

Positive Carrickfergus C.I.C.
Financial statements
for the year ended 30 September 2022

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Reference and Administrative Details

Chair

Samuel Robert Stewart

Board Members - company directors

Samuel Robert Stewart (Chair)

Lee Robb

Lynn McKenzie (Company Secretary) (resigned 09/09/2022)

Lisa Clarke

Anne Magill

Joanne Zebedee (resigned 30/02/2022)

Chelsea Harwood (appointed 14/02/2022)

Board Members who are not directors of the company

Karen Poag

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Directors' Report For the year ended 30 September 2022

The Board present their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022.

Reference and Administration Details

Details of the principal address, Committee members, independent advisors and other relevant information are given on page 2.

Structure, Governance and Management

Positive Carrickfergus operated informally from October 2017 until June 2020 when it was formed as an unincorporated association. Positive Carrickfergus incorporated as a private company limited by guarantee without share capital on 15th September 2020 under the name Positive Carrickfergus CIC.

Risk Management

The Directors have a responsibility for preparing the annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Under company law the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and the income and expenditure for that period. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the organisation faces. Internal control risks are minimized by the implementation of procedures for authorisation of all transactions.

These procedures are periodically reviewed to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the Company and all relevant legislation.

Annual Report

Our second year of operation as a Community Interest Company saw Positive Carrickfergus continuing our work of engaging Carrick people in thinking about the future of the town and making space for people to come together to enjoy Carrick in a variety of ways. The board had a small celebration of the work we had achieved for our first birthday as The Talk of the Town project neared its close and we started to plan in earnest for our next phase of work, inspired and informed by everything we had learned over the last 12 months. We also took the opportunity to do some board team building by taking a guided tour of Carrick with Lead the Way tours, led by Adrian Hack. We learned lots of new things about Carrick and each other that has fed extremely positively into our work and our relationships with each other.

Over the year we kept in touch with our community, in person in our shop, and digitally, through our regular newsletter, sending around 25 newsletters over the course of the year and seeing our audience grow by around 100 members in that time. Our newsletters keep our community

up to date with our work, keeping them informed, and us accountable, as well as sharing news about other events and opportunities to play an active role in the town.

September 2021 started with the Gasworks Trad group playing in The Courtyard garden outside our shop to around 75-100 people over the course of a Saturday afternoon. An event arranged by us in partnership with our supportive landlords, Mitchell Estates. On the same day the Townscape Heritage Initiative arranged a visit to our Sails and Tales exhibition as part of European Heritage Open Days, bringing the exhibition and our work to a new audience. We also held a book club get-together and confirmed our tenancy until at least January 2022 with our landlords.

Lynn McKenzie, one of our Directors, concluded her work with young people exploring their wildest dreams for our town with sessions for over 100 year 10's in Ulidia Integrated College, challenging them to think about how they play an active role as citizens of Carrick. She also worked with young people connected with Downshire Presbyterian Church, exploring what community-led engagement looks like, rather than work that is 'needs-led'. These conversations fed into our Wildest Dreams report which identified the town centre, and arts and culture as priorities for the people who shared their dreams and set the direction for our work in 2022.

Our impact has reached beyond Carrickfergus with our Director and Talk of the Town project manager, Lee Robb, being invited to speak at the Swell Festival, a community-led celebration of Portrush and its people, at the end of September. The Swell Festival have been inspired by our Wildest Dreams postcards and we are delighted to see them asking Portrush residents about their dreams for the future of their town.

Lee was also invited to speak about the development of the Sails and Tales exhibition and our engagement work in general at the Walled Towns Network conference by Shirin Murphy from Carrickfergus Museum. We received great feedback from attendees and hope to have inspired other communities to talk about their wildest dreams - 'Thank you so much for your fantastic presentation today. It was really inspirational to see what can be done to celebrate aspects of heritage that may have been overlooked in the past. You definitely provided a lot of food for thought for me'.

Our Sails and Tales exhibition continued to develop as we released a Virtual Reality Tour in January 2022 on our website that we hope people with mobility issues could access more easily than our physical exhibition, which is upstairs in the old Kelly's Coal Office. This digital version of Sails and Tales was paid for by members of our community and we were so grateful for their generous donations. It was developed by Laura Patrick who also developed our exhibition and we want to thank Laura for the time and energy she put into this aspect of the project voluntarily.

We concluded our collaborative mapping workshops with Quarto in October 2021, a fruitful collaboration from which new insights emerged from participants, and Gemma and Bryonie from Quarto. Quarto produced reports after workshops which contributed to our research and planning for an application to National Lottery Community Fund along with our Wildest Dreams report. We started developing this application in September along with local artists and arts

organisations, such as the Gasworks Trad group, Uplift Performing Arts and Third Carrickfergus Band and Vanessa Law, a composer and musician, newly arrived from Hong Kong, who had made Carrick her home.

These relationships continued to develop fruitfully, especially the relationship with Vanessa, which resulted in a number of Live Music @ The Talking Shop events in November 2021 and June 2022. The first events saw Vanessa, Mike Yip and Chris Chu turn our Talking Shop into an intimate music venue, performing classical and experimental music on percussion, piano, electric guitar to around 50 people over two afternoons as well as live-streaming the gigs to Hong Kong.

Vanessa continued to connect with local musicians in 2023 by hosting Music Jam sessions on Sunday afternoons from March to May 2022. The jam sessions provided a space for local musicians from any genre to jam together and to chat about music. These sessions led to the second Live Music @ The Talking Shop series on 11 and 25 June featuring singer/songwriters Sophie Giraudeau, John Lindsay, and Zo Henley, along with Vanessa and Mike, Christian Indie Pop duo, Redemption Arc and guitarist, JP. Some of these artists performed for the first time outside of open mic nights and Vanessa did an amazing job creating a safe, welcoming and friendly space where musicians supported and learned from each other. The gigs brought new people and connections into our space, fired up our imaginations about how our shop could be brought to life and the work continues to have an impact.

Our work over the year received recognition in the form of a Carrick Times Business Excellence Award for the Best Community or Social Initiative award in November 2022, with Lynn attending the awards on our behalf. We were delighted to be recognised and want to thank those who nominated and voted for us.

In November, with our lottery funding spent, we started to explore what low-cost activities we could run in our shop and we were delighted to offer Beginners Art Classes with Steve Diamond for £5 per class. We experimented with times offering afternoon and evening classes and eventually settled on Monday evenings. Classes ran until April 2022 with 4 or 5 attendees per class. Thanks to Steve for his hard work supporting budding artists.

We worked with a range of community organisations and local business over the year to provide space for workshops, pop-ups and wellbeing programmes, including:

- Cithrah, a charity for victims of domestic violence who used our space for a workshop for the women they work with
- Purple Earth, a CIC selling eco products and educating people about how to reduce their plastic use and live and consume in a more eco-friendly way in November and December 2022.
- Exodus youth group, who used our shop for a board games night.
- Mindfulness meditation sessions by Nurture Wellness NI – from March 2022 into the summer.

We developed a new partnership with Carrickfergus Enterprise by delivering a series of online and in-person events for Global Entrepreneurship Week in November along with Kilcreggan Homes and Mid and East Antrim Borough Council focusing on community shares and highlighting successful social enterprises in the Borough. These events had a low turn-out which was a shame but have led to other developments in terms of community business and a continued relationship with Carrickfergus Enterprise.

Our relationship with Mencap deepened as we supported their recruitment of a Community Partner, who we host in our shop on Wednesdays. They also used our space to host a meeting of Mencap colleagues, who visited to hear about how Mencap's Pilot project 'My Community' was going in Carrickfergus. My Community is trialling a new way of working in the UK for Mencap, with a focus on community-led development rather than a top-down services-led approach. We share communication updates about this project through our channels and are exploring more ways that our work can converge to meet our shared missions of making Carrick a great place to live for everyone.

We worked with MEA Borough Council on a range of activities including the conclusion of the first phase of the Sustainable Food Places project, the promotion of Shop Local app. We also worked with Alison Diver from MEA Borough Council to deliver four workshops at the Community Orchard at the Mill Ponds in February, March and April 2022, along with the Eco Rangers. This work was supported by funding from Cooperative Alternatives' Get Ready to Grow Programme. We had a great time working with Christine Leacock from the Eco Rangers and look forward to doing so again in the future.

Another project supported by a small grant from the Get Ready to Grow Programme, and with hands-on support from Cooperative Alternatives' Tiziana O'Hara, was our community greengrocer's initiative which emerged from the Sustainable Food Places conversations in the summer of 2021. Following a number of informal conversations with interested people, we held the first meeting of a Steering Group in February 2022 with the group continuing to meet in our shop on a monthly basis to develop a vision and mission. In July the group established a Community Benefit Society, Carrick Greengrocers Limited, and intend to become Carrick's first community owned business. This was one of our key projects for 2022 and we were delighted to get this project off the ground. We continue to work closely with the group and some of our Directors also sit on the Board of the Society.

In January 2022 we submitted our initial application to the National Lottery Community Fund's People and Communities programme, and we were delighted to be invited to submit a full application with a decision due in July 2022.

In March 2022, we hosted a conversation with Jon Alexander, founder of the New Citizenship Project and author of 'Citizens - Why the key to fixing everything is all of us' in collaboration with the Secret Bookshelf. Along with Tatjana Simpson, who interviewed Jon for the event, we took Jon on a tour of Carrick before he shared his insights and ideas to a buzzing audience in the Talking Shop. By the end of the event it was clear how Positive Carrickfergus's work aligns with Jon's vision with a shift from consumer to citizen and a thriving, citizen-led society. Before the

event started we were also treated to a performance from Aisling Cowan on her harp, which set the scene for an inspiring and uplifting evening – and some sales for the Secret Bookshelf of Jon's book.

Throughout the year we continued to welcome our crocheters to the Talking Shop on Wednesday mornings for some crochet and chat. This group of women, who used to meet in our space regularly when it was a wool shop, are using our shop in the best way - to craft and to catch up with friends.

At the end of July 2022 we were delighted to discover that we had been awarded just over £155,000 by the National Lottery Community Fund to deliver a community-led arts strategy for Carrickfergus and to run monthly events in our Town Hall to bring the strategy to life. This work has also allowed us to continue our tenancy of the Talking Shop and use this space to develop our project and provide meeting space for the local community. This project will be delivered over two years and will be our key priority until 2024. Thanks to everyone who has been part of our work this year. We look forward to working together to continue to help us work together to realise Carrick's amazing potential.

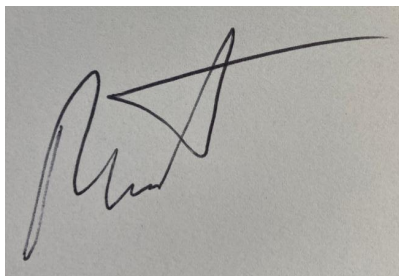
Financial Review

The Statement of Financial Activities for the year is set out on page 8. There was a small restricted profit of £976.76 which is restricted to Lottery Heritage spending. The amount carried forward from the previous financial statement was £320.60

Statement of Directors' responsibilities

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. For the period ending 30 September 2022 the Company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the companies Act 2006. These Accounts have been prepared and delivered in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

By order of the Board,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Samuel Stewart', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Samuel Robert Stewart
Chair

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 September 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Income			
Income from generated funds			
Grants	2	13,071.21	41,004.53
Other operating income	2	570.84	483.8
Total Income		13,642.05	41,488.33
Expenditure			
Direct Project Costs	3	6,168.85	31,770.11
Other Operating Costs	3	6,635.12	9309.42
Governance Costs	4	28	13
Total Expenditure		12,831.97	41,092.53
Net Income/Expenditure for the year before Tax		810.08	395.80
Corporation Tax		153.92	75.20
Total Funds Carried Forward		656.16	320.60
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Funds Brought Forward		320.60	0
Total Funds Carried Forward	8	976.76	320.60

The notes on pages 10 to 12 form part of these financial statements

Balance Sheet as at 31 September 2022

	Note	2022		2021	
		£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Debtors & Prepayments	6	0		0	
Cash at Bank and in hand		1489.77		8688.17	
Fixed Assets					
			0		0
Total Assets					
		1489.77		0	
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year					
	7	513.01		8367.57	
Total Assets Less Current Liabilities					
		976.76		320.6	0

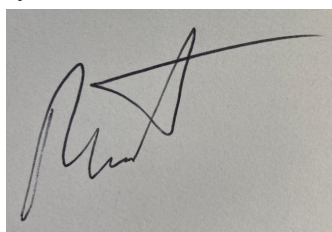
Society Funds	8				
Restricted Funds	9	976.76		320.6	0

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The financial statements on pages 8 to 12 were approved by the Board on and were signed on its behalf by:



Samuel Robert Stewart
Chair

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

1 Accounting policies

Positive Carrickfergus was established on 15th September 2020 and is a Private company limited by guarantee without share capital. The company's registered number and registered office address can be found on the Company Information Page.

1.1 Accounting Convention

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Section 1A of FRS 102 - 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland' and the requirements of the Companies Act (2006).

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention.

These financial statements for the period ended 30 September 2022 are the third set of financial statements of Positive Carrickfergus C.I.C.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the directors have reasonable expectations that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

1.3 Income

All Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once it has been received.

Income from Donations is recognised in the statement of Financial Activities once it has been received.

Revenue grants are credited to income on the earlier date of when they are received or when they are receivable, unless they relate to a specific future period in which case they are deferred.

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources.

1.5 Cost of generating funds

These include direct expenditure and overhead costs incurred in generating funds for the Company.

1.6 Governance costs

Governance costs include those incurred in the governance of its assets which are associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

1.7 Fund accounting

Any unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the objectives of Positive Carrickfergus at the discretion of the trustees.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

2 Income from Generated funds	2022
	£
NLCF Emerging Futures Fund	8,292.37
Lottery Heritage Grant	2,800
Co-Operative Alternatives	2,040
Mid & East Antrim Grants Support Scheme	297.93
Room Hire	344.68
Donations	209.49
Other operating income	16.67
Income from generated funds	13,071.21

3 Detailed Expenditure	2022
	£
Direct Project Costs	
Project Management	3,475
Collaborative Map Making	1,875
Wildest Dreams Project	500
Community Orchard Project	316.67
Event Costs	2.18
Total Direct Project Costs	6,168.85
Other Operating Costs	
Shop Decoration	937.70
Rent & Rates	3,870
Recruitment	796.32
Insurance	297.93
Postcards	260
Cleaning	52.34
Stationary	244.14
Utilities	121.69
Repairs & Renewals	55
Total Operating Costs	6,635.12
Total Expenditure	12,803.97

4 Governance Costs	2022
	£
Filing Fees	28.00

5 Company Member Emoluments

The Company employs no staff

The Company members received no emoluments or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2022

6 Debtors

	2022
	£
Prepayments and accrued income	-

7 Creditor: (Amounts falling due within one year)

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deferred Income	359.09	8387.37
Other taxation and social security	153.92	75.20

8 Statement of Funds

	At			At
	1st October 2021	Income	Expenditure	31st September 2022
	£	£	£	£
	320.60	13,642.05	12,985.89	976.76

9 Restricted Income

Remaining funds of £976.76 are restricted to Lottery Heritage Spend.

10 Related party transactions and Ultimate Controlling Party

	2022
	£
Lee Robb	2,850
Lynn McKenzie	625

Lee Robb & Lynn McKenzie were each paid for consultancy work and project management to the amount of £2,850 and £625 respectively. There is no ultimate controlling party.