

The Snowflake Trust – Chair's Report 2022-2023

Review of Activities & Achievements.

The services provided for the winter of 2022-2023 were very much in line with those offered for 2021-2022, the Snowflake Trust being again asked to provide food and befriending services to the former rough sleepers living in temporary accommodation over the winter. This Snowflake did, with our volunteers cooking and delivering hot evening meals to those in Temporary Council Accommodation, and provisions for breakfasts and lunches where appropriate. This was gratefully received by the Guests and were of great benefit. Some of the Guests who were accommodated close to His Place came in for a chat/collect their meals/or eat their meals there. On behalf of the Snowflake Trustees, I would like to acknowledge the generosity and kindness of "His Place" in Robertson Street in permitting us to use their kitchens every evening to provide the hot meals without charging for the hire of the rooms.

The Snowflake Trust Ltd continues to carry out its Objectives, even though unable to provide a night shelter under current restrictions, and operates on local, county and national levels.

In August 2022 the Trust prepared a bid for government funding through the Winter Night Shelter Transformation Fund (WNSTF), with assistance from the Rough Sleeping Initiative team and Hastings Borough Council Housing Officers. The WNSTF was available to small to medium faith and community sector organisations to enhance their services and improve outcomes for people experiencing rough sleeping and the Trust was awarded £76,600 for 2022/23 and £78,430 for 2023/24.

The Trust also decided, after discussions with other interested agencies and community groups, to open a Community Café in central Hastings (Robertson Street). The "Igloo Coffee Shop" will encourage people from all different walks of life to engage with each other, connecting resources in our community to the needs of our community in a warm, safe, welcoming atmosphere. The homeless, rough sleepers and those in temporary council accommodation, who have been referred as being in need, will receive free/highly discounted drink/food.

The Igloo Coffee Shop will provide a service which has been requested for many years by rough sleepers using the Night Shelter, somewhere they can sit without feeling unwelcome; supporting government strategy to provide a warm space; reducing risk of antisocial behaviour by providing a welcoming space; it will help alleviate lack of similar facilities and assist community cohesion.

I would like to thank the Trustees, Staff, and Volunteers for the work they have put in under such difficult and unusual conditions that they have had to work under this winter and all those who have supported the Snowflake Trust Ltd over the year.



Andrew Crighton - Chair

The Snowflake Trust

Registered charity number 1143763

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Reserves policy

The Charity does not have a reserves policy.

Accounting and reporting responsibilities

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- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and reports) Regulation 2008 and the provision of the governing documents.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed  Date 21/03/2024
Andrew Crighton, Chair

Signed _____ Date _____

The Snowflake Trust

Receipts & Payments accounts
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1 June 2022 to 31 May 2023

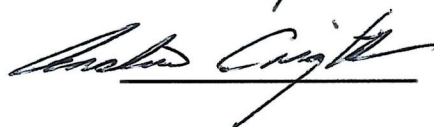
Previous Year				Current Year	
	<u>Receipts</u>	Notes	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Total funds
11,675	Donations		-	30,126	30,126
6,182	Just Giving		-	4,586	4,586
-	Donations & Legacies		-	95	95
4	Interest Receivable		-	182	182
-	Sales		-	10	10
-	Uncategorised Income		-	112	112
-		-	-	-	-
4,393	Cost of Sales		-	-	-
487	Food Supplies		-	5,372	5,372
-	Packaging Costs		-	26	26
4,880	Total Cost of Sales		-	5,398	5,398
-		-	-	-	-
12,981			-	29,713	29,713
	<u>Expenditure</u>				
10	Advertising/Promotional		-	723	723
228	Computer Costs		-	572	572
1,640	Housing Support		-	980	980
2,069	Insurances		-	1,995	1,995
-	Legal Costs		-	6,951	6,951
529	Motor Costs		-	1,174	1,174
34	Office/General Admin expenses		-	1,579	1,579
-	Printing, Postage & Stationary		-	190	190
-	Purchases		-	3,221	3,221
-	Raising Funds		-	36	36
-	Rent or Lease of Buildings		-	7,053	7,053
289	Room Hire		-	117	117
4,618	Salary Costs		-	6,908	6,908
1,554	Storage Costs		-	3,591	3,591
631	Subscriptions		-	625	625
194	Telephone Costs		-	221	221
59	Travel & Accommodation		-	250	250
1,800	Uncategorised Expenditure		-	353	353
-	Uncategorised Expense		-	12	12
702	Website Costs		-	946	946
4,612	Food & delivery		-	-	-
4,513	Depreciation on Van		-	-	-
-		-	-	-	-
-		-	-	-	-
18,869	TOTAL PAYMENTS		-	37,495	37,495
(5,888)	Net surplus/-deficit		-	(7,781)	(7,781)
50,212	Balance brought forward	1/6/22	-	44,324	44,324
44,324	Balance carried forward	31/5/23	-	36,543	36,543

The Snowflake Trust
Statement of Assets & Liabilities
as at
31 May 2023

						Previous year
						Total
						£
			Restricted Income £	Unrestricted Income £	Total £	
Fixed Assets						
Fixtures & Fittings				7,000.00	7,000.00	
Motor Vehicle Cost				12,979.99	12,979.99	13,540.00
Motor Vehicles Depreciation				- 9,026.00	- 9,026.00	(9,026.00)
				<u>10,953.99</u>	<u>10,953.99</u>	<u>4,514.00</u>
Current assets						
Current Account	@	31/05/23	-	14,871	14,871	4,454
Deposit Account	@	31/05/23		76,717	76,717	35,352
Petty Cash	@	31/05/23		0	0	4
Grants in Advance			-	76,600	- 76,600	
Rent Deposit				4,583	4,583	
					-	-
			-	<u>30,526</u>	<u>30,526</u>	<u>44,324</u>
Current liabilities						
VAT Control			-	6,017	- 6,017	-
			-	<u>36,543</u>	<u>36,543</u>	<u>44,324</u>

Charity Law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which comply with the regulations set out in the Charities Act 1993. The trustess have elected to take advantage of the provisions that apply to small charities and have prepared a Receipts and Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

Approved by the Trustees on 20/02/2024 and signed on their behalf by



Andrew Crighton – chair

The Snowflake Trust
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 May 2023

1 Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year. In this context "cash" includes cash equivalents, for example, bank accounts where cash can be readily withdrawn to pay for debts as they become due.

2 Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

3 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

4 Previous period comparison

The previous period's figures are included to enable the reader of the accounts to make comparisons with the previous year.

5 Glossary of terms

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Committee of the The Snowflake Trust

I report on the accounts of The Snowflake Trust
for the twelve month period ended 31 May 2023 which are set out on the previous pages.

Respective responsibilities of committee & examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act), and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility:

- to examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
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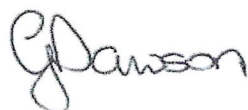
Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the supporting documentation presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
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Dated: 15.03.2024

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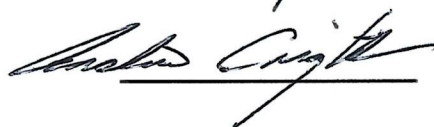
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