

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| Period start date | 01 | 10 | 2022 |
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| Period end date | 30 | 09 | 2023 |
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Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Peaceful Trust

Other names charity is known by

Not Applicable

Registered charity number (if any)

1130978

Charity's principal address

Kestral Road

Mansfield

Notts

Postcode

NG18 5FT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | A Suleman | | | |
| 2 | M Suleman | | | |
| 3 | C Burton Betts | Manager | | |
| 4 | M Kinsella | Treasurer | | |
| 5 | J Bosnjak | Chair | | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Trust Deed dated 8 May 2009 and amended 15 July 2009

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointed by current Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- Trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

- Current Trustees were selected because of their particular experience and past activities. The Trust benefits from these attributes.
- All financial matters are controlled directly by the Trustees.
- No employees or volunteers have access to financial procedures.
- Changes in current Trustees expected (Retirement Only) None expected.
- Monthly meetings are held by the Trustees to discuss policies and procedures. Matters such as public benefit and expenditure are also discussed.
- In the opinion of the Trustees, no risks currently exist unless mentioned in this report. Financial control is exercised directly by the Trustees.
- The Trust acknowledges with sincere thanks the continued support received from its main sponsor.
- In accordance with regulatory requirements, the Board has reviewed the Trust's relationship with its working partners. The Board of Trustees are happy to confirm that these arrangements do not expose the charity to any financial risks or abuse. The Board further confirms that the charity's name or reputation are not exposed in any way and are well protected.
- Covid-19
During the year under review, Covid-19 became less of an impact on the charity compared to previous periods. It is therefore considered less of a risk to the Trust. Covid in general is now considered an acceptable public risk. The Trust followed all Government guidelines and recommendations at all times during the year. The Health & Safety of staff and the public was priority. working procedures were fully implemented.
The Trust made full advantage of all financial support offered by the Government, Councils and HMRC.
Credit is due to the Trust's General Manager for commitment and

dedication in applying for all available support.

The Board are therefore pleased to report an increase in cash funds at the year-end. Up to £319,549 from £319,527

Due to the wider concerns within the UK, economy and overseas, we are pleased to report an increase in work on charitable aims. Going forward the Trust is still fully committed to its core aims and is financially secure to support expenditure when approved.

Due to competition on the high street and rising costs of maintaining shops the Board agreed to seek advice on how best to use reserves to increase revenue. This is to include investments as appropriate. Revenue generation with low risk and security of reserves can be considered.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually by making grants of money for providing or paying for items, facilities and services. To advance the education of the public by providing and assisting the provision of facilities that are not available in Africa. We further hope to provide medical aid in Africa. To conserve and protect wildlife species. Education/Training-Relief of Poverty/Medical Aid-Overseas aid/Famine Relief – Protect animals – Make donations to charitable concerns, and community projects.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During this period, we continued to operate our shops, which normally generate the majority of our income. We did however operate fully within Covid-19 Government guidelines. The shops are located in areas of demand for good quality clothing at reasonable prices. Elderly and people in need are provided with a collection service if appropriate. The successful running of the shops yet again proved challenging. High street competition was strong with many other charities also attempting to attract the public for support. The Trust is satisfied with the support received in the areas serviced. There is however a constant review of shop performance on a monthly basis. The shops also provide community support to local residents as a point of contact. It is anticipated that this community support will be continued going forward as appropriate and in a measured fashion. Support is also made available to those that need it most over the winter period. A lot of support is provided in the area of Dementia. The Trust fully supports recycling and reuse issues.

The Board of Trustees will monitor closely the financial success of each shop and ensure strict controls are adhered to.

The Trustees are pleased to report a satisfactory period of activity.

During this period, our total income was £235,545 compared to £132,170 in 2022. An increase of £103,375 mainly due to less shop sales and donations but the sale of an investment property supported receipts. Expenditure on the Trust's aims amounted to 16.22% of receipts 5.72% in 2022). The Board of Trustees acknowledge an increase in expenditure on the Trusts aims but it should be noted that cash funds increased at the period end. Reserves were therefore held. Project funding remains a priority for the charity under strict considerations. Safeguarding the reserves is the duty of the Trustees. During the reporting period the Board of Trustees continued its target of providing a holiday let property. The property can be used by special needs individuals and also to generate additional income. Interest received on bank deposits is considered minimal and insufficient. Hard work by both the shop staff and volunteers is greatly acknowledged by the Board of Trustees, continued lobbying by the Board maintained income from corporate donations to sustain current cash reserves. The board acknowledges however that risk is associated with this source of income.

The Board also acknowledges very strong competition on the high street. With the continued struggle of coping with rising costs and an economic decline, constant financial monitoring of shop performance is high importance. Shop contributions to reserves going forward will be discussed on a regular basis. Further thought to income generation will also require further discussion. Mid to long term plans will need due consideration in the following year.

The Board are pleased to confirm the following;

£38,203 expenditure on Charitable Aims, of which £32,653 expended in Africa as planned.

The elderly, Dementia Services and other local services are supported as much as is possible.

Going forward The Board of Trustees expressed their wish to identify local community projects and groups that can benefit from financial funding.

The projects should have the aims of assisting the local residents and

people generally. It is hoped that once projects are identified funding can be provided within an agreed plan and time schedule.

The full Board agreed therefore on managed expenditure plans.

(This aim is continuing)

In the past financial support was provided to a project 'Chanda School' in Africa. This was a very well managed project and fully successful. The Board are looking into further options within current circumstances to provide additional support to enhance the good progress achieved so far. See additional information below.

No Trustees or volunteers received any payment from the Trust.

The Trustees understand the need to promote public benefit. It is the intention of the Trust to expand its support to additional local organisations.

Furthermore the Board noted that in difficult times the need for Charitable commitment to local organisations and groups should be promoted and reviewed. It was agreed that time and effort would be input to advance additional support at local level as well as internationally.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

During the reporting period, no grants were made.

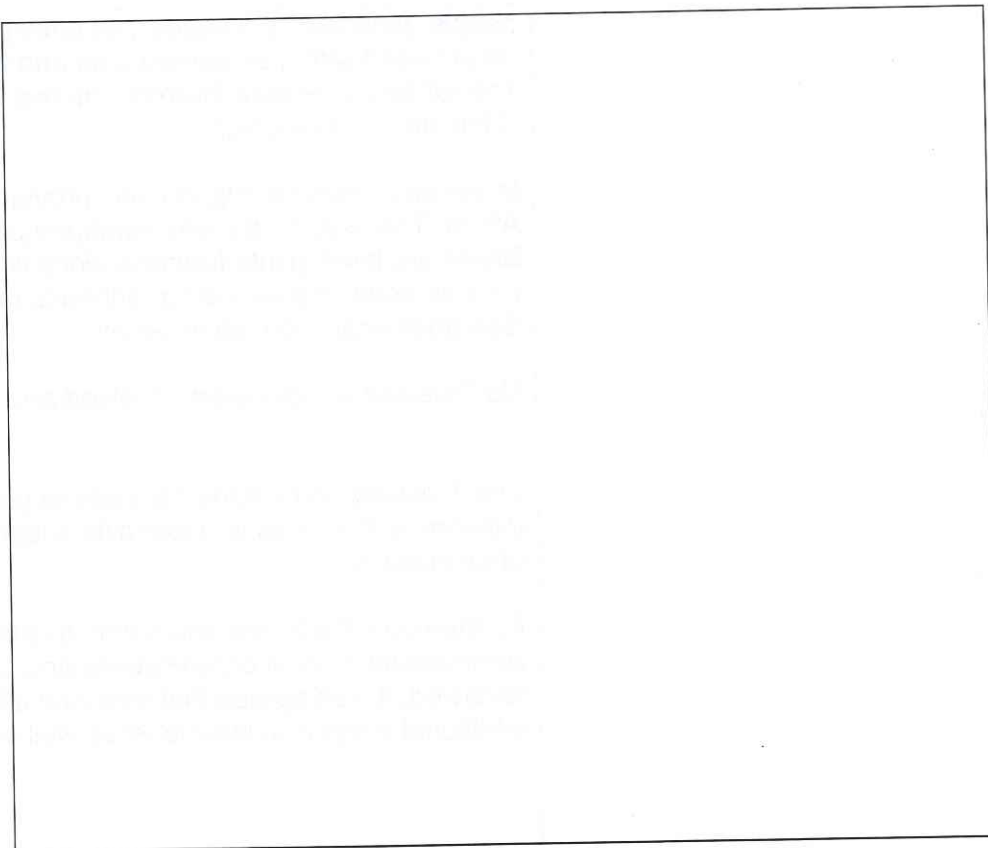
The Board considered investment into a fund-raising project revolving around residential lets. The purpose of the investment is to generate additional income. The Board will monitor progress in 2024 to ensure risk management and financial exposure. Interest earned on bank deposits is considered minimal and reserves need to produce better financial returns.

The board purchased Broxtowe Drive for £114,185 and it was intended to be utilised as rental accommodation, giving a regular source of income. However, an offer was received on the property after the completion of renovation and the board decided to sell the property for £122,500

The contribution made by volunteers, councils and other organisations is greatly appreciated by the Trust and board of Trustees.

It is the Trust's policy not to mention directly by name, any individual or organisation that provides support to the Trust.

The Trustees also wish to thank the general public for the support offered to their shops. This continued support is essential for the Trust to meet objectives and aims.



Section D

Achievements and performance

The Board of Trustees greatly acknowledge the efforts and support provided by staff and volunteers this year to local communities. The shops in particular provide help and assistance to residents on a daily basis. A friendly ear can sometimes offer the best comfort in times of need.

The Trust also received further recognition closer to home. The Board continues in its efforts to contact local community support groups. The Trust wishes to offer financial support to viable local projects and charities. It should be noted here that all time provided by the Trustees is voluntary.

As cash funds increased in the period it is hoped that in 2024 appropriate projects can now be identified for funding.

In difficult economic times, the Trust continued to promote its objectives and aims.

After expenditure and charitable contributions cash funds available increased from £319,527 to £319,549. The Holiday Let at cost £34,000 is reflected under Investment Assets.

The Trustees are pleased therefore at the achievements and performance for the period ended 30 September 2023.

The Trust continues in its efforts to promote good community spirit.

Looking forward we hope to further advance our presence within the Mansfield area.

It is the Trust's intention to continue in its support for the local community, voluntary groups and organisations, individuals, the elderly and vulnerable, schools and charitable concerns.

The Trust will also commit to its review of overseas aid.

The Board will monitor Government guidelines and implement fully all recommendations. Health & Safety is priority.

The Trust is in a strong position to maintain continuity and sustainability.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

As with last year's report the Board felt it appropriate to add the following:

ZAMBIA

Overview: Our organisation has been actively engaged in Chanda, a village in the Luangwa Valley, Zambia, for several years. During this time, we have successfully implemented various projects aimed at improving education, sanitation, and water access for the community. This report highlights the achievements and progress made in the past year.

Completed Projects:

1. School Construction:

- **Description:** We have built a fully functional school to serve the children of Chanda.
- **Impact:** The school now accommodates approximately 200 students with an almost equal gender ratio, significantly promoting girl child education from Early Child Education to Grade 7.

2. Sanitation Facilities:

- **Description:** Separate toilets for boys and girls were constructed to ensure proper sanitation and hygiene.
- **Impact:** This initiative has improved health and safety standards for the students.

3. Water Access:

- **Description:** Two boreholes have been drilled – one dedicated to the school and another for the village.
- **Impact:** These boreholes provide a reliable source of clean water, benefiting both the school and the wider community.

New Initiatives:

1. Teacher Housing Project:

- **Objective:** To build housing for the teachers, ensuring they have adequate living conditions and are motivated to stay long-term in Chanda.
- **Plan:** Following discussions with our Zambian colleagues and builders, it was decided to construct a four-by-one block of houses. This was deemed the most cost-effective and efficient solution.
- **Progress:** Builders were engaged by our local colleagues, and progress reports were meticulously reviewed at the end of each construction stage before releasing further funds.
- **Status:** The project is currently underway and on track for completion.

Future Plans:

• **Classroom Expansion:**

- **Objective:** To build an additional one-by-three classroom block.
- **Need:** The headteacher has identified the need for more classroom space to accommodate the growing number of children eager to learn.
- **Plan:** We aim to secure funding and commence construction in the coming year to meet this demand.

Conclusion: The past year has seen significant strides in our efforts to improve the educational and living conditions in Chanda. The success of these projects is a testament to the collaboration between our organisation, our colleagues in Zambia, and the local builders. We remain committed to supporting the community and look forward to continuing our work to create a brighter future for the children of Chanda.

Acknowledgments: We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors, partners, and volunteers whose unwavering support has made these achievements possible. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of the people in Chanda.

This part of the report outlines the completed and ongoing projects in Chanda, emphasising the impact and future goals. It provides a clear, structured overview suitable for potential donors.

FOCUS POINT

Overview: Our community centre remains a vibrant hub for local activities, serving multiple roles including a polling station, a rental space for children's parties, and a venue for private groups to utilise for their businesses. This report highlights our achievements and ongoing efforts over the past year.

Ongoing Activities and Services:

1. Community Centre Utilisation:

- **Polling Station:** The centre continues to function as a polling station during elections.
- **Rental Space:** It is regularly rented out for children's parties and by private groups for business activities.

2. Mental Health Support Group:

- **Partnership:** In collaboration with local prescribing link workers, our low-level mental health group has seen substantial growth.
- **Successes:** Members have experienced increased confidence, allowing them to play a more active role in the community and seek employment.
- **Activities:** The group engages in a variety of activities including craft workshops, self-help sessions, day trips, and social outings to cafes and pubs. Regular table tennis sessions have become increasingly popular, this is all helping participants feel less isolated.

3. Memory Café:

- **Sessions:** The memory café operates two sessions per month, benefiting around 40 people per session.
- **Activities:** Activities include day trips, chair-based exercises, singing, bingo, quiz sessions, and dancing.
- **Support:** Professional speakers provide legal, financial, and other support. We also signpost members to other services and offer one-to-one support from our dementia advisor as needed.

Future Goals:

- **Infrastructure Improvement:** Enhance the infrastructure of the community centre to better serve our users.
- **Increase Regular Users:** Attract more regular users to maximise the utilisation of the centre.
- **Maintain Quality:** Ensure the centre remains a clean, well-maintained space for community use.

Conclusion: The past year has been marked by growth and success in our community services, particularly in mental health support and memory care. These initiatives have helped many individuals feel more connected and supported within the community. We remain committed to improving our facilities and expanding our reach to benefit even more members of our community.

Acknowledgments: We extend our deepest thanks to our dedicated team, partners, and volunteers whose efforts have been instrumental in achieving our goals. We also thank our community members for their continued support and participation.

This report outlines the ongoing and future activities of your community centre, providing a clear and structured overview suitable for potential donors.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No direct policy exists on reserves at present. The Trustees will only consider expenditure that furthers the Trusts objectives and aims.

Prudent control of expenditure will continue.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The continued support for our shops is important.

Approved expenditure supports key objectives by income generation.

None at present.

Section F

Other optional information

The Trustees wish to offer the Trusts support to local Charities and community groups in 2024.

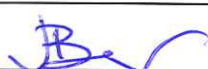

At the date of approval of these reports the Board of Trustees and the Independent Examiner have nothing to report to the Charity Commission that needs reporting.

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Joyce Bosnjak | Martin Kinsella |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | Treasurer |

Date 26 July 2024



Charity Name
THE PEACEFUL TRUST

No (if any)
1130978

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from **01/10/2022** To **30/09/2023**

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| FUND RASING | 86,552 | - | - | 86,552 | 101,724 |
| DONATIONS PUBLIC AND CORPOR | 10,596 | - | - | 10,596 | 15,880 |
| INTEREST | 901 | - | - | 901 | 30 |
| RENT | 8,276 | - | - | 8,276 | 11,486 |
| GRANTS, FUNDING AND JRS | 6,720 | - | - | 6,720 | 3,050 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 113,045 | - | - | 113,045 | 132,170 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| Broxtowe drive | 122,500 | - | - | 122,500 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 122,500 | - | - | 122,500.00 | - |
| Total receipts | 235,545 | - | - | 235,545 | 132,170 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| WAGES AND EMPLOYERS NI | 35,616 | - | - | 35,616 | 50,276 |
| PURCHASES | 7,849 | - | - | 7,849 | 8,792 |
| RENT & RATES | 17,953 | - | - | 17,953 | 25,968 |
| SHOP REPAIRS & RENEWALS | 4,041 | - | - | 4,041 | 7,414 |
| LIGHT & HEAT | 6,922 | - | - | 6,922 | 2,429 |
| INSURANCES | 1,550 | - | - | 1,550 | 858 |
| WASTE DISPOSAL | 1,107 | - | - | 1,107 | 1,139 |
| WEB DESIGN AND IT SUPPORT | - | - | - | - | - |
| TELEPHONE & STATIONERY | 1,816 | - | - | 1,816 | 1,181 |
| PROPERTY MAINTENANCE | 1,113 | - | - | 1,113 | 1,131 |
| CREDIT FACILITY CHARGES | - | - | - | - | 1,272 |
| ACCOUNTANCY & LEGAL | 2,787 | - | - | 2,787 | 3,104 |
| MOTOR AND TRAVEL EXPENSES | 1,103 | - | - | 1,103 | 3,045 |
| SUNDRY ITEMS & BANK CHARGES | 1,278 | - | - | 1,278 | 864 |
| CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES & AIMS | 38,203 | - | - | 38,203 | 7,563 |
| Sub total | 121,338 | - | - | 121,338 | 115,036 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| Broxtowe drive | 114,185 | - | - | 114,185 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 114,185 | - | - | 114,185.00 | - |
| Total payments | 235,523 | - | - | 235,523 | 115,036 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 22 | - | - | 22 | 17,134 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 319,527 | - | - | 319,527 | 302,393 |
| Cash funds this year end | 319,549 | - | - | 319,549 | 319,527 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | LLOYDS & METRO & PAYPAL | 319,463 | - | - |
| | SECURITY BOND & DEPOSITS | - | - | - |
| | CASH IN HAND | 86 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 319,549 | - | - |
| (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | | OK | OK | |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | CHALET FOR HOLIDAY LET SUPPORT | 34,000 | - | - |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

[Signature]

Print Name

Joyce Bosnjak (Chair)

Martin Kinsella (Treasurer)

Date of approval

26/7/24



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

THE PEACEFUL TRUST

On accounts for the year
ended

30 SEPTEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1130978

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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 30 09 2023.

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:

JM Bramley

Date:

24 07 2024

Name:

JOHN MICHAEL BRAMLEY

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

FCCA

Address:

106 CARTER LANE MANSFIELD NOTTS
NG18 3DH

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

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