

# **MATTERDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From 01 04 2023 To 31 03 2024

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name MATTERDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Registered charity number 1151528

Charity's principal address The Old Vicarage

Matterdale

Penrith

CA11 0LD

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	
1	Veronica Gore	Chair		
2	Jane Newport	Secretary		
3	Mark Nixon	Treasurer		
4	Alison Ball		Appointed 5/9/23	
5	Simon Ball		Appointed 5/9/23	
6	Emma Bray			
7	Brian Clark			
8	Peter Crofts			
	Paul Goodman		Resigned 5/9/23	
9	David Harrison			
10	Paddy Palmer			
	Lucie Stockdale		Resigned 20/8/23	
11	Anna Williams		Appointed 5/9/23	
12	Steve Williams		Appointed 5/9/23	

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution dated 15/1/13
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods	Appointment by existing trustees

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

(1) To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Matterdale and adjacent parishes without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or of political, religious or other opinions, by associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure time occupations with the objects of improving the conditions of life of the said inhabitants.

(2) to establish or secure the establishment of a community centre (hereinafter called 'the centre') and to maintain and manage the same (whether alone or in co-operation with any local authority or person or body) in furtherance of these objects.

(3) To advance education for the benefit of the public through the provision of educational grants to young people under the age of 25 who are resident in Matterdale with any funds that are not required for the maintenance or development of the property.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects**

**Public Benefit**

Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit as activities have been planned and undertaken within the objects of the Matterdale Community Association during the period covered by this Trustees Report (April 2023 to May 2024).

Please see the summary of the main activities in Section D below.

**Section D Achievements and performance**

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Activities April 2023 to March 2024**

**Administration & Communications**

The trustees met approximately every two or three months during the year.

Communication between members and the wider community has been via our website, emails to members from the MCA Secretary, Ullswater Together (the Parish magazine) and through Matterdale Nextdoor. One of the new trustees, Alison Ball, has worked to revitalise the website and it is now significantly more informative and engaging.

**Community Hall**

The Matterdale School Foundation (MSF) has continued to explore different venues as possible alternatives to a purpose-built community hall. The MSF Steering Group overseeing this project was disbanded in May 2023, and a new Steering Group was established with some different members. Veronica Gore and Jane Newport participate as trustees of MSF and maintain links with MCA. The Steering group is now actively considering a reduced design in line with available funds, as well as other options.

The pilot between MCA and Watermillock Village Hall has not led to a formal joint working arrangement between the two organisations, but ad hoc joint working is continuing, on an event-by-event basis. Additionally, MCA has hired Watermillock Village Hall for a number of events and activities over the year (see Community Events). We are pleased to be able to hire the Hall in this way for the benefit of the residents of Matterdale.

## Community Events

The planning and organising of events are undertaken by the Virtual Village Hall committee (VVH), a subcommittee of MCA comprised of trustees and members. In the absence of a dedicated space, events are organised in a number of venues: The Royal Hotel, Matterdale Church and its meeting room, individual private homes, a locally owned barn, and Watermillock Village Hall. The new owner of The Royal Hotel has recently made a large room available for MCA's use, and this enables us to hold meetings there, and to plan additional indoor events.

It has been a busy year.

The VVH organises several regular events including: a weekly outdoor fitness class led by a local fitness instructor on the meadow at the Royal Hotel. The Royal Hotel is also the venue for a well-attended bi-monthly quiz, hosted by different quiz masters. An enjoyable weekly badminton session is organised September to May at Watermillock Village Hall. There is also a monthly film club held in participants' homes. There are two Steel Band groups meeting weekly in a local barn, and it is hoped to perform in public soon.

In May 2023 a well-attended event to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles was organised in the grounds of the Royal Hotel. The steel band played, there was a novelty dog show, a bake-off and games and races.

The Nature Group has continued to focus on the phase one habitat surveys of Matterdale. There was a well-attended refresher day in early June 2023, with Professor Lois Mansfield present, during which a survey was undertaken of part of Watermillock Common. Following from this several parcels of farmland were surveyed along with part of the National Trust land at the Riddings. An intensive week of group work later in the summer completed a survey of Little Mell. The CBDC provided helpful input and were able to share with us historical survey maps from the 1980's for comparison. One major development was the involvement of Carla Pont who kindly offered her time and expertise to digitise our maps and produce some statistics. In February the Group presented the project to the CBDC recorders conference and from this we have been able to recruit some help from the Cumbria Flora Group for survey work later this year. There has been an initial refresher day and survey work will restart at the beginning of June 2024.

There have been several collaborative events with Matterdale Church. In 2023 MCA supported a Palm Sunday procession and provided the amplification for the outdoor service, and refreshments afterwards. Easter 2024 saw a well-attended Church service after which MCA organised refreshments and an Easter egg hunt for the children attending.

We organised several events at Watermillock Village Hall. An enjoyable and successful Folk Night was organised showcasing local Cumbrian talent, including clog dancing, ballad singing, folk music, songs and poems. Following her Ullswater Breakfast talk, Kate Roberts was invited to talk further on "How the Earth Thinks", expanding theories about connections between farming methods, which affect the microbes

in the soil, and gut microbes which affect our health. A Burns Night event jointly organised with WMVH committee, included speeches, songs, a much-enjoyed ceilidh provided by the local Bald Mountain String Band with caller Sally Hardaker, as well as "haggis and neeps". For "one night only" we put on a staging, with script reading, music and dancing, of A Christmas Carol. This enjoyable evening was organised jointly with WMVH and raised nearly £700 for the local Salvation Army food bank. A well led Shanty Evening was held and provided fun and lots of singing. MCA also supported The Big Quiz organised by Rev Cathy Helm in aid of Tear Fund.

#### **Activities April to May 2024**

##### **Community Events**

During this period the MCA has held a quiz at The Royal Hotel in aid of Another Way, a local environmental charity for young people. A Treasure Trail by Simon and Alison Ball starting from The Royal Hotel was great fun and showed how much more there is to see when you look. Further events are being planned for the rest of the year including a board games evening, rounders and a "Summer Day" fair with dog shows, entertainment and the "Parish Olympics", as well as our usual regular events.

##### **Thanks**

Particular thanks are due to Helen Reed for chairing the Virtual Village Hall committee with such enthusiasm and creativity, to Alison Ball for transforming the website and our social media, and to Jane Newport for sending out all the emails about events that we organise and those put on by nearby charities and village halls. It has been another successful year bringing the community together to have fun, to learn, and to build skills and fitness. A huge thank you is due to all those, too numerous to mention, who volunteered to chair groups, contributed to the organisation of and performance at our events, taken minutes, sent out emails, sponsored or supported our events, and to all those who came along and took part.

## **Section E Financial review**

##### **Financial Review**

The MCA generated a surplus of £903 for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, and helped raise £693 for the Salvation Army Food Bank from the Christmas Carol dramatic reading in December 2023.

##### **Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of The Charity to hold a level of reserves sufficient to maintain its current level of activities into the following year.

# Section F

# Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Veronica Gore	
<b>Position</b>	Chair	
<b>Date</b>		

<b>MATTERDALE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION</b>		Charity No	<b>1151528</b>
<b>Annual accounts for the period</b>			
Period start date	<b>01/04/2023</b>	To	Period end date <b>31/03/2024</b>

## Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
		Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>						
Voluntary income		45	693	-	738	1,173
Activities for generating funds		-	-	-	-	720
Investment income		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>		2,218	-	-	2,218	2,628
<b>Other incoming resources</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>2,263</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>4,521</b>
<b>Resources expended (Notes 4)</b>						
<b>Costs of Generating Funds</b>						
Costs of generating voluntary income		-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising trading costs		-	-	-	-	415
Investment management costs		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>		1,359	-	-	1,359	2,217
Donations		-	693	-	693	1,582
<b>Other resources expended</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>1,359</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,052</b>	<b>4,214</b>
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers</b>		<b>903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>306.94</b>
<b>Gross transfers between funds</b>						
<b>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)</b>		<b>903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Other recognised gains/(losses)</b>						
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use	S17	-	-	-	-	-
Gains and losses on investment assets	S18	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	S19	<b>903</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>307</b>
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	S20	<b>4,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,952</b>	<b>4,645</b>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S21	<b>5,855</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,855</b>	<b>4,952</b>



## Section B

## Balance sheet

	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £
		Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £		
		F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible assets		283	-	-	283	283
Investments		-	-	-	-	-
<i>Total fixed assets</i>		283	-	-	283	283
<b>Current assets</b>						
Stock and work in progress		-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	5	150	-	-	150	225
(Short term) investments		-	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		5,922	-	-	5,922	4,600
<i>Total current assets</i>		6,072	-	-	6,072	4,824
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	6	500	-	-	500	156
<i>Net current assets/(liabilities)</i>		5,572	-	-	5,572	4,669
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>		5,855	-	-	5,855	4,952
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>		-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		-	-	-	-	-
<i>Net assets</i>		5,855	-	-	5,855	4,952
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>						
Unrestricted funds		4,952			4,952	4,645
		903			903	307
Restricted income funds			-		-	-
Endowment funds				-	-	-
<i>Total funds</i>		5,855	-	-	5,855	4,952

Signed by one trustee on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
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**Note 1 Basis of preparation****1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005); and with Accounting Standards;
- and with the Charities Act.

**1.2 Change in basis of accounting**

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

**1.3 Changes to previous accounts**

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

## Note 2 Accounting policies

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

### INCOMING RESOURCES

<b>Recognition of incoming resources</b>	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li> <li>• the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and</li> <li>• the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li> </ul>
<b>Incoming resources with related expenditure</b>	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
<b>Grants and donations</b>	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
<b>Tax reclaims on donations and gifts</b>	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
<b>Contractual income and performance related grants</b>	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
<b>Gifts in kind</b>	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
<b>Donated services and facilities</b>	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
<b>Volunteer help</b>	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
<b>Investment income</b>	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
<b>Investment gains and losses</b>	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

### EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
<b>Governance costs</b>	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
<b>Grants with performance conditions</b>	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
<b>Grants payable without performance conditions</b>	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
<b>Support Costs</b>	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

### ASSETS

<b>Tangible fixed assets for use by charity</b>	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
<b>Investments</b>	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
<b>Stocks and work in progress</b>	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources**

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
<b>Voluntary income</b>	Donations	45	-
	Christmas Carol fundraising for SA Food Bank	693	-
	Pete's bench fundraising	-	1,173
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>738</b>	<b>1,173</b>

<b>Activities for generating funds</b>	Calendar	-	720
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>720</b>

<b>Incoming resources from charitable activities</b>	Burn's Night	945	-
	Folk Night	422	-
	Shantyman Evening	404	-
	Jubilee Event & bench	-	1,404
	Jubilee Bench	-	777
	Other activities	447	447
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,218</b>	<b>2,628</b>

**Note 4 Analysis of resources expended**

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
<b>Fundraising trading costs</b>	Calendar	-	415
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>415</b>

<b>Charitable activities</b>	Burn's Night	622	-
	Folk Night	183	-
	Shantyman Evening	260	-
	Other event costs	137	51
	Jubilee Event	-	994
	Jubilee Bench	-	971
	Meeting & finance costs	-	44
	Insurance	157	157
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,359</b>	<b>2,217</b>

<b>Donations</b>	Salvation Army Food Bank	693	409
	DEC Ukraine Appeal	-	409
	Pete's bench	-	1,173
		-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>1,991</b>

**Note 5 Debtors and prepayments****Analysis of debtors**

Summer Event marquee deposit  
 Gift Aid/Small Donations Tax reclaim  
 Prepaid insurance

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
	150	-		
	-	68		
		157		
<b>Total</b>	150	225	-	-

**Note 6 Creditors and accruals****Analysis of creditors**

Pete's bench  
 Grant received for Summer Event marquee (Aug 24)

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
	-	156		
	500	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	500	156	-	-