

GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT POVERTY CONCERN GROUP

England & Wales · Charity number 1060003

Details

Other names	GRANTHAM POVERTY CONCERN
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	1997-01-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND OF ELDERLY PERSONS IN GRANTHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

Activities: Relief of poverty by providing meals at various drop in centres and making small emergency loans

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** GRANTHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREA
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£30,484	£38,340	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,281	£38,586	-	-
2022-12-31	£29,948	£28,244	-	-
2021-12-31	£51,658	£44,586	-	-
2020-12-31	£31,057	£16,465	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Maddison		2014-11-17
Annie May Walker		2023-06-05
David Scott Lynn		
Esme Sutton		2017-03-06
Ian Lindsay Whittle		2017-03-06
Maureen Griffiths		2021-11-06
Patricia Marion Temple-Fielder		2024-01-08
Sheila Knight		2025-03-03
Stephen Robert Cameron		2021-03-02

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(Incorporating THE GRANTHAM PASSAGE)

CIO Registered Charity No: 1060003

Reg. Address: c/o D Lynn, Charity Treasurer, 142 Harrowby Road, Lincs, NG31 9DU

AGM and ANNUAL REPORT for year ending 31 December 2024 for

Grantham Poverty Concern Annual General Meeting held on 3rd March 2025 at the Seventh Day Adventist church, Dudley Road, Grantham

Present:

Trustees: Andy Maddison (Chair), David Lynn (Treasurer), Ann Walker (Secretary), Pat Temple Fielder, Esme Sutton, Ian Whittle, Stephen Cameron, Maureen Griffiths, Sheila Knight

Apologies: None

Aims and Objectives

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5. To pay out of the funds of the Charity the costs, charges and expenses of and incidental of the formation and registration of the Charity
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Grantham Poverty Concern – CIO Charity Number 1060003 CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2024

As with other preceding years I am starting my report with a thank you to everyone involved in the Passage, in however way they have provided help, to make our service run so smoothly. The Passage, at times, can be a challenging environment and it takes fortitude and a strong drive to continue supporting our clients in their good and not so good times.

I'd like to provide a specific thank you to all you, as Trustees, for another year of steady and wise guidance to help steer the Passage in such a positive direction. We have, as a group, come through some difficult times in the past year and these have been met by all parties with kindness, support and professionalism. We have also formally achieved CIO status as a charity, with all the work that has entailed, much to our future benefit. With her standing down as both Vice-Chair and a Trustee, I'd also like to extend and minute my thanks to Mary Howard for her years of dedication and support for the Passage. I wish her all the best for the future and for her knowledge and guidance from which I have drawn many times!

As with the previous year our provision of the meals, support and the wrap-around help that is the cornerstone of what the Passage is has been unwavering and busier than I think it ever has been. The cost of living crisis is still very much in the front of our clients minds, and even with a new government in place, things are still tight for those that we care about and support. There is no quick fix for this, but I truly believe the steady presence and invaluable help the Passage provides makes a huge difference, saving lives.

I would like to formally minute and personally thank Maureen for her unbroken support and expertise for the benefits and other help that is provided to those that come to us. The Passage truly values the innumerable and varied ways that you have helped so many over the previous year.

Looking outwards we continue to be well supported from the local community and our reputation precedes us. We have worked closely with many agencies and continue to be a key partner for discussions with SKDC Homeless Team as well as others that can make key decisions. As the Passage we have worked closely with the Ark project when they started recently and are a key source of information to help their great work. This is similar to our close relationship with the BHive where we have been supporting them in the work that they do. This is reciprocated with the help that they give to the clients of ours that use their services.

Following that particular vein, I would again like to thank those that have been involved in any way to work and promote what we do to the other agencies, charities and companies of the local area. We survive and grow with the links that we make and keep with the local community and this has continued and improved this year. Further thanks should be given to Chris Thomas and Esther Maddison for their organisation and implementation of the Passage Christmas meal. We supported over 200 people in the festive period, either on Christmas day or via the family food hampers, and this is a huge undertaking that gets busier every year. It's a huge logistical and time consuming process that benefits so many in our local area at such an emotive time.

Financially we are stable and in a position that many other charities would like to be in. The charity continues to be very well supported by a range of individuals and companies throughout the year to ensure that whatever we need to provide our service is well covered.

As mentioned in the report last year, I am looking to start a project to expand the Passage to another town. I have made links with Nottingham University and from May, will be receiving a thesis from them critically analysing data to show where will be the recommended place to start this project. When I have all the data I will present this to the Trustees for your consideration.

I'll close my report by looking forward to 2025 and all the ups and downs that this will bring. We have a new kitchen at Mikes Place which is something to look forward to and no doubt some challenges with the work that we carry out. As quoted from Aesops fable the Lion and the Mouse, "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."

The Trustees have not received any emoluments other than authorised expenses.

Andy Maddison, Chair of Trustees 03 March 2024

Treasurer's Annual Report for financial year ending 31 December 2024

David Lynn submitted a report of the annual accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2024. He had prepared accounts and had been examined by an Independent Examiner and no corrections were needed. They were signed off on 28 February 2024. Summary of accounts.

<u>Bank balance at 01 January 2024</u>	49,202.05
<u>Income:</u>	
Donations	30,399.55
Sale of surplus products	85.00
HMRC tax claim	0.00
Bank interest	0.00
<u>Total Income 2024:</u>	30,484.55
<u>Expenditure:</u>	
Passage costs	26,721.70
Christmas food, hampers & presents for clients	3,500.00
Stock of mobiles, tents & sleeping bags	1,262.80
Food bags / containers	310.00
Donation for use of kitchens	500.00
Admin / Miscellaneous	1,605.81
Centre costs	4,440.83
<u>Total Expenditure 2024:</u>	38,340.14
<u>Bank balance at 31 December 2024</u>	41,346.46

Account held with:

Virgin Money Bank Total balance –	41,346.46
○ General Account - balance	39,391.07
○ Edith Meredith Account – Balance	1955.39

The Accounts had been Independently Examined by Virginia Leverton – see her report below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Report to the Trustees of Grantham Poverty Concern
Charity Number 1166263
On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024**

Respective Responsibilities of trustees and examiner: The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement: My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement: In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

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 - * to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:

Date: 28 February 2025

Virginia Leverton

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2024 at the Seventh Day Adventist church, Dudley Road, Grantham**

Present:

**Trustees: Andy Maddison, David Lynn, Pat Temple Fielder, Esme Sutton, Ian Whittle,
Stephen Cameron, Maureen Griffiths, Ann Walker**

Apologies: Mary Howard

Management Committee: Sheila Knight, Stephen Howe,

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Grantham Poverty Concern – Charity Number 1060003 CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2023

I'd like to start my report this year by thanking everyone that is involved with the Passage - Trustees, volunteers and those who have helped in any way to assist us in providing our services. I consider myself very fortunate to be able to work alongside so many other dedicated individuals that care so much and provide such care for those in society that others have written off. It's heartwarming to see what can be achieved when so many people all pull in the right direction for the benefit of others.

Reflecting back on the report for 2022, I think we have achieved some of our goals and still actively working towards others. We are well on the way now towards CIO status and for that, I would like to minute thanks for both Maureen and David for their hard work on this. This time next year, during my report, we will be safely transferred across and seeing the benefits that the migration will bring to us.

Our provision of the meals, support and the wrap-around help that is the cornerstone of what the Passage is has been unwavering and busier than I think it ever has been. As things change in the benefits system, money is tighter in the public realm, cost of living is increasing, we are seeing more and more strain on those that have the least. Again, I would like to minute the amazing and tireless work that Maureen puts in for the paperwork and benefits side on a Friday. A large number of people, Passage clients and non-Passage clients, would most definitely be in a much worse position without your incredibly knowledgeable and detailed experience and advice.

We have completed the Safeguarding training and continue our unbroken record of 5* food hygiene inspections from all locations. First aid and other training is in the process of being arranged so, hopefully, all this will be finalised in the coming months for peace of mind for those that complete the courses.

Looking outwards we continue to be well supported from the local community and our reputation precedes us. Again, we were nominated for the 'Social Enterprise of the Year' and got to be finalists which is a great accolade. Being a charity of long standing and reputation helps in innumerable ways not only financially but also for the links to other organisations and individuals that we can work together with.

Following that particular vein, I would like to thank those that have been involved in any way to work and promote what we do to the other agencies, charities and companies of the local area. Networking is so important in what we do and the strong links that we have formed with Local Government, other charities, churches and in the local area mean we are at the leading edge of decisions made in our sector. We are regular attendees of the SKDC homeless forum, Grantham Community Connector and work closely alongside Change4Lincs for those that are

rough sleeping or need other assistance. SKDC also used us as the local trusted organisation for the national Government rough sleeper count which shows the level of trust that we have. On that note, it was nice to be able to get the correct figures put in for once on the true scale of the problem!

Financially we are stable and in a position that many other charities would like to be in. We do have some expenditure coming up this year to change and update Mikes Place but this will not be a financial strain. We continue to be very well supported by a range of individuals and companies throughout the year to ensure that whatever we need to provide our service is well covered.

As mentioned in the recent Trustee meetings I am looking to potentially expand the reach of the Passage and start a session outside of the Grantham area. I think the time is right for us to seriously investigate the options that we have to start another service in another town, drawing on the expertise that we have here in Grantham. This means that we start on the front foot with all the knowledge, drive and experience gained over the years doing what we do best. I have been in touch with various places and have some data to consider before bringing back a formal proposal to all you at Trustee level.

I'd also like to extend my thanks for the team that took over and provided the Christmas meal this year. There were some potential changes to how the meal was going to be run with a new team taking over the reins for the organisation and provision of the meal. This unfortunately didn't pan out as planned so Chris Thomas, Esther Maddison and others stepped in at the eleventh hour to arrange, prepare and deliver our Christmas meal. All went brilliantly and to plan so I, and the Trustees, would like to pass on our grateful thanks.

I'd like to close my report by again thanking everyone involved in what we do, in whatever way they help, as together we are a formidable force for social good and providing that secure and reliable safety net that so many of our clients rely on. I'm sure that 2024 will be a year of growth and positivity interspersed with those little challenges that sometimes make you take a step backwards - but we always take two steps forwards to overcome and grow.

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<u>Income:</u>	
Donations	30,281.08
HMRC tax claim	0.00
Bank interest	0.00
<u>Total Income 2023:</u>	30,281.08

Expenditure:

Discretionary emergency relief to clients	0.00
Food Vouchers	0.00
Passage Costs	26,100.00
Donation for use of premises	2,500.00
Admin/Miscellaneous	1,932.70
Stock of mobiles, tents & sleeping bags	689.94
Centre costs	6,841.35
Benefit advice	265.79
<u>Total Expenditure 2023:</u>	38,585.60
<u>Bank balance at 31 December 2023</u>	49,202.05

Account held with:

Virgin Money Bank Total balance –	49,202.05
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○ Edith Meredith Account – Balance	1955.39
○ Development Account - Balance	0.00

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Present:

Trustees: Andy Maddison, David Lynn, Mary Howard, Esme Sutton, Ian Whittle, Stephen Cameron, Maureen Griffiths

Management Committee: Pat Temple Fielder, Liz Bennett, Stephen Howe, Ann Walker, Jo Foster

Review of Trustees/ New Trustees and Roles

The following nominations were made and seconded.

- Andy Maddison to remain as Chairperson
- David Lynn to remain as Treasurer
- Mary Howard to remain as Vice Chairperson

Other Trustees include Ian Whittle, Esme Sutton, Maureen Griffiths.

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Grantham Poverty Concern – Charity Number 1060003 CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2022

As the COVID pandemic receded into memory, from July all the locations were back to our normal service providing invaluable support and help for those that need it in our area. I know from my own experience on Tuesday nights and Sunday mornings the need is definitely still there and the clients really appreciate the safety and regularity of the Passage sessions being back to being fully open. This brings comfort to our clients and lets us engage with them on the personal level that brings so much reward.

I mentioned in last years report that we are in the most expensive overall rise in the overall standard of living costs since the 1950s with everything costing more and wages / benefits being squeezed like never before. This has played out as we expected and the costs still increase at an alarming rate and, as is usually the case, benefits and other support do not raise as quickly. It brings into sharp focus the key lifeline that the Passage is to a lot of our clients for providing a daily meal plus all the advice and guidance that we wrap around as well. Our costs have also increased as food inflation is massively higher than this time last year and I see no reduction in this for at least the next 6 months. We have reflected this in the donations given to the churches that very kindly let us use their premises.

We at the Passage however seem to have ridden this storm and due to the close support and great relationships we have with individuals and businesses around the town, have ended the year on a great financial footing. It would be foolish to be complacent however but we do have a solid base of funds in the bank to shield us from the worst of the rises for the moment. What will happen going forward remains to be seen however but I am confident we have the support of the local town in a number of ways.

Another thing that was covered in last years report was if we have the mechanisms in place to cope with a larger influx of demand. Although there has been a slight increase and we have taken this into consideration, I am still expecting another rise in numbers as things continue to be so expensive. Do we need to change what we do and how we operate? I asked myself this many times during the last 6 months with each new story about the increased hardships and, at the moment, I don't see us having to fundamentally change how the sessions operate. We will obviously review this in our monthly meetings if such times arise and work together to make sure what we provide stays constant.

Speaking of support and the local town I would like to formally thank as part of my report, all the Trustees and volunteers for helping us win the prestigious 'Social Enterprise of the Year' at the 2022 Journal business awards. It's a great recognition of the care, dedication, compassion and hard work that all of us put in across every location. Its a fitting tribute to the work that we do and I know that the judges were blown away with the work that they saw and the stories that we told them.

The Christmas meal is now a traditional part of this report and, unlike the last couple of years, was finally back to the traditional sit down affair. Its always looked forward to by the clients and this year was no exception. Thanks goes to Chris and Esther for doing the majority of the organising, collating and liaising with those that wanted to donate as well as the cooking. A big thank you to Mary and also to all those that gave up their time around that festive period and also on Christmas Day on the meal itself. As I have mentioned in our previous meeting, this year we are taking a step back from Christmas so will be handing the reins over to another team. Only 9 months to go so someone needs to step forward for this one.....!

I would like to formally thank the Trustees and all those that have helped, sometimes in difficult circumstances, across all the locations during the year. We've all done this for a long time and it shows in the smooth and fuss-free way the Passage operates both individually for the sessions and as a charity as a whole. I feel privileged to be able to work alongside you all with so many of you having so many years experience - way more than me - and for your occasional guidance and level-headedness. I genuinely believe we make a great leadership team and have the ability to ensure that the needs of the Passage are put forward as the main point of focus.

So what of 2023 and the year ahead? I think its going to be very much the same vein as we have now with us helping those that maybe have either fallen through the cracks or exhausted support from other avenues. I can see the numbers using our services going up, the amount of available services to signpost to going down and the challenges that our clients bring to us being harder to resolve. Housing, energy costs, food and everything else continues to rise and those that have the least are always on the brink of losing the most with every change. Looking internally, we will be looking at changing out status away from its current legal position and this will need some careful and considered thought and external advice. I also want to pursue the training that we have spoken about in the past for both Trustees and volunteers in such areas as safeguarding, first aid (physical and mental) to make sure that we stay ahead of the curve.

I will close my report by thanking again all Trustees, volunteers and supporters of Grantham Passage for all of your time, help, good humour and dedication in making what we have work so well. I'm biased and deeply protective of the Passage but can say wholeheartedly that the country would be a better place if we had somewhere like us in every town, making sure that those that don't have much get a little bit to help them get by.

"A fundamental concern for others in our individual and community lives would go a long way in making the world the better place we so passionately dreamt of" - Nelson Mandela

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Centre costs	2,173.89
<u>Total Expenditure 2022:</u>	28,244.21
Unpresented cheque	144.00
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○ Development Account - Balance	255.82

The Accounts had been Independently Examined by Gae Ellis – see her report below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees of Grantham Poverty Concern Charity Number 1166263 On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2022

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Signed:

Date: 27 February 2023

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GRANTHAM AND DISTRICT POVERTY CONCERN GROUP

England & Wales - Charity number 1060003

Accounts

GRANTHAM & DISTRICT POVERTY CONCERN GROUP

(Incorporating THE GRANTHAM PASSAGE)

A Company Limited by Guarantee & Registered Charity No: 1060003 Company No: 013-922110
Reg. Address: c/o D Lynn, Charity & Company Treasurer, 142 Harrowby Road, Lincs, NG31 9DU

AGM and ANNUAL REPORT

Grantham Poverty Concern Annual General Meeting held on 28th March 2022 at the Resource Centre, St Mary's church

Present:

Trustees: Andy Maddison, Mary Howard (MH), Esme Sutton, Ian Whittle, Stephen Cameron, Maureen Griffiths

Management Committee: Chris Thomas, Pat Temple Fielder, Liz Bennett, Stephen Howe, Ann Walker

Aims and Objectives

AM walked everyone through the charity's aims and objectives, below.

'The aims of Grantham Poverty Concern is to help in emergency need, to oversee the Grantham Passages which operates in the following churches:

- Christ Church, Finkin Street
- Grantham Passage Resource Centre, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church Grantham
- Baptist Church Grantham
- Seventh Day Adventist Grantham

With the provision by rota to provide food every day of the week. The Charity also sets out to act for the relief of poverty and helps children, young people and the elderly as well as the general public. Grantham Poverty Concern operates by making loans to individuals to alleviate hunger and deprivation. It gives a 'listening ear', networks with other agencies and signposts clients where to go for help.

The Charity is staffed entirely by volunteers and financed by donations, with the aforesaid churches giving their premises free.

OBJECTS

The objects of Grantham Poverty Concern are the relief of poverty and of elderly persons in Grantham and the surrounding area in the county of Lincolnshire as the trustees in their absolute discretion shall determine.

In furtherance of the Objects but not otherwise, the Charity may exercise the following powers:-

1. To draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute and issue promissory notes, bills, cheques and other instruments and to operate bank accounts in the name of the Charity.
2. To raise funds and to invite and receive contributions; provided that in raising funds the Charity shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any relevant statutory regulations
3. To establish or support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the Objects
4. To co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in the furtherance of the Objects or similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and

advice with them

5. To pay out of the funds of the Charity the costs, charges and expenses of and incidental of the formation and registration of the Charity

6. To do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Objects'

Grantham Poverty Concern – Charity Number 1060003 CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2021

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the Grantham Poverty Concern and Grantham Passage AGM and it is good to be able to be in the same room as you all - very different to this time last year where everything was virtual!

As the COVID pandemic continued to be a major factor in all our lives, 2021 has been a year of two halves when it comes to the Passage providing assistance and support to those that needed it. Up to the point in July when restrictions were lifted, the food parcels continued unabated and we supported not only our clients but additional individuals and families in and around the local area. After July, our Passage locations all re-opened welcoming back the clients and picking up where we left off so many months before.

As I mentioned in last years report, none of us could have imagined the length of time that we would be restricted and how much this virus would affect society in general. It has affected the lives of all - rich or poor - but I do think that we have seen the generosity of the public increase over this pandemic. We have been contacted on a regular basis offering support of all types as I'm sure Chris will cover in his report and this has meant that as a charity, we end the year in a stronger position than when we started. This doesn't just mean financially, and this cannot be ignored as without funds there is no Passage, but also with the contacts and reputation that has been built and strengthened as well. A huge number of companies and individuals have given so much to help what we do and assist with the support.

I'd like at this point to thank Chris Thomas and Esther Maddison who have tirelessly and selflessly worked almost every day of the last two years on the food parcel project. It was only ever meant to be temporary but with the level of need and the impact of the pandemic it has gone for just over two years (note to self - buy Chris and Esther a dictionary so they can look up the meaning of 'temporary'). They have organised, co-ordinated, arranged, stressed, laughed, cried and most importantly excelled at the parcels that went to individuals and families. When parcels stopped to individuals when the Passage locations re-opened, they then continued to get parcels and food boxes to the families that needed our support. These have now stopped as of the end of March and all the families have been signposted to other agencies. I also extend my sincere thanks to our volunteer drivers who have made sure that each week the food gets to those that need it despite restrictions, weather, incidents and their own family lives. Lastly and by no means least further thanks to all those organisations that have stepped up to the line and helped in innumerable ways through the mediums of donations, financial assistance, time, expertise and support for the entire food parcel operation.

I would also like to thank you, the Trustees and location co-ordinators, for taking up the baton of restarting the meals and getting the Passage locations up and running. It's no mean feat to restart after a long hiatus and its brilliant that you have regrouped and got back to providing the meals and associated support. Initially dealing with all the restrictions that had to be adhered to and now with the numbers climbing once again its been an uphill battle that you have all risen to with calm assurance and professionalism. Many of you have also had the food hygiene inspections to deal with on top of all of that that you passed with flying colours.

I'd also like to thank Stephen for taking over the mantle of running the St.Marys Passage after the sad passing of Mike Monaghan. It certainly seems like the end of an era with Mike not being around and his dedication and passion for the Passage over so many years, plus being the driving force behind the resource centre as well as all the fundraising he undertook cannot be underestimated. As has been mentioned before, and now cleared by the Church, we will be renaming the hall in his honour and to act as a lasting tribute.

Another heartfelt thank you goes to Maureen for her continued and dedicated work on the advice and benefit support. I know how much time Maureen spends looking into the various claims and other investigations and without your expertise there would be a large number of clients much worse off than they are now.

Christmas is always a milestone in the Passage year as its looked forward to by so many of our clients. Christmas 2021, although it seems like a lifetime away now, went very well and again was not the traditional sit down affair that we are used to. As with last year, it was cooked and put into takeaway containers but instead of being delivered we asked the clients to come down and collect. It went incredibly smoothly (although a lot of hard work to get to that stage) and over 60 clients had a fantastic meal and present pack to take away. Fingers crossed that this year we can go back to the sit down meal!

So what can we expect for the remainder of 2022? All restrictions are now lifted from COVID although the continued upward trend of cases is something that we need to consider. This needs to be looked from all angles to ensure the safety of clients and volunteers alike. We are also entering the most unstable and damaging attack on the overall standard of living since the 1950s with everything costing more and wages / benefits being squeezed like never before. Our clients are already struggling to make ends meet as so many are already on the poverty line and have expensive pre-payment meters or sub-standard insulation and heating. I'm expecting with the extra pressures on living expenses things are definitely going to get worse and because of this, we can expect to see an increase in new clients using our service as the hardships bite.

As an entire organisation this is something that we will need to be acutely aware of and ensure that we have the mechanisms in place to cope. Do we need to change what we do and how we operate? At the moment I don't see that any changes need to be made but it is something that we need to review and discuss at the Trustee level during our monthly meetings. What I can see happening this year however is that we will be working even closer with a number of local agencies to ensure those that need the support get it in a timely manner, that information is freely exchanged (in accordance with the relevant regulations) and as best we can make sure that no-one slips through the net for available support.

I will close my report by thanking again all Trustees, volunteers and supporters of Grantham Passage for their unceasing dedication, kind hearts and broad shoulders for working through COVID, then rising up phoenix-like to get us back to the position we are today. I always consider myself incredibly lucky to be able to work as a collective team alongside so many inspirational and dedicated individuals providing support, kindness and understanding to those that need our help.

"The intelligent way to be selfish is to work for the welfare of others" - The Dalai Lama

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The Trustees have not received any emoluments other than authorised expenses.

Andy Maddison, Chair of Trustees 28 March 2021

Review of Trustees/ New Trustees and Roles

The following nominations were made and seconded.

- Andy Maddison to remain as Chairperson
- David Lynn to remain as Treasurer
- Mary Howard to remain as Vice Chairperson
- Mike Monaghan had died and removed from being a Trustee

Other Trustees include Ian Whittle, Esme Sutton, Maureen Griffiths.

Treasurer's Annual Report for financial year ending 31 December 2021

David Lynn submitted a report of the annual accounts for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021. He had prepared accounts and had been examined by an Independent Examiner and no corrections were needed. They were signed off on 27 February 2022. DL then gave a summary of the accounts.

Income:

Donations *	51,204.83
Client's donations	0.00
HMRC tax claim	480.57
Bank interest	0.00
<u>Total Income 2021:</u>	51,658.40

Expenditure:

Discretionary emergency relief to clients	300.00
Food Vouchers	0.00
Passage Costs	11,203.41
Food parcels & presents for clients/families	27,014.36
Donation to other causes	2,500.00
Admin/Miscellaneous	419.00
Debt & benefit advice	522.10
Centre costs	2,628.10
<u>Total Expenditure 2019:</u>	44,586.97

Account held with:

Yorkshire Bank Total balance –	55,803.14
○ General Account - balance	52,866.74
○ Edith Meredith Account – Balance	1955.39
○ Development Account - Balance	981.01

The Accounts had been Independently Examined by Gae Ellis.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**Report to the Trustees of Grantham Poverty Concern
Charity Number 1166263
On accounts for the year ended 31st December 2021**

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Grantham Poverty Concern – Charity Number 1060003
CHAIRMANS REPORT FOR 2020

I'd like to thank you all for attending the AGM and I hope that you and your families are and continue to stay well. This is a landmark first and hopefully last in the history of Grantham Poverty Concern that this AGM is virtual!

As 2021 is the 25th and silver anniversary since Grantham Poverty Concern was incorporated it is poignant that it has begun with its most difficult time. As you are all more than aware, COVID has restricted, changed, challenged and presented demands that none of us could have imagined at the AGM meeting last year.

When "lockdown one" was officially announced last year none of us could have imagined the length of time that we would be restricted. Because of the emerging situation we had to have a deep, introspective look into the way we operate and figure out a way that we could continue to provide the support for the clients that we care so deeply about. We had a moral, compassionate and charitable requirement to continue to support the clients that we know not only for the food, but also in the physical and mental health aspects of their lives.

Alongside this we needed to plan that we may pick up new individuals and families that would need help. It was decided that a weekly food parcel that would be delivered was the best option, and it was implemented within a few weeks of the lockdown being in place. This has now been our modus operandi since that point and the help that we have given has grown week on week to the point now, at time of writing, where we are providing over 200 food parcels a week with a total just shy of 7,000 parcels given out.

It is at this point that I would like to personally and formally thank and praise Chris Thomas for the tireless work, dedication, thought, compassion, and sleepless nights that he has provided to get this to the stage we are at now. It has turned into a hugely successful model of how to provide support in a way that is totally alien to how we normally operate. This would not have been possible to provide the level of support that we have without his management and guidance of the project, along with the relationships that he has nurtured over the preceding months. It was a running joke between us as co-ordinators about 'when it gets to 100 parcels a week' or 'so, whats the plan when it gets to 200?' never thinking that we would be at this stage!

The same thanks goes for the other volunteer drivers that we work alongside each week getting the parcels to the clients. I admire and thank you for your dedication to provide such support each week to our ever expanding list of recipients.

Very similar to the way the daily meals had to change to a delivery model, the same had to be said around the Christmas meal. Our meal is well celebrated amongst our clients and as it got closer to the time we did have a number of worried enquiries of if it was going to go ahead or not!. Again, the organisation of the volunteers, food, presents and distribution went flawlessly well for the provision of over 200 meals – triple what we normally provide on a standard year. This all went ahead on the day and everyone got a cooked dinner and generous present pack.

As mentioned before, this is a crucial part of the work that we do for the support for the clients physical and mental health. We have ensured that we have shared the overflow presents with GRACE to make sure that if any families or similar are in need of something, it can be distributed.

I'd like to give GRACE an honourable mention as well for their work alongside the Passage in the last year. I truly value the relationship that we have between ourselves and the referrals and help flow easily and naturally between the two parties. I look forward to continuing and maturing this relationship over the coming months as we both strive to help those most in need.

So, looking towards the future, we have had news recently from the Government that there may be light at the end of the tunnel. Despite us moving to a food distribution model this was never our intention to stay like that and neither is it the area where we want to be. Our primary focus will always be the meals held at our various locations and having the clients back with us on a daily basis. We will be looking at this as a Trustee group to ease ourselves back into normality whilst also considering the support of those that would not or could not attend the daily meals. This will take considerable planning to ensure that no-one falls through the net and it is a transition that all parties are aware of well ahead of time.

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AGM held on Tuesday 2 March 2021

Andy Maddison, Chair of Trustees

2 March 2021

Grantham & District Poverty Concern Group					Unrestricted			Restricted - over 60's			Designated -			
Summary of accounts for year 01 Jan to 31 Dec 20		General account			Edith Meredith Bequest			Development						
Funds:		FUNDS Total balance	Debit	Credit	Balance		Debit	Credit	Balance		Debit	Credit	Balance	FUNDS Total balance
	Totals from cash book as at 31 Dec 19	48,704.71	15,532.69	46,056.65	44,877.63		-	-	1,955.39		931.97	-	1,871.69	48,704.71
	Opening balance at 01 Jan 20	19,112.72			14,353.67				1,955.39				2,803.66	19,112.72
Income	Gifts/ donations * See list below			30,308.75								-		30,308.75
	Repaid loans to clients			-										-
	Supermarket (ASDA) bag packing			747.90										747.90
	Bank interest			-										-
	Total - Income 2020			31,056.65				-				-		31,056.65
	Lincolnshire Credit Union - deposit returned			15,000.00										15,000.00
Expenditure	Discretionary emergency relief to clients - 2020		878.00											878.00
	Food vouchers													-
	Passage costs		3,100.00								-			3,100.00
	Food parcels & presents for clients		9,160.00											9,160.00
	Food bags/containers		496.51											496.51
	Donation for use of kitchens		-											-
	Admin/ miscellaneous (Training, stationary etc).		49.00											49.00
	Stock fo tents & sleeping bags		288.00											288.00
	Electricity, Insurance (public liability, PII)		740.42								931.97			1,672.39
	Kitchen equipment, repairs, cleaning		792.96								-			792.96
	Debt & benefit advice		27.80											27.80
	Total - Expenditure 2020		15,532.69					-		-	931.97		-	16,464.66
	Accounts closing balance at 31 Dec 20	48,704.71												48,704.71
	Statement closing balance at 31 Dec 20	48,704.71			44,877.63				1,955.39				1,871.69	
	2020 cheques not presented in 2020	-												
	Adjusted accounts balance at 31 Dec 20	48,704.71												
	Bank Statement balance at 31 Dec 20	48,704.71												
Statement and accounts prepared by David Lynn. Independently Examined by Gae Ellis with no corrections necessary 06 February 2021														

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Report to the Trustees of Moldovan Mission

Charity Number 1060003

On the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020

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