

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, what's 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.

I will close by thanking Chris and all of my Trustees and volunteers of Grantham Passage for their unceasing support and hard work to get us through this unique and challenging time. Also, it would be remiss of me not to thank all those that have supported us through their donations of time, monetary donations, food donations or that have worked alongside us to help those in Grantham that have so desperately needed it.

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

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			
Income		Opening balance at 01 Jan 20		19,112.72			14,353.67				1,955.39				2,803.66	19,112.72			
		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	
Expenditure		Lincolnshire Credit Union - deposit returned				15,000.00										15,000.00			
		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					-				-				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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - * to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - * 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: *Gae Ellis*

Date: 06 February 2021

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