



# **Whittington Park Community Association**

**(company limited by guarantee without share capital)**

**Annual Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31 March 2019**

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# Chair's Report



Thank you for taking the time to read the 2018/9 Whittington Park Community Association Annual Report. As usual, it has been a busy and changeable year for the WPCA, one that continues to require us to be agile in our approach.

We continue to strive to enhance the lives of the most-needy in our local community and I am pleased to report that our Social Club for 55+ is still very popular, with the addition of our Men's Club, supporting men who can be particularly lonely in later years.

Our Early Years Hub is a green space for children and carers in North Islington and the Nursery has exceeded all expectations by, not only extending the service to four year olds but also, receiving 'Good' from Ofsted in our first inspection.

Our newest service is the Youth Club for 13-19 year-olds created in response to increasing local community concerns around growing knife and street crime and other anti-social behaviour.

The pilot service has been so successful that the WPCA has been commissioned for a further year.

While we continue to provide a service to our core community through our amazing staff and volunteers, we have also had to adapt to changes in how to attract new people.

We have redesigned our website to make it more attractive and accessible, promoted our services through social media channels and even negotiated new street signage to make us easier to find. We also have the beautiful '4H' community garden outside the centre that not only gives us all great pleasure to sit in and tend, but also attracts new people through our doors.

Changes have also come via new GDPR regulations and pension requirements that require additional work from both staff and trustees. We also have new faces and sadly said goodbye to Sandra who ran the cafe for the past six years.

Our new cafe owner, Salina, has now made the cafe her own and transformed the space into a green and vibrant meeting place for local people and the over 55's lunches.

Our biggest change - and challenge - has been the building fund. Not only in the incredible sums that we have managed to raise but also by the support of our local community.

We have raised an astonishing £950,000 through major funders and plan to continue to fundraise in order to secure and enhance our spaces.

Our plan to raise £50,000 from the local community felt like a tall order but through an amazing campaign run by staff and volunteers, we exceeded this amount to raise £62,000.

It was incredible how our neighbours responded to our calls for funds and the participation by everyone from sponsored marathons to a music night and our annual Ceilidh.

It is a reminder that our centre is a valuable asset to the local community and one that needs to be protected and cherished.

With the future in mind, we have now recruited two, highly experienced, trustees, who are looking forward to joining us in growing and securing our own future for future generations. Next year is our opportunity to create the foundations for long-term community services in an accessible and welcoming building.

I would like to thank everyone, trustees, staff, volunteers and neighbours, for your continued support and belief in local community centres.

I look forward to working with you all to continue to improve our spaces and services.

**Courtney Shapiro**  
**Chair**

# CEO's Report



Looking back over the year it's good to take stock and see how much we achieved.

Our year began with the planting up of our new garden on the edge of the park. This project is well documented elsewhere and is our most visible project to date. It has transformed a neglected area of the park. Indeed this is the space we now position our timetables and flyers as this is the place people stop and look, chat to the gardeners, pick herbs and listen to the birdsong.

The introduction of GDPR stretched our resources but we completed the changes in time and have retained 750 subscribers to our e-newsletter.

The fundraising campaign for the long awaited renovations to Hocking Hall gained momentum and the award from the City Bridge Trust for disability access was pivotal and followed by a number of other successful applications.

In June our nursery gained a Good Ofsted on its first assessment.

The Early Years Hub incorporating the Childminders drop in, Stay and Play activities and the nursery is a haven for urban families as both the drop in and the nursery have large enclosed gardens with a free flow approach encouraging the children to play outdoors in all weathers. Many of our families are living in cramped conditions with no access to outside space.

For some of the youngest ones this winter was the first time they experienced snow and all the fun that comes with it.

Due to complex drainage problems the nursery garden turned into a mud bath.

A dry summer enabled us to continue using the garden until we raised money to repair the drains, astroturf the area and install a mud kitchen and new planters in autumn half term.

It had long been an aim of the charity to bring back young people to the centre.

Our community centre should be a welcoming space for everyone but for a number of years we had little provision for 11-19 year olds whereas from the 70's to 90's our entire Hocking Hall building was a dedicated youth club.

Three of our staff have fond memories of attending this club back in the day. Importantly two of these staff are our evening caretakers and have been fully supportive of opening the centre on Friday evenings for our new youth club which opened in the summer holidays.

We refitted the café kitchen in a week in August and welcomed Salina Faro who took on the new café contract.

In October we embarked on our 50/90 fundraising campaign (£50,000 in 90 days).

We succeeded in raising £62,000 in a slightly longer campaign and donations are still coming in.

This campaign demonstrates the importance of the centre to our local community.

It is estimated that over £4.4 million people in the UK use community buildings every week.

In a city where the divide between rich and poor is increasing, the role of community centres in bringing people together becomes even more important.

We plan to complete Phase 1 of the building refurbishment in 2020.

**Ann Mason**  
**CEO**

# Highlights

**24** children registered  
at our community nursery

**728** children's visits to  
Childminders Drop in

**85** families use the Holiday  
Play Scheme

**325** donations to our Virgin  
Money Giving 50:90 campaign page

**64** teenagers registered  
at our 13-19s Youth Club

**3500** visits  
to After School Club

**7ft** the tallest  
Jerusalem artichoke  
in the 4H garden

**5000+**  
cups of tea

**1816** hours  
of volunteer time

**4000**  
visits to the centre

# Early Years Hub

## The Nursery

The Whittington Park Community Nursery provides up to 30 hours of free care for eligible families, and some paying places, for 24 children. The nursery opened in 2016 in a newly refurbished building with its own garden, next door to where the Childminders Drop-in and Stay and Play sessions take place.

The Nursery fulfils an important part of our aim to provide services for all ages and sections of the community. Research underpinning the Surestart initiatives<sup>1</sup> showed that early intervention is key in supporting vulnerable and economically disadvantaged families.



Families coming to the nursery and taking part in its trips and outings tell us it helps them feel more connected to the wider community :



***“For my son nursery has made a huge difference. He has come along leaps and bounds, from being non-verbal to talking loads.”***

***“It improves my children’s learning and social skills and has a big impact on language and communication. It has also helped me to reduce stress and to focus on my health.”***

***“As a single child it has helped my son interact with other children and sharing and understanding others’ feelings.”***

<sup>1</sup> The Economics of Inequality: The Value of Early Childhood Education  
Heckman, James J.  
American Educator, v35 n1 p31-35, 47 Spr 2011

# Childminders

## Drop-in and Stay and Play

These services take place every Wednesday and Thursday and are co-ordinated by staff member, Sam Wakelin.

The Childminders' Drop In runs from 9 am – 12 pm and the Stay and Play session runs from 1 pm – 3.30 pm.

We provide the Childminders' Drop In to facilitate childminders meeting up and supporting each other. The Stay and Play sessions offer parents and carers an opportunity to feel less isolated and for children to have access to toys and books and a garden for outdoor play.

Childminders often work in isolation in their homes. They tell us they value having somewhere they can meet regularly, share information and bring children in their care to a safe, outdoor space with a great supply of toys and books. Parents and carers value having a social space for them and their children and, like the childminders, access to a garden for outdoor play.

The service helps them to feel connected to other parents and carers and is a resource where they can find out about other activities and services in the area.

The Childminders Drop-in and Stay and Play Sessions were **visited over 1,700 times by children during the year.**

The hub makes a further difference to the community by providing an affordable space for families to hold under 5's celebrations. This year we hosted a grand total of 35 children's parties, where a great time was had by all.



# After School Club and Holiday Play Scheme

Highbury Roundhouse, one of our Octopus Community Network partner hubs, runs an After School Club (“ASC”) for Yerbury School, and a Holiday Play Scheme (“HPS”) open to children from any school.

It offers a range of fun activities, including arts and crafts and enrichment classes held in the school, and promotes healthy eating at snack time.

It is a vital service for working parents during the school holidays as shown by attendance numbers. 15 - 28 children attend the ASC every weekday, happily and safely occupied in fun and learning activities.

30 - 40 children attended the HPS during the holidays, and the service runs at full capacity on many days. HPS enables children to benefit from outings and trips during the holidays at low prices through access to group discounts. During the Easter holidays children on the HPS went to the cinema, visited Freightliners Farm, had a crazy time trampolining at the Sobell Centre and outdid themselves Easter Egg hunting in the park. ASC conducts an annual parent and carer satisfaction survey.



*Here is a typical response to the survey question  
'How do you think the club benefits your child?'*

***“He socialises with other age groups and does activities keeping him healthy and creative.”***

***“Feels cared for.”***

***“More social interaction with different age ranges.”***

# Youth club

Islington Council awarded WPCA funding to open a youth club pilot project in August 2018. The pilot was successful, funding was renewed, and the club continues to run. The club runs every Friday with a calendar of activities including sports, cinema, film making. Monthly London Village Network evenings give youth club members the opportunity to talk to people about their jobs and how they found their way into particular careers.

We are delighted to have the financial support we need to provide an inspirational and experienced youth club leader, Shawdon Smith, and thereby offer a valuable service to another part of our community, an age group (13 to 19) that can be hard to reach.

***“I like being here, staying here and just having fun.” M.***

***“I see people, talk to people, hang out with them. Keeps you off the street as well. That’s good.” E.***



Youth team - Carleisha, Shawdon and Olayinka.



# Social Club for 55+

Our Social Club is designed for older residents, men and women. It is open on weekdays, from 10.30am – 2.30pm offering activities and a three-course lunch and transport within our local area. We served over 3,500 Social Club lunches this year and, thanks to sponsorship from local Estate Agents Drivers & Norris, we were able to host a splendid Christmas Dinner.

Isolation amongst older people is one of the factors which makes aging difficult. Feeling socially connected and being mentally and physically stimulated helps people to age well. We run the Social Club to help local residents overcome the challenge of feeling alone.

We aim to make this service as affordable as possible and we provide our facilities and activities for free whenever we can.

Eating alone is one of the things single people often find particularly difficult, and poor nutrition can be one of the consequences. Social club members enjoy a three-course nourishing meal at a price that is easy to afford in a social space with other residents of all ages.

The arts activities provide a space for creative expression and the exercise classes make the difference between members losing flexibility, coordination and balance and helping them to maintain these aspects of physical wellbeing.

For example, members can take part in free chair-based exercises run by Tina, an experienced exercise teacher.

## Francine Milward

Francine is 92 years old and has been coming to the gentle exercise class for three years. Francine is a wheelchair user.

Stephen, her son, brings her from Archway. We asked for her views and she told us that here she has made good friends and really likes it. She feels it has helped her get out of the house, overcome isolation and cope with her health condition. Francine said

“This exercise makes me more active and helps with my mobility. Otherwise my legs just become fixed in one place”. Francine added she really liked the instructor. “Tina has a natural rapport with people which makes it more fun.”

***“I have arthritis on my spine and this class is well suited for my condition as I am able to do it. It helps me get out and meet new people”.***

***“I joined gentle exercise as I had to accompany my mum who has mobility issues and decided I might as well join the classes. I have back problems and coming here has helped me ease the pain”.***



# Men's Social Club

Our Men's Club meets every Monday in Hocking Hall and offers the opportunity for men to meet, play pool, darts, table tennis and board games or just chat over a cuppa. Members may stay on for lunch and can choose to join in with trips and outings to the theatre, galleries and seaside.

Through providing this regular, welcoming space we aim to reduce isolation amongst older men.

Social scientists point out <sup>2</sup> that men tend to be more comfortable meeting each other when there are games or other pursuits to be undertaken or to be discussed.

This is why we structure the club around a range of activities.



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***Coming here gives structure to my week. Living in London, I am inclined to move around and lead a chaotic life so I need a place where I can let off steam. I like the location of the centre. It feels like the countryside, away from the bustle. It has an old, gentle and easy feel to it.***

***In recent years and coming up to my retirement, I had less and less of a social life, due to changes in my social activity and friends passing on. The Club gets me out of the house and gives me a structure and socialising place to play games with other men. I look forward to it every week. I can be myself here. I am an artist and have a few of my pictures displayed in one of the rooms which I am happy about. I find coming to attend this club takes your mind off your mind.***

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<sup>2</sup> Women Favour Dyadic Relationships, but Men Prefer Clubs: Cross-Cultural Evidence from Social Networking  
Tamas David-Barrett, Anna Rotkirch, James Carney, Isabel Behncke Izquierdo, Jaimie A. Krems, Dylan Townley, Elinor McDaniel, Anna Byrne-Smith, Robin I. M. Dunbar

# The 4H Garden (Hops, Herbs, Health and Happiness)

Our 4H Garden was created in 2017 with the help of a grant from the Mayor's Greener City Fund. Islington Council gave us a plot in the park opposite Hocking Hall. We sought input from the community on how everyone thought the garden should be designed.

Our plot was dug over, fenced, and is now a thriving garden managed mainly by volunteers.

There are raised beds so that people of all ages and abilities can join in with sowing, looking after the plants and harvesting the produce. The garden is an oasis of colour in its corner of the park. As well as growing flowers it has salad, herbs, hops and vegetables mostly raised from seed. In June 2019 we enjoyed our first garlic crop.

We created our lovely garden to connect people of all ages and physical abilities, from children to our Social Club for older members, and to provide an activity which is fun, satisfying and beneficial for mental, emotional and physical health. We particularly wanted to help our older members to be more active.

Two years on and it can clearly be seen that the garden provides a focal point and sense of care and nurturing in the park. Volunteers connect with other neighbours and gardening groups to share and learn skills. It makes people happy and gives a sense of possibility. Seeing the variety of plants growing in a relatively small space gives passers by a sense of the wide range of flowers, herbs and vegetables that can be grown in planters and relatively shallow soil. Everyone stops to look and leaves with a smile on their face.



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***I had a cup of mint tea with a friend and thought 'I grew that mint!'***

***I've had difficulty settling in here. I've done recovery college and it involved a lot of travel. You'd be commuting in the rush hour. I wanted something close to home.***

***This is different from being part of a mental health group, you're talking to other people, not just people who have problems. It came at just the right time for me.***

***When things were difficult I felt supported through that process. I take a fraction of the medication I'd been taking. Being in a learning situation and feeling supported is very important. Learning new things is really nice.***

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# The Café

Our community café started as a pop-up in June 2012 run by Sandra Ribeiro, a local parent. It was so successful that we were delighted that Sandra agreed to continue and stayed for another six years. We appreciate all her hard work in building up a thriving business and her cooking hundreds of nutritious lunches for our social club over that period.

Last August, Salino Faro, took over the reins from Sandra when she returned to Portugal. She has re-decorated the space, created a new menu and continues to provide freshly-cooked, 3 course lunches for our Social Club for 55+, five days a week.

The 4H garden provides fresh herbs and salad and flowers to decorate the tables.

The café is part of our mission to 'sustain and develop a vibrant community'. It brings people together of all ages and from all walks of life. Social Club members share the space at lunch time with parents, carers and babies, neighbours and workers from local businesses so that everyone feels part of the community.

The majority of our Social Club members live alone and sharing food and eating a nutritious meal is an important part of feeling connected to other people and staying healthy. The café also encourages participation in classes and activities at the centre. Having a social space to meet up in, before or after a class, is an added incentive to turn up!

***"I like coming here, talking to people... when I was working I didn't come but when I retired I started coming here. It's a way to see people."***

***"It's a community space – you see people who come regularly and it definitely feels like it's a local space. A social space for local residents. I like coming here – I'm doing a building project – you can imagine the noise – and it's peaceful here. It's a great space."***



# Our Community

As well as providing services for all ages, an important part of WPCA's work is to provide spaces to rent for teachers, local residents and groups.

With more and more closures of community spaces, our halls and rooms are vital resources.

Our halls provide social spaces for local residents for events ranging from birthdays and wedding parties to wakes and discounted rehearsal space for arts practitioners.

Our smaller rooms are also accessibly priced for small community groups.

The rental income is an important source of income to run our organization.

**Don Spargo, chief instructor at Wu's Tai Chi Chuan Academy which is based at Hocking Hall.**

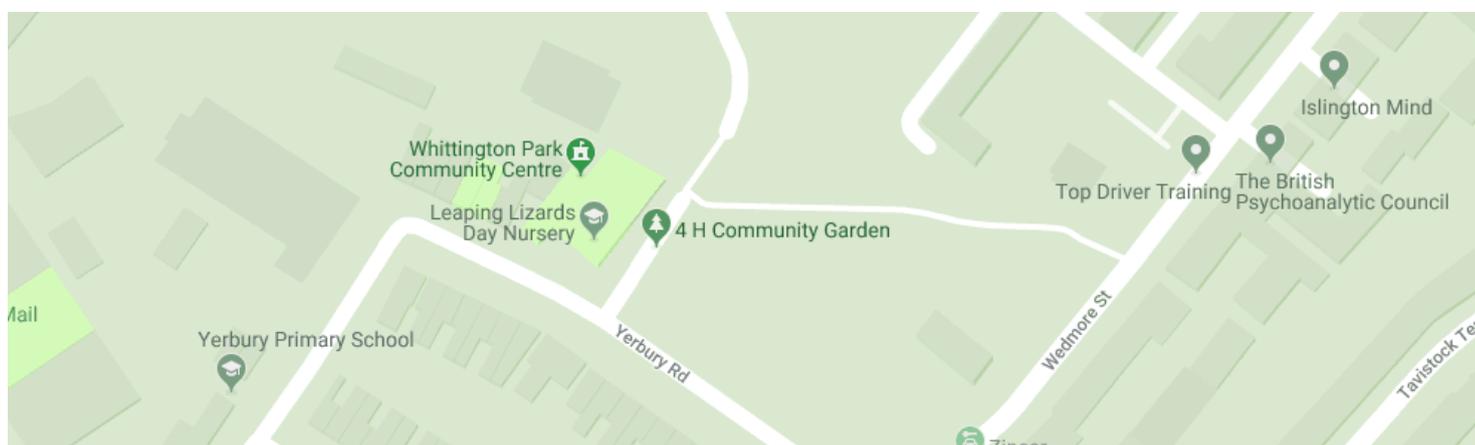
***"There is a rapport here with the people who run the space, which is important. It's easy to contact someone who will get something done. I feel people are generally friendly and welcoming with an attitude of willing to help. For example, I attended a First Aid course, and suggested that WPCA obtained a defibrillator, particularly given the age range of some of WPCA's users. This has now been done."***

**Cassie Moss, head teacher at Yerbury Primary School.**

***"So many parts of our community use it in different ways ... for example the children here use it for their After School Club so that's really important for parents ... We also use the opportunity to have our choir perform to the Over 60s lunch time club which the children absolutely love and I know that the members of that club also love."***

**Lee Campbell, Community Police Officer**

***"I've noticed that since the youth club has opened vandalism on the nursery and early years hub has stopped...What the Youth Club offers cannot be overstated. Good and important work is being done."***



# Our People and Their Impact On Our Community

We have 15 part time staff and around the same number of wonderful volunteers.

## Trustees

Courtney Shapiro – Chair  
John Purcell – Vice Chair  
John Uden – Treasurer  
Liz Case – Secretary  
Janet Burgess  
Graham Chapman  
Beatrice Coker  
Ghizela Modood  
Alison Ruddock  
Jeetendra Solanki

## Staff

Ann Mason – CEO  
Jane Brennan – Book Keeper  
Joanna Deller – Reception, Finance & Venue Hire  
Martin and Michael Barrett – Co premises managers  
Alexander Schmidt – Social Club for 55+, Men's Club and 4H Garden Coordinator  
Loan Tran – Project Development  
Samantha Wakelin – Early Year's Hub Coordinator

## Youth Club

Shawdon Smith  
Olayinka Sobitan-Solomon  
Carleisha Dixon-Williams

## Nursery Staff

Catherine Gardner – Lead Practitioner  
Joan Caton – Early Years Worker  
Charlotte Grover – Assistant Early Years Worker  
Tamanna Mussamed – Apprentice

## The Staff

### **Martin Barrett, Premises Manager**



Martin looks after both our ageing buildings and all the hirers in the evenings at weekends.

He and his brother both used to attend the youth club back in the day and have very fond memories of the centre. Consequently he was really pleased when we finally succeeded in setting up a Friday night youth club and immediately offered to work on the Friday nights.

He is really excited about the forthcoming renovation works and always goes the extra mile to help everything run smoothly.

### **Loan Tran, Project Development**



It's quite normal in the small charity and voluntary sector for staff members to have to wear many different hats Loan has both marketing and fundraising as her remit.

The fundraising role includes grant fundraising, events and community fundraising which would be separate roles in a larger organisation. This year we set a target to raise £50K from a crowdfunding campaign. This was an ambitious target but thanks to Loan's energy, enthusiasm and commitment she generated sufficient local support to exceed the target by £12K. This makes a difference not just in financial terms. We have our community behind us and they continue to offer support in many different ways.

## **Tsghi Gebregziabher, Volunteer for the Social club for 55+**



Tsghi originally volunteered with us to gain work experience whilst studying for a diploma in Health and Social Care. She completed passenger assistance training so that she is now qualified to collect and accompany social club members on the minibus.

She rings members to check who needs collecting, welcomes them and serves refreshments and lunch.

When our Social Club Coordinator was absent for 3 months due to health reasons, Tsghi had proved that she was well-equipped to coordinate the club in his absence and took on the interim role. This ensured that the Social Club was able to continue running smoothly and members felt a sense of continuity. This was especially important given the age range of members where familiarity is a key part of what makes them feel safe.

Importantly it also added a range of skills and responsibilities to Tsghi's CV helping her to land a new job in child care.

## **Alison Ruddock, Trustee**



Alison Ruddock has had a longstanding connection with Whittington Park Community Association. She moved to the area in 1977 and her husband managed WPCA as a recently established community centre. She was closely involved with the adventure playground, built in the park, and one of WPCA's first community projects.

Her long career working with children, families and young people began in 1969 with the Family Planning Association. She then became a primary school teacher.

On retiring she was Head of Early Years in the Children's Services Department in Islington Council and we were delighted when she accepted to become a trustee at WPCA. Her expertise and guidance was invaluable when we set up our 2+ nursery and helped establish an important new service.

When we were asked to set up a Friday night youth club, last year, we were very glad once again to be able to call upon her experience and expertise. Her impact on these two services is much appreciated and helps to ensure that they flourish.

# Fundraising and Plans for 2020

With a generous pledge and support from Islington Council, seven successful grant applications and community fundraising we have managed to raise £952,147 towards our £1.12m target for renovating Hocking Hall.

Staff and volunteers ran a successful crowdfunding campaign for six months. Donations came from a wide range of initiatives including sponsored half-marathons, a Mellow Music Night featuring our resident ukulele band The Yukes and local musicians, classes and activities such as gong baths, pilates and yoga, our annual ceilidh and raffle which was generously supported by local businesses and individuals.

A member of staff appointed Drivers & Norris to sell a family property to make use of their offer to donate 5% of their fee to the campaign and they continue to make this offer to support the building project.

MICAT, two designers living opposite the centre, donated their skills to design large display boards and a banner which all helped to draw attention to the campaign.

**At the time of going to press our campaign page has raised £65,000, exceeding its original £50,000 target by £15,000.**

## Phase 1 of our building project begins and completes in 2020.

Whilst restoring and retaining the much-loved façade of Hocking Hall we will make significant changes to modernise and improve the interior.

The new spaces will all be multi-functional enabling us to host a wider range of activities.

- The long-awaited lift installation allows access to all to the upper rooms
- Level access throughout
- Underpinning
- Carbon reduced refurbishment with renewable energy

## Phase 2 brings

- New, bigger cafe with covered link to Hocking Hall
- Yerbury Road building and Hocking hall fully linked
- Dedicated community entrance in Rupert Road
- Dedicated entrance for nursery in Yerbury Road



We put up our campaign boards with the help of corporate volunteers from MVF Global, a digital marketing company in Kentish Town. From L-R George Mayfield (who is also one of our marketing volunteers) MVF Global, Loan Tran WPCA, Lubna Ibrahim MVF Global



# Trustees' Annual Report (Including Directors' Report)

## **Objectives and Activities**

*Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document (as amended)*

To promote the Whittington Park Community Association and its services for the benefit of the people in the local area and associated projects in the community. This is without distinction of sex, age, religion, sexual orientation, race, or of political, religious or other opinions.

In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings.

*Summary of the main activities in relation to the objects*

The Whittington Park Community Association (WPCA) is a registered charity and company Limited by Guarantee. It operates a large complex of buildings based in the Whittington Park, Junction Ward, in Islington as a community hub.

# Trustees' Annual Report (Including Directors' Report) (Continued)

## **Financial Review**

### *Charity's Policy on Reserves.*

The organisation aims to hold reserves of £25,000 of unrestricted funds.

### *The charity's principal sources of funds (including fundraising).*

Listed in decreasing order of size:

- Islington Council
- London Marathon Charitable Trust
- Hall hire and catering
- Fees charged
- City Bridge Trust
- Sport England
- Garfield Weston

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### *Governing Document*

The charity is constituted as a Company Limited by Guarantee incorporated on 13 April 2004 under the name of Whittington Park Community Association. It was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission on 4 May 2006. In the event of the company being wound up, all members present and 12 months past are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

### *Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees*

Trustee selection is by election. All new trustees are inducted to the board, each trusteeship carries a detailed job description and training is on offer.

### *Charity's Organisational Structure*

A Voluntary Management Committee, who is the board of trustees of the charity, manages the Charity. Honorary officers and representatives of full members are elected annually at the AGM, while representatives of the various projects are elected by the service users and appointed at the AGM.

The management committee meets monthly to set policies and agree the organisations strategic direction.

Overall responsibility for the day-to-day running of the centre, staff and volunteers is devolved to the CEO. Divisional Co-ordinators are responsible for the management of individual projects and assist in the line management of divisional staff in their team.

### *Systems and Procedures to Manage Risk*

The board of trustees receives a quarterly financial report, a monthly CEO report and an annual risk register highlighting potential risk factors and recommendations to minimise adverse effect.

# Trustees' Annual Report (Including Directors' Report) (Continued)

*The Wider Network with which the Charity Works*

*The association is working in partnership with the local authority, voluntary and other organisations to provide facilities of social welfare, recreation, education, and health improvement. The organisation's aim is to increase social inclusion and play a part in improving the wellbeing of the centre's users and the community.*

## **Reference and Administrative Details**

Charity registration number: 1114033

Company registration number: 05099915

Registered and principal office: Yerbury Road  
London  
N19 4RS

## *Directors and Trustees*

*The Board of trustees constitutes directors of the company for the purpose of company law and trustees for the purpose of charity law. The trustees serving during the year and since the year-end were as follows:*

C Shapiro  
B Coker  
J Purcell  
J Uden  
J Burgess  
G Modood  
A Ruddock

Company secretary: E Case

Chief executive officer: A Mason

Independent examiner: Barcant Beardon Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
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London  
N4 2BT

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N4 2AW

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Kings Hill  
West Malling  
Kent  
ME19 4TA

# Trustees' Annual Report (Including Directors' Report) (Continued)

## **Statement of the Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees (who are also directors of Whittington Park Community Association for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

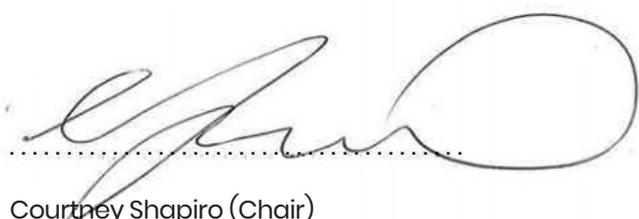
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for the that period. 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 2015 (FRS 102);
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and pr t;
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards 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 which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

On behalf of the board.



Courtney Shapiro (Chair)  
Director and Trustee

9 December 2019

# Independent Examiner's Report To The Trustees Of Whittington Park Community Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2019, which are set out on pages 24 – 33

## **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity 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 company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying 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**

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matter has 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.

10 December 2019

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*Shu Fen Chung*

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BARCANT BEARDON LIMITED  
Chartered Accountants

# Statement Of Financial Activities

## (Including Income and Expenditure Account)

	Notes	Restricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2019	Total Funds 2018
		£	£	£	£
<i>Income and endowments from:</i>					
Donations and legacies	2	197,476	120	197,596	103,294
Charitable activities	3	100,699	115,679	216,378	198,110
Other trading activities	4	-	9,388	9,388	15,432
Investments	5	-	28	28	4
Total income and endowments		<u>298,175</u>	<u>125,215</u>	<u>423,390</u>	<u>316,840</u>
Charitable activities	6	<u>246,813</u>	<u>85,122</u>	<u>331,935</u>	<u>325,207</u>
Total expenditure		<u>246,813</u>	<u>85,122</u>	<u>331,935</u>	<u>325,207</u>
<i>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year</i>		51,362	40,093	91,455	(8,367)
<i>Total funds brought forward</i>		<u>26,746</u>	<u>(10,255)</u>	<u>16,491</u>	<u>24,858</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u><u>78,108</u></u>	<u><u>29,838</u></u>	<u><u>107,946</u></u>	<u><u>16,491</u></u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# Balance Sheet

AS AT 31 MARCH 2019

	Notes	2019 £	2018 £
<i>Fixed assets</i>			
Tangible assets	13	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<i>Current assets</i>			
Debtors	14	17,491	15,311
Cash at bank and in hand		135,531	37,982
		<u>153,022</u>	<u>53,293</u>
<i>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</i>	15	<u>(45,077)</u>	<u>(36,803)</u>
<i>Net current assets</i>		<u>107,945</u>	<u>16,490</u>
<i>Net assets</i>		<u><u>107,946</u></u>	<u><u>16,491</u></u>
<i>Funds</i>			
Restricted funds	17	78,108	26,746
Unrestricted funds	17	29,838	(10,255)
		<u>107,946</u>	<u>16,491</u>

For the year ended 31 March 2019 the company 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 company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476;
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

  
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John Purcell  
Director and Trustee

9 December 2019  
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The notes on pages 26 - 33 form part of these financial statements.

Company Registration No. 05099915

# Notes To The Financial Statements

## 1.0 Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

### 1.1 General information and basis of preparation

Whittington Park Community Association is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office is Yerbury Road, London N19 4RS.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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) published on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Update Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historic cost convention. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

### 1.2 Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes. Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the charity for particular purposes.

### 1.3 Income recognition

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the charity is legally entitled to the income after any performance conditions have been met, the amount can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

For donations to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

No amount is included in the financial statements for volunteer time in line with SORP (FRS 102). Further detail is given in the Trustees' Annual Report.

Income from trading activities includes income earned from trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

Income from government and other grants are recognised at fair value when the charity has entitlement after any performance conditions have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably. If entitlement is not met then these amounts are deferred.

Interest income is recognised when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

## 1.4 Expenditure recognition

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Expenditure is recognised where there is a legal or constructive obligation to make payments to third parties, it is probable that the settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. It is categorised under the following headings:

- Costs of raising funds comprise the costs incurred on activities that raise funds.
- Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Other expenditure represents those items not falling into any other heading.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as an expense against the activity for which expenditure arose.

## 1.5 Support costs allocation

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly represent charitable activities and include premises overheads, office, finance and governance costs. They are incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Where support costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

## 1.6 Operating Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

## 1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets costing more than £2,000 are capitalised at cost and depreciated over their estimated useful economic life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings & equipment - straight line over 4 years

## 1.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid.

## 1.9 Creditors and provisions

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

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

## 1.10 Provisions

Provisions are recognised when the charity has an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that an outflow of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount can be reliably estimated.

## 1.11 Pensions

The company operates a defined contribution scheme for the benefit of its employees. Contributions payable are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year they are payable.

## 1.12 Employee benefits

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

<b>2.0 Income from Donations and Legacies</b>	2019 £	2018 £
Gifts	73,687	3,762
Grants	123,909	99,532
	<u>197,596</u>	<u>103,294</u>

2.1 Income from donation and legacies was £197,596 (2018 - £103,294) of which £197,476 (2018 - £102,213) was attributable to restricted funds and £120 (2018 - £1,081) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

<b>3.0 Income from Charitable Activities</b>	2019 £	2018 £
Income from hall hire (sessional)	42,768	44,675
Income from rental	49,419	48,222
Income from fees	23,491	9,303
Performance related grants	100,699	95,910
	<u>216,378</u>	<u>198,110</u>

3.1 Income from charitable activities was £216,378 (2018 - £198,110) of which £100,699 (2018 - £95,910) was attributable to restricted funds and £115,679 (2018 - £102,200) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

<b>4.0 Income from Other Trading Activities</b>	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Unrestricted funds 2018 £
Income from hall hire (non-sessional)	9,388	13,024
Income from fundraising events	-	2,408
	<u>9,388</u>	<u>15,432</u>

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

## 5.0 Income from Investments

	Unrestricted funds 2019 £	Unrestricted funds 2018 £
Bank interest (UK)	<u>28</u>	<u>4</u>

## 6.0 Analysis of Expenditure on Charitable Activities

Charitable Activities 2019	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total £
Community Centre	<u>140,792</u>	<u>186,763</u>	<u>4,380</u>	<u>331,935</u>

6.1 Charitable Activities 2018	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total £
Community Centre	<u>141,582</u>	<u>179,425</u>	<u>4,200</u>	<u>325,207</u>

6.2 Of the £331,935 expenditure in 2019 (2018 - £325,207), £246,813 (2018 - £199,841) was attributable to restricted funds and £85,122 (2018 - £125,366) was attributable to unrestricted funds.

## 7.0 Analysis of Support and Governance Costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	Total 2019 £	Total 2018 £
Staff costs	117,829	-	117,829	103,875
Premises	49,364	-	49,364	51,324
Office running	2,457	-	2,457	3,726
Bookkeeping	6,659	-	6,659	6,461
Legal and professional	5,673	-	5,673	8,663
Communications	3,237	-	3,237	3,710
Information Technology	-	-	1,456	1,586
Finance	88	-	88	80
Accountancy	-	4,380	4,380	4,200
	<u>186,763</u>	<u>4,380</u>	<u>191,143</u>	<u>183,625</u>

## 8.0 Net Income/(Expenditure) for the Year

	2019 £	2018 £
This is stated after charging:		
Accountancy	2,190	2,100
Independent examiner's remuneration	2,190	2,100
	<u>4,380</u>	<u>4,200</u>

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

## 9.0 Trustees Remuneration and Expenses

The trustees were not paid any remuneration or received any other benefits during the year (2018 – £nil). Two trustees (2018 – none) received reimbursement of expenses totalling £463 (2018 – £nil) during the year.

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charitable company during the year (2018 – nil).

## 10.0 Analysis of staff costs

	2019 £	2018 £
Wages and salaries	188,705	174,608
Social security costs	10,256	9,973
Defined contribution pension costs	4,956	5,009
	<u>203,917</u>	<u>189,590</u>
Agency and freelance staff	18,960	24,740
	<u>222,877</u>	<u>214,330</u>

10.1 No employee received remuneration of more than £60,000 (2018 – none).

10.2 During the year the company paid £18,960 (2018 – £24,740) to independent third parties for the provision of staff.

10.3 The total amount of employee benefits received by key management personnel is £67,278 (2018 – £66,540). The company considers its key management personnel comprise its Chief executive officer and Senior officers.

## 11.0 Staff Numbers

The average monthly head count was 14 staff (2018: 11 staff) and the average monthly number of full-time equivalent employees (including casual and part time staff) during the year was as follows:

	2019 number	2018 number
Chief executive officer	1	1
Senior officers	1	1
Administration staff	1	1
Cleaning and maintenance staff	1	1
Service delivery staff (coordinators, play workers, nursery nurse, catering staff, etc.)	4	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

## 12.0 Taxation

As a charity, Whittington Park Community Association is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or s256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the Charity.

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

## 13.0 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Fixtures, fittings & equipment £
<i>Cost</i>	
As at 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	22,391
<i>Depreciation</i>	
As at 1 April 2018 and 31 March 2019	22,390
<i>Net Book Value</i>	
As at 31 March 2019	1
As at 1 April 2018	1

## 14.0 Debtors

	2019 £	2018 £
Trade debtors	8,409	7,045
Grants receivables and accrued income	3,750	-
Prepayments	4,712	7,865
Other debtor	620	401
	<u>17,491</u>	<u>15,311</u>

## 15.0 Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

	2019 £	2018 £
Creditors	1,865	8,259
LBI loan	-	5,000
Taxation and social security	3,106	3,018
Other creditors	13,732	10,581
Accruals	14,043	4,924
Deferred income	12,331	5,021
	<u>45,077</u>	<u>36,803</u>

15.1 Included in other creditors is a pension liability of £757 (2018 - £740).

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

## 16.0 Deferred Income

Deferred income comprises of donation, hall hire and nursery fees invoiced or received in advance

	Total £
Balance as at 1 April 2018	5,021
Amount released to income earned from charitable activities	(5,021)
Amount deferred in year	12,331
	<u>12,331</u>
Balance as at 31 March 2019	<u>12,331</u>

## 17.0 Analysis of Charitable Funds

<i>Unrestricted Funds – Current Year</i>	Balance 1 Apr 2018 £	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance 31 Mar 2019 £
General funds	(10,255)	125,215	(85,122)	-	29,838
	<u>(10,255)</u>	<u>125,215</u>	<u>(85,122)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,838</u>

<i>Unrestricted Funds – Previous Year</i>	Balance 1 Apr 2017 £	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance 31 Mar 2018 £
General funds	3,606	118,717	(125,366)	-	(10,255)
	<u>3,606</u>	<u>118,717</u>	<u>(125,366)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,255)</u>

*Name of unrestricted fund*

*Description, nature and purposes of the fund*

General funds

The “free reserves” after allowing for any designated funds.

17.1 <i>Restricted Funds – Current Year</i>	Balance 1 Apr 2018 £	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance 31 Mar 2019 £
London Borough of Islington	20,091	197,592	(216,989)	-	694
Building Fund	6,655	73,567	(2,808)	-	77,414
Octopus Community Network	-	19,379	(19,379)	-	-
Groundwork London	-	7,637	(7,637)	-	-
	<u>26,746</u>	<u>298,175</u>	<u>(246,813)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78,108</u>

<i>Restricted Funds – Previous Year</i>	Balance 1 Apr 2017 £	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources £	Transfers £	Balance 31 Mar 2018 £
London Borough of Islington	16,967	175,808	(172,684)	-	20,091
Building Fund	11,497	2,681	(7,523)	-	6,655
Octopus Community Network	-	19,634	(19,634)	-	-
	<u>28,464</u>	<u>198,123</u>	<u>(199,841)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,746</u>

# Notes To The Financial Statements (Continued)

<i>Name of restricted fund</i>	<i>Description, nature and purposes of the fun</i>
Community Nursery Fund	LBI funds for setting up new Nursery provision for over 2 years old
Building Fund	Donations received for building improvements
Octopus Community Network	Towards the Stay Well, Live Well project
Groundwork London	Towards 4H garden project

## 18.0 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds – Current Year

	Restricted Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	1	1
Cash at bank and in hand	-	135,531	135,531
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	78,108	(105,694)	(27,586)
	<u>78,108</u>	<u>29,838</u>	<u>107,946</u>

## Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds – Previous Year

	Restricted Fund £	Unrestricted Fund £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	-	1	1
Cash at bank and in hand	-	37,981	37,981
Other net current assets/(liabilities)	26,746	(48,237)	(21,491)
	<u>26,746</u>	<u>(10,255)</u>	<u>16,491</u>

## 19.0 Related Party Transactions

Aside from trustee remuneration and expenses disclosed in note 9, hall hire income totalling £206 (2018 - £nil) was receivable from one trustee (2018 - none) during the year.