

# ASHRAM COMMUNITY TRUST



## Annual Report 2021 - 2022

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES, APRIL 2021 – MARCH 2022

The Charity's objectives are the promotion of any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community of Sheffield and in such other areas as the Charity may from time to time determine; and in particular the advancement of the Christian religion, the advancement of education, the promotion of religious and educational study and research and the publication of the results of all such study and research; and the relief of poverty, sickness, affliction and distress.

In furtherance of the above objectives, but not otherwise, the Charity may exercise the following powers:

(i-viii are the standard powers of a charitable company),

(ix) provide facilities for religious fellowship and training.

(x) procure to be written and print, publish, issue and circulate gratuitously or otherwise any reports or periodicals, books, pamphlets, leaflets or any other documents,

(xi) arrange and provide for, or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures and classes,

(xii) establish residential communities for persons directly engaged in the furtherance of the purpose of the aforesaid, (xiii) promote, encourage or undertake experimental work.

### REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHARITABLE COMPANY

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. For most of the year covered by this report, restrictions related to the Covid-19 pandemic prevented the charity operating in its accustomed fashion. Some activities were able to continue in a modified form.

*Providing facilities for religious fellowship:* The weekend in May was by video conference, but the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions enabled an in-person weekend meeting to take place in October. Day meetings in July and February were replaced by video conferences. The branches in London and North-West England continued to meet with approximately the same degree of regularity as previously, also by video conference. Fortnightly gatherings online also take place, open to all-comers. This way of operating was disadvantageous to members who were unable to join in, or could only participate via their telephone; conversely members prevented by their geographical location from participating in face-to-face branch meetings were able to take part. Efforts were made to keep in contact by post and telephone with those members that were unable to participate in video conferencing or receive emails. Most of these 'meetings' were attended by associates and non-members, thus providing a public benefit.

*Publications:* 'ACT Together', containing articles by Community members and friends, was published in May and October. 'Jesus the Baker' was also published during the year.

*Meetings, lectures and classes:* The Multi-faith Chapel and Library in Burngreave, Sheffield was unable to operate, but a few people were able to participate in the Urban Theology Union Certificate in Theology, Discipleship and Mission funded by scholarships financed by the Charity.

*Residential communities:* One of the Community's houses in Rock Street, and the one in Andover Street, Sheffield continued to be occupied for this purpose. Work continued on the refurbishment of accommodation within the Burngreave complex.

The premises at Glossop Road, Sheffield, which formerly housed the 'New Roots' wholefood shop, a community flat and meeting place, were sold by auction.

*Relief of poverty etc.:* All members were asked to give a day's income to the annual appeal, which this year funded donations to the Conflict Minerals Campaign in the Democratic Republic of Congo. These also created a public benefit. No grants were made from the Wider Service Fund and the Community Projects Fund for other charitable purposes outside of the Community, but members continued to contribute to these funds.

## APPOINTMENTS

made at the 54th Annual General Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021

### OFFICERS

Leader: Rev Dr John Vincent  
Convenor: Ms Phillipa Thompson  
Deputy Convenor: Rev David Bown  
Treasurer: Ms Margaret Mackley  
Minutes Sec: Rev Ian Parker  
Membership Sec: Mrs Sandra Dutton

### TRUSTEES

Mr David Dale, Ms Helen Davies,  
Mrs Lorraine Jones, Mrs Linda Marshall,  
Rev Ian Parker

### APPOINTMENTS

Weekends Sec: Rev Ian Parker  
Gift Aid: Ms Margaret Mackley  
ACT Together: Mrs Jenny Medhurst  
Wider Service: Rev John Vincent

### BRANCH SECRETARIES

London: Mrs Linda Marshall  
North West: Mrs Josie Smith  
Sheffield: Rev John Vincent  
National Zoom meeting: Phillipa Thompson

### COMMUNITY PROPERTY

27 Hallcar Street, Sheffield S4 7JY

### COMMUNITY HOUSES

Burngreave Ashram: 80-86 Spital Hill, Sheffield S4 7LG  
77&79 Rock St, Sheffield S3 9JP

6 Andover St, Sheffield S3 9EG  
29 Hallcar St, Sheffield S4 7JY  
80 & 86 Spital Hill, Sheffield S4 7JY

### PROJECTS

Ashram Press: 7 College Court, S4 7FN  
Multi-Faith Projects: 86 Spital Hill, S4 7LG.  
Study & Research: 6 Andover Street, S3 9EG

**Community Office:** 7 College Court, Sheffield S4 7FN... 0114 243 6688. Community e-mail: (John Vincent) [ashramcommunity@hotmail.com](mailto:ashramcommunity@hotmail.com)  
Website: [www.ashram.org.uk](http://www.ashram.org.uk)

### TRUST

Company Secretary: Mrs Linda Marshall,  
31 Budebury Rd, Staines, TW18 2AZ

Registered Charity No: 1099164  
Registered Company No 4779914

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, High St, Sheffield S1 1HP  
Co-op Bank: Skelmersdale WN8 6WT  
Triodos Bank: Bristol BS1 5AS

Auditor: Ms Natalie Bacey, Hart Shaw, Sheffield  
Business Park S9 1XU  
Solicitors: Graysons, Paradise Square,  
Sheffield S1 1TY

## SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2022

INCOME FROM:	2022	2021	ACCUMULATIVE FUNDS	2022	2021
Grants & donations	3750	559	<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Membership	3437	3726	Days Income	560	10
	<u>7187</u>	<u>4285</u>	Community Projects	1339	836
<b>Charitable activities</b>			Wider Service Fund	1391	1063
Publications	63	124	Burngreave Multifaith	600	400
Weekends	2329	547	Interfaith	2170	2170
Wider Service Fund	327	216		<u>6060</u>	<u>4479</u>
Community Projects	503	637	<b>Designated Funds:</b>		
Days Income	792	1364	Seed Fund	219514	856
Activities	0	0	Opportunities	1720	1720
Sundries	272414	0	Weekends	1461	2222
	<u>276428</u>	<u>2888</u>	Inner City Retreat	500	0
				<u>223195</u>	<u>4798</u>
<b>Income from Investment</b>			<b>Houses and Projects Accounts:</b>		
Rents & room hire received			Ashram Centre	0	1858
residents	15961	13011	Rock Street	3541	1670
lettings	14630	13530	Andover Street	4356	3180
room hire	0	0	Burngreave Ashram	42727	9628
Investment income	116	9	Ashram Press	1775	2046
	<u>30707</u>	<u>26550</u>		<u>52399</u>	<u>18382</u>
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>860132</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>ALSO</b>		
<b>Total income</b>	<b><u>1174454</u></b>	<b><u>33723</u></b>	Value of property	338596	373596
			Liabilities/debts (net)	-70	840
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>				<u>338526</u>	<u>374436</u>
Weekends	3090	255	<b>Total allocated funds</b>	<b>620180</b>	<b>402095</b>
Wider Service Fund	0	0	<b>ACT General funds surplus</b>	<b>14026</b>	<b>8350</b>
Community Projects	0	0	<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>634206</u></b>	<b><u>410445</u></b>
Days Income	242	1933	<b>held at 31st March 2022 as:</b>		
Premises & equipment	8497	5544	Unrestricted	627825	405966
Publications/Publicity/Printing	242	214	Restricted	3890	4479
Rent	300	300		<u>631715</u>	<u>410445</u>
Rates & water rates	12381	10673			
Utilities	16021	7060	<b>Note: The audited accounts were approved by the</b>		
Insurance	6381	6376	<b>Trustees on 13th July 2022 and will be presented to</b>		
Interfaith	2170	0	<b>members at the A.G.M. on 15th October 2022.</b>		
Activities	303	302	<b>A copy of the full accounts can be obtained</b>		
Sundries	7357	1020	<b>from the Treasurer</b>		
	<u>56984</u>	<u>33677</u>	Margaret Mackley		
<b>OTHER</b>					
Independent Examiner's fee	840	864			
Administration	23	16			
Printing, postage & stationery	216	309			
Glossop Rd disposal	35000	0			
	<u>36079</u>	<u>1189</u>			
<b>Transfers</b>	<b>860132</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b><u>953195</u></b>	<b><u>34866</u></b>			
Net year balance 31/3/22	221270	-1143			
Total funds b'forward 1/4/21	410445	411588			
Total funds c'forward 31/3/22	<u>631715</u>	<u>410445</u>			

INCOME	2022	2021	EXPENDITURE	2022	2021
Members & associates	8	11	Governance fee	1	2
Grants & donations	9	2	Admin	1	1
Rents: residents	38	38	Premises: alterations	16	16
lettings	35	40	running costs	61	71
room hire	0	0	Weekends	5	1
Weekends	6	2	Com Proj, WSF, inter F, Days Pay	4	5
Com Pro, Wider S Fd.Days Pa	4	6	Activities	1	1
Publications	0	1	Publications	1	1
Other	0	0	Other	12	2
	<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>		<u>100</u>	<u>100</u>

**ASHRAM COMMUNITY TRUST**  
(a charitable company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital)

**DETAILED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR TO 31ST MARCH 2022**

	COMMUNITY FUNDS		HOUSES				PROJECTS		2022 Total £
	Ashram Community Trust Unrestricted £	Ashram Community Trust Restricted £	Ashram Centre Sheffield £	Rock Street Sheffield £	Andover Street Sheffield £	Burngreave Ashram Sheffield £	Burngreave Multifaith Restricted £	Ashram Press £	
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>									
Rents & room hire received	-	-	-	2,516	5,415	22,670	-	-	30,601
Donations and grants	2,750	-	-	500	-	-	500	-	3,750
Members & Associates	3,437	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,437
Investment income	114	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	116
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ashram Press	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	63
Week-Ends	2,329	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,329
Wider Service Fund	-	327	-	-	-	-	-	-	327
Community Projects Fund	-	503	-	-	-	-	-	-	503
Days Income	-	792	-	-	-	-	-	-	792
Activities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry income	272,000	-	414	-	-	-	-	-	272,414
	<u>280,631</u>	<u>1,622</u>	<u>414</u>	<u>3,016</u>	<u>5,415</u>	<u>22,672</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>314,332</u>
Funds transfer between branches	5,398	-	4,000	-	-	-	-	-	9,398
Funds transfer from current accounts	567,301	2,169	-	6,750	-	70,000	-	-	646,220
Funds transfer from deposit accounts	201,000	-	264	-	-	3,250	-	-	204,514
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<u>1,054,330</u>	<u>3,790</u>	<u>4,679</u>	<u>9,766</u>	<u>5,415</u>	<u>95,922</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>1,174,464</u>
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>									
Week-Ends	3090	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	3090
Wider Service Fund	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Community Projects Fund	-	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Days Income	-	242	0	0	0	0	0	0	242
Premises alterations and equipment	-	-	175	579	2019	5724	0	0	8497
Publications/Publicity/Printing	147	-	0	0	0	0	0	95	242
Rent	-	-	0	0	0	0	300	-	300
Rates & water rates	-	-	1197	3416	1364	6404	0	0	12381
Utilities	-	-	-	1115	0	14906	0	0	16021
Insurance	1344	-	1227	909	376	2525	0	0	6382
Telephone	-	-	0	-	0	0	0	0	0
Interfaith	-	2169	-	-	-	-	-	-	2169
Activities	144	-	0	0	0	159	0	0	303
Sundry expenses	764	-	-	-	480	-	-	164	1408
Sundry expenses (property sale)	5949	-	0	0	-	-	0	-	5949
	<u>11438</u>	<u>2411</u>	<u>2599</u>	<u>6019</u>	<u>4239</u>	<u>29718</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>56982</u>
Funds transfer between branches	51,750	0	3,598	-	-	-	-	-	55,348
Funds transfer to current accounts	367,301	2,169	264	1,800	-	3,250	-	-	374,784
Funds transfer to deposit account	400,000	0	-	-	-	30,000	-	-	430,000
	<u>830,489</u>	<u>4,580</u>	<u>6,461</u>	<u>7,819</u>	<u>4,239</u>	<u>62,968</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>259</u>	<u>917,114</u>
<b>GOVERNANCE COSTS</b>									
Independent examiners fee	540	0	75	75	-	75	-	75	840
<b>OTHER RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>									
Administration	23	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	23
Printing, postage and stationery	216	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	216
	<u>239</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>239</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>831,268</u>	<u>4,580</u>	<u>6,536</u>	<u>7,894</u>	<u>4,239</u>	<u>63,043</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>918,193</u>
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>223061</u>	<u>-790</u>	<u>(1,858)##</u>	<u>1,872</u>	<u>1,176</u>	<u>32,879</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>(271)</u>	<u>256,271</u>
Brought forward 1 April 2021	15,228	4,079	1,858	1,670	3,180	9,228	400	2,046	37,688
Movement in prepayments	-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-70
Balance at 31 March 2022	<u>238,219 ##</u>	<u>3,289 ##</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,541 ##</u>	<u>4,356</u>	<u>42,107</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>1,775</u>	<u>293,889</u>