

HEREFORD OPEN DOOR

England & Wales · Charity number 1068184

Details

Other names HOD

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1998-02-17

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, HARDSHIP OF DISTRESS AMONG PERSONS WHO ARE EITHER HOMELESS OR LIVING IN TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION IN THE COUNTY OF HEREFORDSHIRE.

Activities: Since March 2020 (COVID-19), the charity works with Herefordshire Council and its Winter Shelter providing food, drink and other essentials plus supplying emergency microwave meals for newly homeless put up by the Council. When safe to do so, we will re-open our breakfast service. The charity is run by unpaid volunteers, and we rely on the generosity of people's donations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HEREFORDSHIRE
- Herefordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£5,206	£11,087	-	-
2024-09-30	£25,218	£15,518	-	-
2023-09-30	£7,799	£12,375	-	-
2022-09-30	£15,944	£11,194	-	-
2021-09-30	£10,654	£2,779	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Cole	Chair	2021-02-19
Adele Marie Llewelin		2021-02-03
Caroline Suzanne Bennett		2021-02-20
Dr IAN ROBERTS		2012-06-01
Hazel Misselbrook		2021-02-19
Mary Roberts		2021-02-03

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Accounts

Hereford Open Door Trustees Report (1/10/23 to 30/9/24)

Trustees

Peter Cole - Chair

Ian Roberts - Treasurer

Mary Roberts

Adele Marie Llewellyn

Caroline Suzanne Bennett

Hazel Misselbrook

Annual Report

Our breakfast service closed in March 2020 due to the Covid lockdown and as a result we lost most of our volunteers. Furthermore, the subsequent loss of our premises meant re-opening the hot food provision was impractical. Therefore, the trustees opted to redirect our efforts and finances to local organisations that share our charitable aims and objectives concerning homelessness in Herefordshire.

This is the first time we have provided an annual report to the Charities Commission because our annual income has always been less than £25K. However, during this financial year (1/10/23 to 30/9/24), Hereford Open Door received a legacy of £10K from Marlie Mace who was instrumental in setting up the charity back in 1996. Corporate and individual donations amounted to just under £14.5K and there was bank interest (investment income) of £760. We expect future income streams to revert back to around £15K per annum.

Expenditure was just over £15K of which the majority (£13K) was spent on Greggs' Gift Cards. These were donated to the Winter Homeless Shelter (run by Herefordshire Council) and to the Council's Street Outreach Team. The gift cards were distributed by Herefordshire Council representatives to homeless men and women where alternative hot food options were impractical or unavailable. Greggs' outlets are open every day, apart from Christmas Day, and have shops throughout the County.

Additional support (£1.2K) was given to the Winter Homeless Shelter in the form of goods (e.g. pillows, sleeping bags, cleaning materials) and food/drink (e.g. pot cooking noodles, cup-a-soups, biscuits, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, squash).

Hereford Open Door also supported a local group (The Living Hope Hub) who provided hot food in the evenings when the Winter Homeless Shelter was open (December to May). We provided operational advice and volunteers as well as some financial aid (£700) to help with the purchase of cooking utensils and food/drink.

Administrative costs (including rent, insurance and bank charges) were about £650 or 4% of expenditure. Hereford Open Door has no paid staff and is 100% volunteer-run.

The future direction and purpose of Hereford Open Door is under review by the trustees. Originally set up to provide hot food provision in 1996, there have been many societal changes in the meantime (e.g. Covid-19). Having lost our strong volunteer base during and after the pandemic, the trustees need to re-assess how the charity might function in the future. One option might be to merge with another local charity. Another option would be to become a grant donor. Whatever is decided, resources will only be used to alleviate homelessness in Herefordshire.

Hereford Open Door Accounts - 1/10/23 to 30/9/24

Assets

Opening Balance (1/10/23)	40921.21
Closing Balance (30/9/24)	50542.54

Income

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Donations (corporate/individual) Legacy (Marlie Mace)	14457.84 10000.00
Bank Interest	760.34
TOTAL	25218.18

Expenditure

ITEM	COST
Greggs' Gift Cards	13004.00
Winter Homeless Shelter (excluding Greggs)	1199.58
The Living hope Hub (Hot Food Provision)	679.32
Rent/Insurance/Bank Charges	615.65
Miscellaneous	19.60
TOTAL	15518.15