated in the Defined Contribution Pension Schemes.

Contributions to the employee pension schemes for the year totalled £2,621 (2022 - £2,023).

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

The total employee benefits of the key management personnel of the charity were £31,228 (2022 - £19,108).

9 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	13,241	5,996
Due from group undertakings	4,282	-
Prepayments	154	233
Other debtors	5,034	-
	<u>22,711</u>	<u>6,229</u>

10 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	232	1,529
Cash at bank	177,121	225,636
	<u>177,353</u>	<u>227,165</u>

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11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade creditors	7,374	22,374
Other creditors	1,230	3,555
Accruals	-	556
Deferred income	-	4,350
	<u>8,604</u>	<u>30,835</u>

12 Charity status

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the trustees is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

13 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

14 Fees payable to independent examiner

During the period, the fees payable (excluding VAT) to the charity's independent examiner Community Accounting Plus are analysed as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Independent examination	1,025	975
Other financial services	1,928	2,555
	<u>2,953</u>	<u>3,530</u>

15 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

Dr Margaret Frances Gregory

£336 (2022: £269) of travel expenses were reimbursed to Dr Margaret Frances Gregory during the year.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

16 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.

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17 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	85,643	69,863	(45,736)	(7,534)	102,236
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	7,000	-	-	3,000	10,000
Total unrestricted funds	<u>92,643</u>	<u>69,863</u>	<u>(45,736)</u>	<u>(4,534)</u>	<u>112,236</u>
Restricted funds					
Ashfield Well Hub	37,922	-	(30,514)	-	7,408
Step by Step	38,496	-	(38,496)	-	-
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	17,400	(17,400)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	14,261	6,059	(5,028)	-	15,292
Ashfield Community Support	-	7,500	(7,500)	-	-
Volunteering	4,172	28,873	(35,079)	2,034	-
Pathways	65	20,197	(20,262)	-	-
Health Inequalities	15,000	73,376	(56,369)	-	32,007
Boxing Club	-	6,675	(2,130)	-	4,545
Mental Health Transformation	-	17,472	-	2,500	19,972
Total restricted funds	<u>109,916</u>	<u>177,552</u>	<u>(212,778)</u>	<u>4,534</u>	<u>79,224</u>
Total funds	<u><u>202,559</u></u>	<u><u>247,415</u></u>	<u><u>(258,514)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>191,460</u></u>

The transfer from the General fund to the Volunteering fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

The transfer from the General fund to the Mental Health Transformation fund represents an amount which should have been restricted in prior period.

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Ashfield Living Well Hub – The Living Well Hub provides friendly and tailored support for people who are lonely or isolated. The service helps to build people's confidence and reduce feelings of isolation by providing support for everyone.

Step by Step - a 5-year project funded through the Big Lottery, Reaching Communities fund. The project provides peer support and a channel into a wide-range of activities for adults who would like to improve their mental health and wellbeing. The goal of the project is to reduce the isolation and exclusion of adults in Ashfield by providing activities in supportive and positive environments.

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Inspiring Ashfield - establishment of a programme of social prescribing support activities to encourage people to re-engage with their community.

Mid Notts PPE contract - Public and Patient Engagement programme to encourage feedback to the CCG on their medical interaction experience.

Ashfield Community Support- Support to voluntary and community groups and enterprise in the Ashfield area to ensure they have the correct governance and help to secure funds.

Volunteering- recruitment, administration and coordination of volunteers. Ensuring volunteers are DBS checked and trained. We also act as a broker for volunteers to other organisations, such as the vaccination programme.

Pathways - a programme to support volunteers and community members to upskill and progress towards employment. This is a partnership programme with Notts City Council and Enable. We deliver a series of training programmes either digitally through our Flick learning online programme; or face to face such as 'dementia friends'.

Health Inequalities - this is a Place Based Partnership project with the Integrated Care System and ADC to reduce the health inequalities experienced by some of our communities. Our approach is to deliver community led programmes, which look to improve the wider influences on health, than medical factors alone. Our focus is on the Coxmoor estate in Kirkby and the Butlers Hill /Broomhill/estate in Hucknall.

Boxing Club - to support vulnerable people to gain self respect and learn how to look after themselves.

Mental Health Transformation - to develop an Integrated Care System in partnership with the Local Authority and the Voluntary Sector to change the NHSE delivery into community led services.

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These are the figures for the previous accounting period and are included for comparative purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds					
<i>General</i>					
General fund	80,561	28,484	(21,225)	(2,177)	85,643
<i>Designated</i>					
Redundancy Fund	<u>7,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,000</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>87,561</u>	<u>28,484</u>	<u>(21,225)</u>	<u>(2,177)</u>	<u>92,643</u>
Restricted					
Ashfield Well Hub	18,123	42,891	(23,092)	-	37,922
Ashfield Community Enterprise	10,697	5,142	(18,016)	2,177	-
Step by Step	53,100	18,600	(33,204)	-	38,496
Ashfield Community Support	-	4,000	(4,000)	-	-
Mid Notts PPE contract	-	20,400	(20,400)	-	-
Inspiring Ashfield	9,760	43,920	(39,419)	-	14,261
Covid 19 Response	3,199	540	(3,739)	-	-
Volunteering	10,504	11,812	(18,144)	-	4,172
Pathways	-	20,206	(20,141)	-	65
Health Inequalities	<u>-</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,000</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>105,383</u>	<u>192,511</u>	<u>(190,155)</u>	<u>2,177</u>	<u>109,916</u>
Total funds	<u>192,944</u>	<u>220,995</u>	<u>(211,380)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>202,559</u>

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18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted			2023
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	110,840	10,000	79,224	200,064
Current liabilities	(8,604)	-	-	(8,604)
Total net assets	<u>102,236</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>79,224</u>	<u>191,460</u>

	Unrestricted			2022
	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total funds £
Current assets	97,774	7,000	128,620	233,394
Current liabilities	(12,131)	-	(18,704)	(30,835)
Total net assets	<u>85,643</u>	<u>7,000</u>	<u>109,916</u>	<u>202,559</u>

19 3rd party funds

	Opening balances £	Incoming resources £	(Resources expended) £	Total £
Military Community Network Group	4,443	-	(4,443)	-
Various	1	187	-	188
Food Bank	1,683	-	-	1,683
Meristems	-	2,000	-	2,000
	<u>6,127</u>	<u>2,187</u>	<u>(4,443)</u>	<u>3,871</u>