



Communities 1st

2024 Conference and Annual General Meeting

for 2023/2024

Supporting an Inclusive and Sustainable Future





Welcome and Introductions

Jason John, Chair



Housekeeping

Stephen Craker, Chief Executive

Reflections and Future Outlook

Stephen Craker, Chief Executive

Reflecting on the Past Year

- Continued financial strain due to the rising cost of living
- Persistent challenges for refugees and asylum seekers
- Social connection and intergenerational activities



Building Community Capacity



- Fostering belonging and empowerment
- Evolving volunteer roles and opportunities
- Adapting to changing expectations
- Addressing Climate Change
- Partnership with WENTA for net-zero initiative



Political Landscape and Policy



- Labour Party's new government and manifesto highlights
- Alignment with our policy positions
- 'What We Stand For' policy statements: cost of living, digital divide, health, equity, environment



Our Achievements

- Matrix accreditation for IAG services
- Achieving LIQA Accreditation (July 2024)
- Expanded training programmes
- Health and wellbeing initiatives: Our Health Matters, Better Days hubs, Healthy Hubs etc
- Merger with Para Dance UK



Looking Forward

- Continued focus on community and volunteer support
- Addressing emerging challenges
- Building a future where no one is left behind



Conference Programme

| | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|
| 10.25am | Talks and Workshops 1 | |
| | Building Diverse Income Streams | Main church |
| | Keeping Your Charity Safe Online | Chancel |
| | Relationship between CEO and Chair | Octagon |
| 10.30am - 12.30pm | Pre-booked Funding Advice Surgery 1:1 Sessions | |
| 11.40am | Talks and Workshops 2 | |
| | Funding Opportunities and Challenges 2024 and beyond | Main church |
| | How local businesses can help you | Chancel |
| | Environmental Sustainability and the role of the voluntary sector | Octagon |
| 12.30pm | Lunch and chance to attend marketplace | |
| 1.10pm | Inclusive Dance with Selina | Main church |
| 1.20pm | Annual General Meeting | Main church |
| 1.35pm | Keynote Speaker: Emma-Jane Hampsheir - National Youth Participation Lead, St John Ambulance and #Iwill Ambassador “Approaches to Engage Young Volunteers” | Main church |
| 2pm | Close | |



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Agenda



- Minutes of AGM 2023
- Matters arising



Apologies



- Pat Strack, Woodcock Hill Village Green
- Mike Hodge, Hertfordshire M.E Support Group
- Richard Minashi, West Herts Community Trust
- Sharn Tomlinson, Mind in Mid Herts
- Hilary Shade, Hertsmere Borough Council
- Wendy Nurse, Hertfordshire County Council
- Sarah Manley, Clarion Futures
- Sarah Yexley, Communities 1st Trustee
- Peter Evans, Aldenham Parish Council
- Tim Anfilogoff, NHS Hertfordshire & West Essex ICS



Impact Report

April 2023 - March 2024



Review of 2023/24

Jason John, Chair



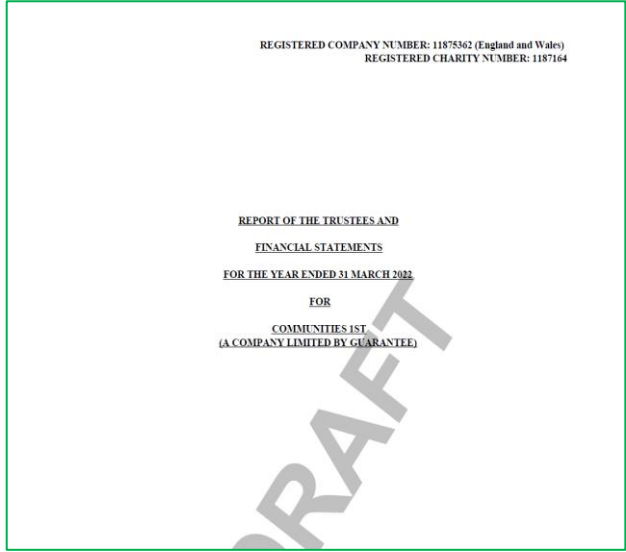
Trustees Report and Annual Accounts

Ross Gemmell, Treasurer

Trustees Report and Annual Accounts



| | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total Funds 31/3/22 |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Incoming Resources | 1,290,712 | 61,758 | 1,352,470 |
| Resources Expended | (1,298,745) | (21,580) | (1,320,325) |
| Surplus / (Deficit) | (8,033) | 40,178 | 32,145 |
| Funds b/fwd | 900,508 | 134,000 | 1,034,508 |
| Funds c/fwd | 886,286 | 180,367 | 1,066,653 |



Through our contracts and grants, we were able to fund local charities to undertake work to the value of £228,900.

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Communities 1st
Volunteer Centre
Helping you to make a bigger difference



Communities 1st
Wellbeing Support
Connecting you with help and wellbeing services



Communities 1st
Adult Skills and Community Learning
Bringing value into training and learning mobility



Trustees Report and Annual Accounts



Resolutions

1. To receive the Accounts and Reports of the Directors and Bradshaw Johnson Chartered Accountants for the year ended 31 March 2024
2. To reappoint Bradshaw Johnson Chartered Accountants as auditors of the Company to hold office until the conclusion of the next general meeting at which accounts are laid before the Company
3. To authorise the Directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors

Election of Trustees

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Resolutions

- 1.To elect Jason John as a Director and Trustee
- 2.To elect Ann Rogers as a Director and Trustee
- 3.To elect Chris Cloke as a Director and Trustee

Amendment to the Objects



Current Objects:

- Promotion of charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in Hertfordshire and its environs.
- Advancement of education, protection of health, relief of poverty, distress and sickness.
- Developing the capacity and skills of the community.

Proposed Amendment:

- Include "principally but not exclusively" to extend the area of benefit beyond Hertfordshire.

Trustee Terms and Maximum Number



Fixed Terms for Trustees:

- **Current:** No fixed terms, one-third retire at each AGM.
- **Proposed:** Directors retire after three years, eligible for re-election for up to three terms, then must retire for at least one year.

Increase in Maximum Number of Trustees:

- **Current:** Minimum 4, maximum 12.
- **Proposed:** Minimum 4, maximum 14.

Questions and Any Other Business

Keynote Address:

Approaches to Engage Young Volunteers

Emma-Jane Hampsheir

National Youth Participation Lead, St John Ambulance
and #Iwill Alum