

Annual Report for 2023

Review of the year by area:

Foodbank

The number of Foodbank parcels has increased dramatically during the year by 72%, and a total of 1582 food parcels were delivered to local addresses, providing for 777 adults and 690 children in 300+ households. Requests were again overwhelmingly validated by other local agencies, and in total £46,202 was spent (an increase of 80% on the previous year), including supplementary items and energy top-ups.

A new online payment platform called 'Enthuse' was launched to enable donations from the website, which brought in £6530 since August and was becoming a very significant source of support.

We have 120+ Volunteers covering the Foodbank and Community Larder, with around 80 regularly 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 155 members (an increase of 21% on the previous year), including many 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 employed the second of our two planned administration job-share partners and rented additional office space to accommodate them.

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 2023

RECEIPTS		2023	2022
Bank balance as at 1st January		67079	50259
RECEIPTS			
Specific gifts received for:			
Overseas Aid / Relief in Burundi	5059	5649	
Emmanuel Ministries & Calcutta			
Samaritans working with destitute in India	600	600	
Caring in Thame including donations to Thame Food Bank	42865	32970	
Donations to cover Admin costs		2400	
General Donations	37527	20804	
Tax reclaimed on Gift Aided giving	6757	5966	
Ukraine Support	1416	4844	
Red Kite Family Centre	0	24	
Energy support	157	2563	
Interest Received	166		
Total receipts	94547	75820	
Opening balance at bank	67079	50259	
Add receipts in 2023	94547	75820	
	161626	126079	
Deduct Payments in 2023	62500	59000	
Closing balance at bank	99126	67079	


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Independently examined by Trevor Walker and signed 13 February 2025

PAYMENTS		2023	2022
Specific Gifts for:			
Overseas Aid / Relief in Burundi	3360	22672	
Emmanuel Ministries & Calcutta Samaritans working with destitute in India	4400	4400	
UFM Worldwide	0	500	
Caring in Thame including the running of Thame Food bank	46202	25691	
Counselling Support	2800	2700	
Ukraine support	871	1158	
Admin costs	4867	1534	
Red Kite Family Centre		345	
Total Payments	62500	59000	
Closing bank balance 31 December	99126	67079	

Note to aid clarity

Costs of running the Thame Food Bank in the year are £1380 higher than shown being salary costs incurred in December 2023, but paid in January 2024.



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

Charity Name

SUMMERS LIME TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

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 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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:

13 February 2024

Name:

TREVOR WILSON

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

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Section B

Disclosure

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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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