



# **G-Force Annual Report – Charity No 1110767**

Period - April 2023 to March 2024

By Mark Ashcroft – Chair of the Board of Trustees, and Paul Huxley – CEO

## **Overview**

This year was touched by great sadness as Tina Huxley, one of the founder members of G-Force, passed away in August 2023. In many ways Tina was the beating heart of the charity and the impact she had on G-Force, and all who met her, was immense.

Over 350 people attended Tinas funeral, and the family asked that donations in memory of Tina be gifted to G-Force. We are proud to say that we received nearly £7k.

This loss, along with other illnesses and deaths both within the Management team, their close families and friends, and the Board of Trustees, meant that G-Force's capacity was much reduced during this period.

Because of this we decided that we should focus our diminished resources on the projects that had the most impact. The report below evidence's that work and the resulting outcomes.



## **Community Cafe on Broomwood**

The café has become a mainstay within the Broomwood Community as well as being the flagship for G-Force. It continues to be as popular as ever and is professionally managed by Lydia and the team. The café has a reputation for serving delicious food and has the highest food hygiene rating from the Foods Standards Agency.

The cafe is also used for the Broomwood Community Grocery and is a distribution point for Food Bank Vouchers.

One threat hanging over the café is that it has been skirting very close the VAT threshold for some time. So the challenge we faced was to either stay below the

threshold (which actually meant managing the cafes decline) or face the challenge head on. We decided on the latter and put together a plan to increase the turnover to a point where we could both register for VAT and afford to pay it as well. These plans include refitting the café, renewing and extending the drinks and food menu and increasing the opening hours. We have managed to secure the necessary funding to do this and hope to start the upgrade in April/May 2024.

## **The G-Force Centre**

There are currently no activities being delivered at the Centre.

The final steps needed to complete the new commercial kitchen are also still on hold.

South Trafford Food Bank (who use 50% of the Centre) are still tenants and we continue to have a great working relationship with them.

We will be reviewing our use of the Centre and its future potential in the coming year.

## **Our Partnerships and strategic work**

Paul continues to Chair and administer the Oldfield Brow Partnership. It is the lead agency in Oldfield Brow and actively promotes connections with the local community, statutory agencies, voluntary groups and local Councillors.

Issues discussed during this period include:-

- development of the Cowfield
- Development of the old Allotment site
- Accessibility issues in Oldfield Brow
- Community engagement and promoting the voice of the community
- Accessing external funding
- Councillor updates
- How to promote use of the Church on the Brow by the wider community

The 'Love Oldfield Brow' WhatsApp group continues to be a very fruitful way for members to promote ideas, interest and debate.

## **Making hot meals for the homeless in Manchester**

This project is on hold at the moment due to a lack of resources.

## **Free school holiday meals for children & Young People**

We continued to offer free lunches from the café with over 3800 meals having been distributed. Our thanks go to the South Trafford Food Bank for supporting this project.

## **The Community Groceries in Oldfield Brow & Broomwood**

Each community grocery has gone from strength to strength with over 100 attendees each week. Each week we sell over £4.5k worth of groceries for about £800. Our thanks go to the many organisations supporting this initiative. This included Tesco, Sainsburys, Marks & Spencer, Cook, Fareshare, Nisa and many others organisations and private individuals too. The income raised is used to purchase extra produce not normally donated, so that we can offer a great range of wholesome, healthy, and fresh food.

This project is supported by a number of volunteers who come along each week and help set up the groceries, serve customers and then pack everything away. Our thanks go to them for their dedication.

## **Mission Christmas**

This year we distributed free toys to over 40 families to help towards their Christmas. Our thanks go to Key103, whose 'Mission Christmas' project provide the toys to make this project happen.

## **The Christmas Giant Gingerbread creations**

This year over 1200 gingerbread creations were sent into three schools: Oldfield Brow, Broomwood and Broadheath. Our thanks go to all the volunteers who helped put the packs together, we just couldn't have done it without you.

This is one activity that creates lovely memories and is a G-Force tradition dating back over 20 years. Many adults, who did this as children, still talk about and look back on it with affection.

## **Coffee mornings and the Over 50's Christmas Party**

The coffee mornings, organised by local volunteer Joan Lloyd, raised over £600 towards the cost for the Christmas party. The Conservative Club in Altrincham again hosted this year's party and over 80 people attended. It was a very successful event.

## **Free trip to Altrincham Garrick Panto**

Our thanks go to the Garrick Theatre for donating nearly 60 tickets this year. We distributed them to local families and the reports we had were that they all had a truly magical night. We used some of our funds to buy each attendee an ice cream tub at the intermission.

## **Volunteering in G-Force**

This year we had over 60 volunteers at G-Force and between them they did over 1800 volunteer hours. We are in debt to each and every one and we say to them that G-Force wouldn't have been able to deliver what we did this year without their help. Our heartfelt thanks go to every single person involved.

### **Our supporters this year include:-**

Seamons Moss Community Association, Sale Mayoral Fund, Quarry Bank Pub in Timperley, Farrat Isolevel Ltd, Oglesby Charitable Trust, The Church in the Brow, Fairshare, Cook in Wilmslow, Aldi in Broadheath, Nisa in Oldfield Brow, South Trafford Food Bank, Marks & Spencer in Altrincham, Sainsburys in Timperley and Altrincham, Trafford Council, Truck Care, Tesco at Altrincham, Baguley and Broomwood, Heyes Lane School and Oldfield Brow School for the Harvest festival donation.

Our thanks also go to all those individuals who made donations (large and small) to help our work. We appreciate and value your support.

### **The Trustees during this period were as follows:**

Mark Peter Ashcroft (appointed 11-1-21), Jacqueline Ann Marsh (appointed 11-1-21), Barbara Taylor (appointed 11-1-21) and Wendy Ashcroft (appointed 11-1-21).

We confirm that all the work done during this period was in line the aims and objectives detailed in our constitution adopted on 19th June 2005, and that G-Force is an unincorporated Association.

There are currently no formal policies and procedures for the induction and training of Trustees.

### **Registered Office**

65 Briarfield Road, Broomwood, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 7DD

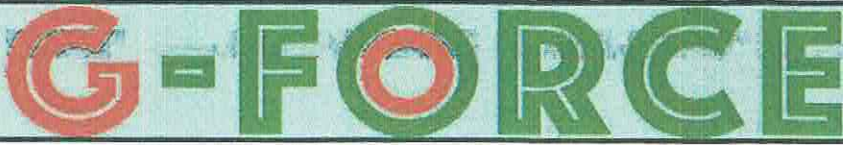




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**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**REGISTERED CHARITY: 1110767**



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**INDEPENDENT EXTERNAL EXAMINERS REPORT  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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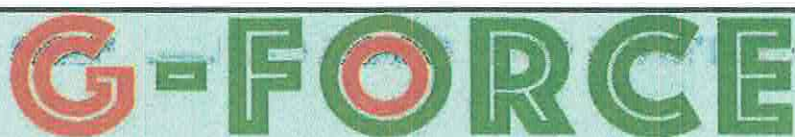
In accordance with the request of G-Force Charity; to examine its Reports and Accounts (without the undertaking of an Audit) for the year ended 31st March 2024

Based in the information given, invoices & receipts provided, overviews of projects and explanations received I have pleasure in recommending the Reports & Accounts setting out the dealings of G-Force Registered Charity: 1110767, as a true and accurate record

Signed Hilton Jones Ltd

Hilton Jones Limited  
Chartered Certified Accountants

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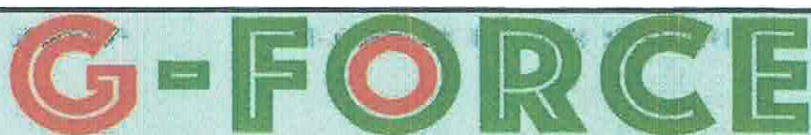
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
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**Income and Expenditure**

**Incoming Resources**

Asda		445
Awards for All		9,990
BCA		750
Broadheath Comm Assoc		1,260
Broadheath school income	2,364	2,196
Broomwood school income	1,660	1,880
Cafe Trading Income	84,464	87,225
Cash for Kids Grant		900
Community grocery	25,734	6,934
Donations & Misc income	14,557	7,625
Food bank Rent	7,000	7,000
Friday Art Club		130
Fun days income		1,272
Groundwork	1,000	
IVH Grant		1,500
Just giving income for minibus		280
L&Q grant for refit	4,000	
Morrison grant kitchen at Newstead		18,600
Oglesby Trust	5,000	35,000
Packed lunches income	12,473	24,854
Sale mayoral fund	1,000	1,200
Sale of Minibus		2,500
SMCA	22,042	27,950
THT Social Investment Fund		4,916
TMBC		3,500
Zochonis Trust - grant for new roof		65,000
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>181,294</b>	<b>312,906</b>



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Accountancy	852	792
Bouncy castle inspection	236	261
Cafe food & drink	25,904	25,411
Café Repairs	4,480	1,348
Cafe Telephone and broadband	877	691
Cafe Utility Bills	11,511	18,026
Café bins	1,050	683
Café Sundry	313	440
Christmas Gifts	180	225
Food Project		4,299
Liability Insurance	2,258	2,137
Minibus fuel	1,415	734
Minibus insurance	499	1,893
Minibus Road Tax & Repairs	691	1,855
Newstead centre - Utility bills	3,540	2,281
Newstead centre - refurbishment	1,237	12,930
Newstead centre - phone and internet	1,130	690
Newstead centre - Repair	331	65,614
Pension payments	3,989	3,149
Postage, printing & stationary	309	425
Project costs	17,694	10,731
Subscription & Membership Fees	417	138
Telephone, mobile & Ipads	1,285	1,763
Travel		456
Trailer services		723
Wages & Nat Ins	102,711	140,527
Website, computer & Internet - comm grocery		1,756
Volunteers Expenses	56	158
Depreciation	181	241
<b>Total of Resources Expended</b>	<b><u>183,146</u></b>	<b><u>300,377</u></b>



**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Year ended 31 March 2024	Year ended 31 March 2023
<b>Total Resources brought forward from 1st April</b>	214,054	201,525
Net movement in Resources for the year -	1,852	12,529
Net movement an Assets	-	
<b>Funds at 31 March</b>	<u><u>212,202</u></u>	<u><u>214,054</u></u>

All activities are classed as continuing.  
Movements on reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above.



**BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

	31 March 2024 Total	31 March 2023 Total
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
B/fwd book value of Tangible assets	200,543	200,724
Additions	<u>200,543</u>	<u>200,724</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank at year end	<u>11,659</u>	<u>13,330</u>
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<b>Creditors</b>		
<u>Amounts falling due within one year</u>		
Café income banked after 1st April 2024	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
	-	-
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u><u>212,202</u></u>	<u><u>214,054</u></u>
<b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	210,753	211,778
Restricted funds	1,449	2,276
<b>Total funds</b>	<u><u>212,202</u></u>	<u><u>214,054</u></u>

Approved by the trustees on

M.P. Ashcraft

Trustee Treasurer

20/1/2025

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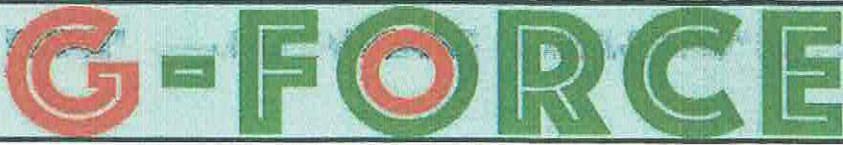
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At 1 April 2023	8,801	200,000	28,297	37,098
Additions				
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At 1 April 2023	8,636	0	27,738	36,133
Depn this year	41	0	140	181
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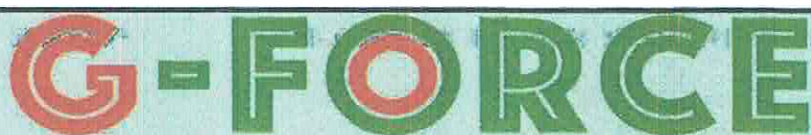
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