

Annual Report for 2022

Review of the year by area:

Foodbank

The Foodbank has increased dramatically during the year by 33%, and a total of 914 food parcels were delivered to local addresses, providing for 685 adults and 549 children in 191 households. Requests were again overwhelmingly validated by other local agencies, and in total £25,681 was spent, including supplementary items and energy top-ups.

We have 90 Volunteers covering the Foodbank and Community Larder, all exceptionally committed in both collecting food from supermarkets and delivering to clients, and who are critical for us in responding to this growing demand in such difficult circumstances.

Community

In a development of the Foodbank, we have continued to expand the Community Larder scheme, which has over 110 members, including some Ukrainian refugees. 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. An additional benefit (and motivation for around half the users) is to reduce the amount of wasted food going to landfill.

As demand has grown due to the cost-of-living crisis we expanded the FoodBank store and we also launched a new database to support our FoodBank clients, and employed the first of our two planned administration job-share partners.

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 2022

	2022	2021	PAYMENTS	2022	2021
Bank balance as at 1st January	50259.53	46359.02			
RECEIPTS					
Specific gifts received for:			Specific Gifts for:		
Overseas Aid /Relief in Burundi	5648.68	5809.75	Overseas Aid /Relief in Burundi	22672.47	25739.83
Emmanuel Ministries & Calcutta			Emmanuel Ministries & Calcutta		
Samaritans - working with			Samaritans - working with		
destitute in India	600	600	destitute in India	4400	11000
			UFM Worldwide	500	
Caring in Thame including			Caring in Thame including the		
donations to Thame Food bank	32969.76	22594.18	running of Thame Food bank	25691.16	16301.08
			Counselling Support	2700	2150
Donations to cover admin costs	2400	2400	Ukraine Support	1157.79	
General Donations	20804.12	22005.69	Admin costs	1534.12	2143.57
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aided Giving	5965.99	7430.79			
Ukraine Support	4843.93				
Red Kite Family Centre	24.12	144.9	Red Kite Family centre	344.9	
(2019 includes £10000 grant from OCC)					
Energy Support	2563.48				
Total Receipts	75820.08	60985.31	Total Payments	59000.44	57334.48
			Bank/cash as at 29th December	67079.17	

Independently examined by Trevor Walker and signed 26 August 2023

Notes:

Foodbank equipment purchased 2022:

Fridge	1307.98
Racking	456
Bins	149.84
signs	200
Headset	173.9
Total:	2287.72

Opening Cash Balance 1 January 22	50259.53
Plus Receipts 2022	75820.08
	126079.61
Less Payments 2022	59000.44
	67079.17
Bank Balance 29 December 2022	67079.17
Petty Cash Balance 31 Dec 2022	472.59
	67551.76



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

SHARING LIFE TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1100176

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2022.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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:

26 AUGUST 2023

Name:

TREVOR WAPNER

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.