

Annual Report for 2020

Review of the year by area:

Foodbank

The Foodbank has continued to grow as demand has increased over a year marked by the exceptional constraints of the pandemic. During the year 692 food parcels were delivered to local addresses, providing for 957 adults and 878 children in 148 households (an increase of 62%). Requests were again overwhelmingly validated by other local agencies, and in total £14,704 was spent, including supplementary items and energy top-ups.

Volunteers were up threefold and exceptionally committed, considering the pandemic, and were critical for us in responding to this growing demand in such difficult circumstances.

Community

In a development of the Foodbank, Trustees had sought to establish a program to prevent client reliance on the Foodbank by linking up during the year with SOFEA, a social enterprise based in Didcot, and by joining their Community Larder scheme. This offers unsold food items donated by supermarkets for scheme members to buy at very reduced cost; enabling people to benefit from the lower expense and also to regain control over their food shopping. The original intent of the scheme was to provide a community gathering around the Larder delivery site (thanks are due to a local church in Thame for this) but under Covid restrictions we could not operate in the intended manner and were obliged to deliver items to members' addresses instead.

The Trust continued to support local people in need with emergency funding for clients of the Citizens Advice Bureau for some bankruptcy and Debt Relief Orders, and also to provide white goods for people unable to manage without a cooker or fridge, for example.

International

We support the Sharing Life/Rema clinic in Burundi, in conjunction with Rema UK (registered charity no. 1118650). The clinic provides healthcare in the province of Rutana, where a very large number of returnees from refugee camps in Tanzania have settled, either on land requiring negotiation with families who took it over following the genocides, or in Internally Displaced People camps. We continue to support the clinic's work with funding for medicines and malaria prevention.

We also carried on funding for the Calcutta Samaritans and Emmanuel Ministries in Kolkata, India with their work alongside substance abuse addicts and street children.

Steve Eyre, Trustee

SHARING LIFE TRUST

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2020

	2020	2019	2020	2019
Cash balances as at 1st January	15158.66	18956.82		
RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS	
Specific gifts received for:			Specific Gifts for:	
Overseas Aid /Relief in Burundi	5320.15	5649.01	Overseas Aid /Relief in Burundi	20100
Emmanuel Ministries & Calcutta			Emmanuel Ministries & Calcutta	26700
Samaritans - working with destitute in India	1600	600	Samaritans - working with destitute in India	3300
			ARM Senegal support for building of community clinic	3350
Caring in Thame including donations to Thame Food bank	35642.43	11093.95	Caring in Thame including the running of Thame Food bank	22108.49
Prior year adj re Food Bank petty cash		86.85	Counselling Support	13730.57
				3285
Donations to cover admin costs	2400	2400	Admin costs	1465.08
General Donations	29753.74	25805.87	Governance Costs	2094.86
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aided Giving	7037.5	11468.55		150.00
Red Kite Family Centre	645.44	10145.44	Red Kite Family centre	500
(2019 includes £10000 grant from OCC)			Asset Purchasing (shelving)	20000
				1112.4
Total Receipts	82399.26	67249.67	Total Payments	50758.57
Net Surplus/Deficit (-)	31640.69	-3798.16		71047.83
			Bank balance as at 31st December	46359.02
			Petty Cash Balance	14956.27
				440.33
				46799.35
				15158.66

Notes:

Foodbank equipment purchased 2020:

Freezer	626.38
Crates	1903.26
trolleys	211.20
racking & shelves	1144.80
belt barriers (for Covid compliance)	178.11
Total:	4063.75

Swan Credit union balance £102.40
Balances left on crisis care PO cards: 57.26

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Independently examined by Trevor Walker and signed 7 September 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Sharing Life Trust

On accounts for the year
ended

31 December 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1100176

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

7 September 2021

Name:

Trevor Walker

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

BA Hons; ACIB

(if any):

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Bucks. HP17 8EX

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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