

# Bridges Hull Ltd

**Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 October 2024**

Charity Registration Number: **1123951**

## Summary of our Objectives

The charity's objectives, as set out in its governing document, are to serve the community of Bransholme by promoting the welfare and development of children, young people (aged 10 up to age 19, and up to age 25 with SEND), their families, and carers through a range of charitable activities. These include:

- Acting as a resource for children and young people by providing advice, support, and structured programmes of physical, educational, and social activities.
- Advancing education and relieving unemployment among young people and the wider community.
- Providing recreational and leisure activities for individuals facing disadvantage, poverty, disability, or isolation.
- Advancing the Christian faith in line with the Evangelical Alliance's statement of belief.
- Relieving physical and mental ill-health through counselling and support services.
- Developing the skills and capacity of disadvantaged individuals to enable greater self-reliance.
- Promoting sexual health education and supporting physical and mental wellbeing.
- Supporting urban regeneration within Bransholme.

In the past year, the charity has delivered:

- **Mentoring and SEND support** in a local secondary school.
- **Youth clubs and tailored individual support** for young people.
- **Trips and leisure activities** including swimming, climbing, roller discos, and holiday activities.
- **Community engagement** through Christmas and summer events.
- **Emotional wellbeing support**, including for those experiencing bereavement, loss, or hardship.
- **A faith-based Christmas activity**, young people taking part in a Nativity performance.

# **Activities in Relation to our Objectives**

## **Acting as a Resource for Children and Young People**

We have provided advice, support, and structured physical, educational, and social programmes that advance the young people's development to help them become more self-aware, independent and responsible members of society. We have delivered the following activities: One-to-one mentoring and support for secondary school aged children with SEND in a local secondary school, individualised development activities including gym, cooking, swimming, arts, and leisure-based mentoring. Weekly youth clubs with structured sessions including creative, social, and physical activities. We have also supported the following individual young people T (19), Tommy (14), R (21) C (23), B (12) and L (16) with tailored support in response to their presenting needs.

## **Advancing Education and Relieving Unemployment**

Throughout our sessions we have helped young people develop transferable skills and capabilities for life long learning and employment, be that in large group clubs or 1-1 mentoring and personal development sessions. Promoting skills for life is embedded in all our interactions with the young people we work with, these are mostly developed through the trusted relationships that young people have built up with the youth work staff.. Dance sessions at the youth club have encouraged discipline, confidence, and teamwork (these were funded by Bransholme Trust and Hull Dance).

## **Providing Recreational and Leisure Activities for Those in Need**

We have sought to improve the quality of life for young people facing disadvantage, poverty, disability, or social isolation. We have therefore delivered the following trips in the school holidays (some were funded by Thornbury Baptist Church and some by Hull Healthy Holidays): go-karting, ice skating, roller disco, bowling, climbing at Let Loose and trampolining at Rebound. We also had an Easter visit to Hornsea Leisure Center for an Inflatable Swim session followed by a trip to Mr Moo's Ice Cream Parlour. Weekly swimming trips to Woodford Leisure Centre took place for 24 weeks of the year, kindly funded by the CHCP, Coachmans Caravans and a private individual. Children's parties were held at Christmas and Easter and weekly healthy meals have been provided during the youth club sessions.

## **Advancing the Christian Faith**

We have sought to express and promote Christian values through a Christmas public engagement event which took place in partnership with other local Christians. The children learnt about the Christian faith through rehearsing and performing in a shadow theatre and singing production about the Nativity story.. Summer holiday activities were delivered in partnership with Thornbury Baptist Church, with two of their church members travelled up to work alongside us. We seek to demonstrate Christian care through our principles of compassion, inclusion, and service through all of our face-to-face work with young people and their parents/carers.

### **Relieving Physical and Mental Ill-Health**

We have sought to support those struggling with their mental wellbeing, with social isolation, bereavement, loss, changes, difficult family situations through being present with the young person, both in one-to-one situations and by responding empathically and therapeutically in bigger group sessions. We have also tailored physical wellbeing activities such as the gym, the golf driving range, games and sports sessions, swimming outdoor trips according to need.

### **Developing Capacity and Skills in Disadvantaged Individuals**

Our young people are often multiply disadvantaged and therefore we have provided lots of informal opportunities where they have developed their resilience and ability to cope with situations that they find challenging. We have pushed individuals out of their comfort zones and seen growth and change. Youth worker relationships have consistently encouraged reflection, responsibility, and self-development. Support for young people with SEND is also integral to our sessions and to enable them to play as full a part as they can in the busy youth community.

### **Promoting Physical and Mental Wellbeing and Sexual Health**

We have sought to support healthy decision-making and positive wellbeing among young people and their families. While there was no formal sexual health education this year, the charity consistently promoted healthy lifestyles through physical sports activities and healthy food options. We addressed mental wellbeing through one-to-one support and mentoring. We encouraged responsible behaviour and self-respect in relationships through ongoing discussions.

### **Supporting Urban Regeneration in Bransholme**

We have sought to contribute to the improvement of the local area. Our weekly youth clubs directly serve the local young peoples since they all take place at the Pennine building which is situated in the heart of North Bransholme. We have supported young people facing multiple deprivation, financial instability, and social exclusion.

### **Summary**

Over the reporting period, the charity provided meaningful, consistent, and compassionate support to vulnerable and disadvantaged children and young people in Bransholme. The wide range of structured activities, mentoring, and creative opportunities offered real public benefit, addressing physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs and empowering young people to grow into responsible and resilient adults. The charity's work not only transformed individual lives but also contributed to broader social benefits, including reduced demand on statutory services, improved community cohesion, and better long-term health and wellbeing outcomes for local young people.

# **Achievements and Performance**

## **Empowering Young People Through Mentoring and Personal Development**

Our senior youth worker has had real successes in her one-to-one mentoring of SEND children in a local secondary school. Her work now forms part of their SEND offer and has positively impacted the wellbeing of a number of young people this year. They have had a safe place and a trusted adult to talk to and she has supported them in resolving issues affecting their education as well as offering a listening ear and onward referral where appropriate for those struggling in their home environment. A small number of young people have received intensive one-to-one support from our base, for a range presenting issues e.g. mental health issues, trauma, being a young parent, family issues, poor health of a parent, struggling with own SEND needs, agoraphobia, social isolation and being out of formal education and learning environment due to their SEND needs. . Some of this group have also learnt life skills such as cooking and baking, venturing out of the house, going on a bus, accessing swimming and other leisure activities and increasing their ability to self-advocate and develop resilience. Parents of some of these young people have also been supported in their journey parenting their child or children with additional needs. Advice has been given around accessing EHCPs and support has been given in form filling for disability benefits and accessing assessments with staff supporting parents on a one-to-one basis to ensure the children receive what it is that they need in order to remain in education and reduce isolation. Young people showed significant improvement in managing very difficult feelings, situations and relationships and in positive decision-making as well as developing their confidence and independence skills.

## **Supporting Learning and Skill-Building**

Young people have taken part in a range of informal education opportunities - through planned activities such as swimming, cooking, and arts with Bransholme Community Arts Enterprise and dance with Hull Dance and also through interactions with youth workers through our two sessions of one-to-one work and our 8 youth club sessions a week. Youth workers have worked hard on building young people's confidence, communication skills and sense of personal responsibility. Young people have gained practical life skills as well as softer skills which will support them in education, training, or future employment opportunities.

## **Providing Inclusive Recreational Opportunities**

This year we have provided a wide range of recreational opportunities for young people from the Bransholme estate, free of charge, and have ensured that all young people, including those who are the most economically disadvantaged and adjustments have been put in place to ensure that those young people with SEND needs have had equal access. The open access youth clubs have taken place under a contract with Hull City Council, the holiday trips and activities have been made possible from our general funds, a donation from Thornbury Baptist Church and from a grant from Healthy Holidays in Hull. The young people have had a wide range of activities to choose from and staffing on the trips was sufficient to meet the needs of all of the participants. The young people really enjoyed the Easter and Christmas parties which were well attended. The recreational and leisure activities increased

social connections, reduced isolation, and created a sense of fun and belonging, particularly for those whose normal experience is disadvantageous or exclusionary.

### **Expressing Christian Values Through Community Engagement**

The core of what we do expresses the Christian values of love, compassion and dignity. We were joined by Christian volunteers from Thornbury Baptist Church for our summer activities week. Each young person and parent is valued and is encouraged to see their own worth. Christmas was celebrated with young people taking an active part in a wider public event which took place at our building. Young people have been in an environment that promotes hope, inclusion, and reflection on moral values where staff are open about their Christian faith.

### **Supporting Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health**

Staff have consistently been an accessible adult presence in what has been a very difficult year for some young people. They listen and try hard to understand and respond to each young person's needs as individuals. There has been specific support around mental health and bereavement and staff have promoted healthy strategies through trust based relationships - especially in the absence of other specialist services being available. Young people have made positive choices about their wellbeing and this has been reflected in choices they have made and has impacted their behaviour and ability to participate in opportunities that improve their wellbeing even more.

### **Promoting Health and Wellbeing**

Staff have actively promoted healthy lifestyles throughout the year through the provision of regular sports activities, swimming trips and other physical games. Young people's access to physical activity opportunities accessible on their own estate has been across 2-3 days per week and they thoroughly enjoy the activities and actively participate.

### **Contributing to Community Regeneration**

All of our activities are delivered within North Bransholme, or start on North Bransholme with transport provided to other venues. This addresses the issue of deprivation head-on. The cost of bus fares and the cost of the activities themselves is often prohibitive to our young peoples' ability to engage. We have continued to support individual local families or young people experiencing financial hardship and have maintained relationships with the council, local schools and the local church. We have reduced inequality and social exclusion for the young people we work with and have encouraged pride in the local area and created safe, trusted spaces for engagement and support.

### **Difference Made to Beneficiaries' Circumstances**

The charity's work has led to positive changes in the lives of those it supports: Isolated or vulnerable young people have built friendships through the clubs and through trusted relationships with safe adults, families facing hardship or difficulties have received consistent, compassionate support and children and teens with SEND needs have accessed tailored, inclusive opportunities to thrive.

## **Wider Benefits to Society**

Beyond individual outcomes, the charity's work has; contributed to broader social change by reducing demand on statutory and crisis services through ongoing support, including support outside of normal office hours, improved community safety and cohesion by young people being engaged in positive, structured activities, contributed to healthier future outcomes for young people in relation to better physical and mental health, has built stronger community infrastructure and maintained relationships with local schools, the council and the local churches, has invested in future generations, thereby reducing intergenerational cycles of poverty and disadvantage. Throughout the year the range of youth work delivered has made a measurable difference to the lives of children, young people and families who primarily reside on the North Bransholme estate.

## **Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm they have complied with their duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## **Financial Review**

During the financial year, the charity received an income of **£96,035** and had total expenditure of **£98,322.33**, resulting in a deficit of **£2,287.33** met from reserves.

### **Expenditure Breakdown:**

- Staff wages: £73,958
- Activity costs: £8,696
- Administrative costs: £15,668

At year end, unrestricted reserves stood at **£4,070.25** (this is down from £6,357.58 the previous year).

### **Reserves Policy:**

The trustees aim to hold unrestricted reserves equivalent to three months of core costs (£18,000–£20,000). Current reserves equate to approximately 2–3 weeks of expenditure, which is below target. Trustees are committed to strengthening reserves through future income generation while continuing to prioritise front-line delivery.

The charity holds no long-term financial commitments and can scale back non-essential activity if required.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

Bridges Hull Ltd is a charitable company limited by guarantee, governed by its **Memorandum and Articles of Association**.

**Trustee Recruitment:** Trustees are appointed through recommendations from staff, trustees, and local faith networks. Appointments are made directly by the board.

**Organisational Structure:** The charity delivers services through a team of staff and volunteers, overseen by the Board of Trustees. It maintains strong working partnerships with local schools, Hull City Council, and local churches.

## Reference and Administrative Details

**Charity Name:** Bridges Hull Ltd

**Registered Charity Number:** 1123951

**Principal Address:** The Pennine, Pennine Way, Bransholme, Hull, HU7 5EF

**Trustees during the year:**

- Robert Bailey (resigned April 2024)
- Andrew Dorton (appointed 2008)
- Helen Croxon (appointed April 2024; Chair)
- Paul Martindale (resigned July 2024)
- Matthew Phelps-Jones (appointed December 2024)

**Directors at date of approval:**

- Andrew Dorton
- Helen Croxon
- Matthew Phelps-Jones

No trustees hold property on behalf of the charity, and no custodian trustee arrangements exist.

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this report.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

**Helen Croxon**  
**Chair of Trustees**  
**Date: 2.05.2026**



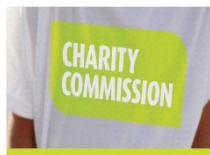
# Profit and Loss

## Bridges Hull

For the year ended 31 October 2024

	2024	2023
<b>Turnover</b>		
Consortium Trust (Winifred Holtby Academy)	3,100	-
Contributions from participants of activities	87	28
Donation accrual account	(3,810)	1,443
Donations - Other trusts, churches and charities	9,285	3,767
Donations - Private individuals	1,587	1,971
Donations - Swallow Hill Homes	-	31
Hull City Council	85,566	87,069
Revenue transferred between budgets	20	-
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>95,835</b>	<b>94,308</b>
<b>Cost of Sales</b>		
Activity costs	4,671	4,935
Goods Purchased for Resale inc Tuck shop	-	-
Short term loans to be repaid if possible	(160)	-
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>4,511</b>	<b>4,936</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>91,323</b>	<b>89,373</b>
<b>Administrative Costs</b>		
Banking costs	506	614
Bridges - consumables	-	269
Bridges - Rent	6,948	6,740
Building costs	724	178
Computer, Apps, software, IT support & repair costs	575	817
DBS checks	159	168
food for refreshments	2,622	2,971
Food/ essentials to distribute to families	573	1,055
Insurance - Management & CVS	1,516	2,076
Minibus fuel	339	340
Minibus insurance	438	(7)
Minibus repairs	75	611
Minibus Road tax	126	-
Office Equipment Depreciation (8004)	100	179
Office Stationery, ink cartridges, printing, postage costs	279	957
Staff refreshments and christmas meals	151	(49)
Staff training courses	97	-
Suspense/ mis posting/ contra	-	44
telephones, mobiles and texts	1,756	1,570
Thank you gifts	103	346
Travel costs	989	678
Wages - Administrator	8,829	9,489
Wages - Cleaning	1,721	1,675

	2024	2023
Wages - Employer pension costs	1,840	1,919
Wages - Employers National Insurance	(63)	(167)
Wages - Senior Youth Worker	19,011	20,270
Wages - Youth Support Worker	24,143	20,679
Wages - Youth Work manager	20,254	22,052
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>93,811</b>	<b>95,471</b>
<b>Operating Profit</b>	<b>(2,487)</b>	<b>(6,098)</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Minibus Donations	200	-
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation</b>	<b>(2,287)</b>	<b>(6,098)</b>
<b>Profit after Taxation</b>	<b>(2,287)</b>	<b>(6,098)</b>



## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Bridges Hull Limited

On accounts for the year ended

31 October 2024

Charity no (if any)

1123951

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### Respective responsibilities of trustees and 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
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 accounts 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:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, 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:

11 June 2025

Date:

**Name:**

Stephen Andrew Holmes

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

Fellow Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians (FMAAT)

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**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

Not Applicable