



Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Charity Registration No. 1140710

A Company Limited by Guarantee

Company No. 07409088

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The Centre Project Limited
REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Board of Trustees presents its report and the independently examined financial statements for year ended 31 March 2024

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name:	THE CENTRE PROJECT LIMITED
Charity Registration Number:	1140710
Company Registration Number:	07409088
Board of Trustees:	Dr R.I. Norman Mr A. Egbetokun (Appointed November 2023) Mr A. Oppon (Treasurer) Mr M. Gage (Chair) Mrs A. Sai (Appointed November 2023) Mrs H. Cobb Mrs R. Nelson (Resigned November 2023) Mrs V. Frimpong Rev. Craig Sweeney-Essex (Resigned June 2023)
Company Secretary and Chief Executive:	Mr E. Waweru
Registered Office and Operational Address:	1 Alfred Place Leicester LE1 1EB
Bankers:	Bank of Scotland Pentland House 8 Lochside Avenue Edinburgh Park, South Gale, Edinburgh EH12 9DJ Cooperative Bank P O Box 250 Delf House Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT
Independent Examiner:	Mr Hamid Ravat Chartered Accountant (ICAEW)

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2024.

The trustees confirm that the annual report and the financial statements of the charity comply with the current statutory requirements and the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out on page 16.

Structure, governance and management

The Centre Project is a registered charity and is incorporated as a company limited by guarantee, registered in England. It was incorporated in October 2010 under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its Articles of Association.

The trustees are also the directors for the purpose of company law.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

In line with the Articles of Association the company may by ordinary resolution at an annual general meeting appoint a person who is willing to act to be a Director. Additionally, a person may become a Trustee at the invitation of a majority of existing Trustees. A Director appointed by a resolution of the other Directors must retire at the next AGM but can stand for election.

Trustees are drawn from an appropriate range of professional and technical skills and reflect the composition of the community within which we operate.

Trustee induction and training

Trustees are provided with an induction pack containing relevant information covering the areas of roles and obligations; operational framework for the charity including the Memorandum and Articles of Association; resource related information and the current financial position as detailed in the latest set of accounts; and future plans and objectives.

Full Board meetings are held at least 6 times per year to make decisions, set policy, and direct management. Day to day responsibility for the management and provision of services is delegated to the Chief Executive with further delegation to managers for services, resources, administration and finance.

Risk Management

The material, financial and non-financial risks that the Charity is exposed to have been identified and the risk register is updated annually. An action plan is in place to regularly review and update those items considered to be High risk.

Objectives and activities

Our aims:

- To provide or assist in the provision, in the interest of social welfare, of holistic services which will promote social inclusion and enhance the quality of life for men, women and young people with the object of promoting health and wellbeing
- To serve people who are vulnerable, including refugees and asylum seekers, those affected by, or are at risk of, homelessness, loneliness and social isolation, those with learning difficulties, mental health problems, and those affected by drug and alcohol misuse
- To deliver client-centred services which are responsive to the changing needs of those we serve, whilst demonstrating Christian love through our thoughts and action
- To provide access to support, befriending and signposting to improve access to services and advice

Our Values and approach

- **Equality and inclusion** – we ensure that everyone is treated equally, with fairness and impartiality and feels valued and accepted, regardless of their background or identity.
- **Empowerment** – we aim to give individuals the tools, resources, and support they need to take control of their lives and make decisions, fostering a sense of self-reliance and independence.
- **Love and Compassionate** – we have empathy, understanding, and a genuine concern for the welfare of others. We treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- **Respect** – we treat others with dignity and valuing their perspectives, contributions, and rights.
- **Encourage and uplift others** – we offer support, build confidence, and foster a positive environment that helps people overcome challenges and strive for their best.

Objectives

- **To help reduce loneliness and isolation:** We provide a warm and welcoming community hub open to everyone.
- **To promote overall wellbeing:** We focus on the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual health of the people we serve.
- **To ensure safety and support:** We make sure people feel safe, supported, enabled, and satisfied when interacting with our services.
- **To provide timely care and support:** We aim to prevent, reduce, or delay crises or long-term needs without creating dependency.

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees can confirm that it has regard for the Charity Commission's guidance on **public benefit** and that its work is reflective of this. The Charity's services were centrally based, and all services were open and freely accessible to all mainly via drop-in or by telephone.

Our main activities and beneficiaries are described in this annual report. All our charitable work is undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit. Our work is supported by appropriate policies, procedures, guidelines and governance documentation.

Achievements and performance

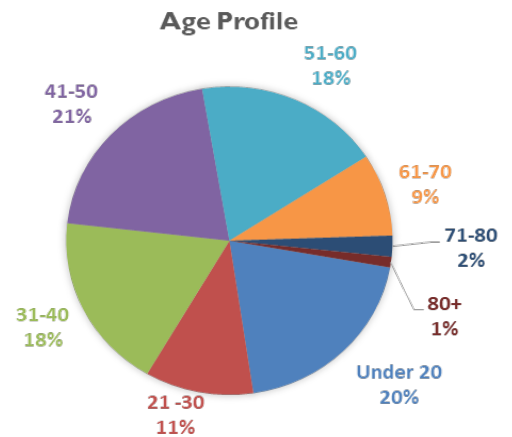
Review of the period

Our primary objective is to create a safe community space that fosters connections and reduces isolation and loneliness. We aim to support individuals facing various life challenges such as debt, homelessness, poor housing, unemployment, food insecurity, welfare benefits and poverty - factors that contribute to poor mental health.

Over the year, we supported more than 1,100 individuals ranging from 14 to 93 years old, a 10% increase from the previous year. This highlights the ongoing and significant need for a safe, welcoming space where people can receive in-person support and find a community hub to help reduce loneliness and social isolation.

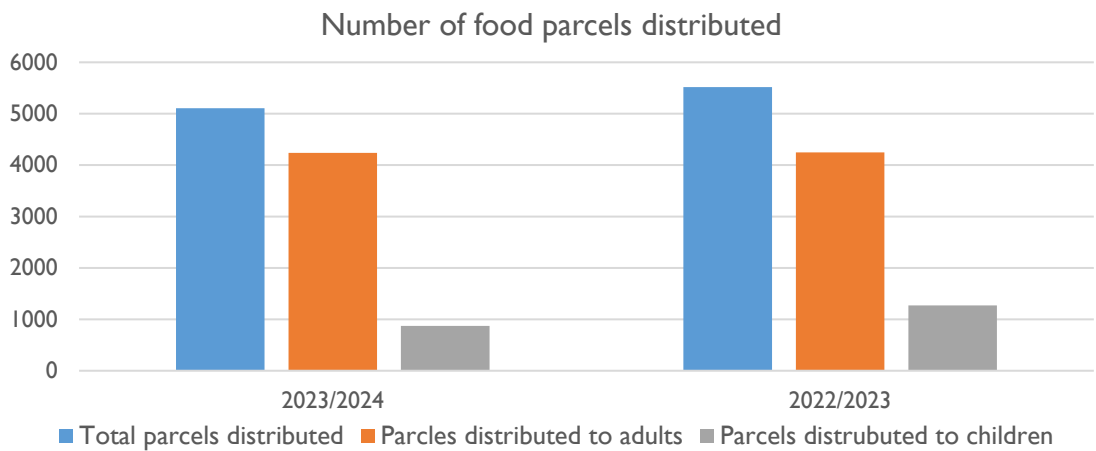
We are conveniently located in the city centre of Leicester, making it easy for people from diverse backgrounds to access our services. We support individuals from all Leicester neighbourhoods and the county.

Who we support



OUR IMPACT

Food Bank



We distributed over 5,108 food parcels to those in crisis – a 7% decrease compared to the previous year. This reduction is thanks to our collaboration with partners to address some of the root causes of foodbank usage. Key reasons people turn to the foodbank include benefit delays or sanctions, debt, long-term unemployment, chronic health conditions, changes in work hours, rising essential costs, homelessness, insecure housing and loss of support from friends or family.

We partner with Leicester South Foodbank, part of the Trussell Trust network, which supplies most of our dry food items. Reaching People has supported us with grants for fresh fruits and vegetables, as well as cupboard staples like bread, milk, cooking oil, and microwave meals. Additionally, we receive generous food donations from Whitehall Primary School, One Roof Leicester, and individual donors. Hays Recruitment Agency Leicester continues to support us by enabling their staff to volunteer with us every Monday morning.

Case Study

KT, a 41-year-old Polish woman with settled status, has worked for various agencies in the city. She has a physical disability, making it difficult to find work. Her husband works intermittently, and they rent privately. She visited the foodbank weekly to support their household, ensuring any income could go towards keeping a roof over their heads. Despite hesitancy due to a prior Universal Credit refusal, we encouraged her to apply for PIP and referred her to Helping Hands for assistance. Thanks to our guidance, KK's PIP application was successful, significantly reducing her visits to the foodbank.

Youth Work

Our work with young people is targeted at young refugees and unaccompanied asylum-seeking young people. The Freedom Youth club runs on Tuesday and Friday evenings 5.00pm – 8.00pm. Being city centre based, the sessions are open to young people across the city.

The youth club works to prevent isolation and boredom, sustain social networks, improve physical and mental health, and enhance emotional well-being for young people. It raises aspirations, builds resilience, and establishes long-term positive relationships.

For the young people, activities at The Freedom Club are essential. They keep them safe, provide engaging activities, and offer someone trusted to talk to. One young person shared, "Coming to the youth club stops me from hanging around all the time on Granby St. We already spend a lot of time there, so to have somewhere else to go and feel safe is wicked."

In the past year, we supported 235 young people—a 35% increase from the previous year. Attendance rose by 39% to 4,573, with an average of 40 young people per session. Our Youth Club welcomed members from 20 different countries and nationalities.

Case Study

AR (19) joined us at 16, shortly after arriving in the country. He quickly became an active youth club member, attending most sessions over two years. We assisted with his college applications, helped him build relationships with social services, and supported him in gaining confidence as a young man new to the United Kingdom. As AR turned 18, he attended less frequently, and we saw him less often. Recently, he reached out regarding issues with his asylum claim. He said, "You were so helpful when I used to come. I thought you'd be the only one who could help me now with this complicated claim. Last time I left feeling so happy. Last time, A helped me way more than I thought she could, and I really appreciate the support."

Targeted work was supported by Police and Crime Commissioners Violence Reduction Network and Leicester City Council's Youth Service.

Day Centre (Warm Space)

One of our primary aims is to offer an open-access, warm, and welcoming space for the community. Since 1996, we've provided a warm space. Over the past year, 655 individuals visited the day centre 6,655 times to stay warm, socialize, and enjoy food and drink. We offered:

- **Social activities:** quizzes, bingo, music, art and craft, etc.
- **Physical activities:** table tennis, pool, walking, crazy golf, keep fit sessions.
- **Social eating:** sharing free food and drink with others including summer BBQ and Christmas dinner
- **Emotional support:** someone to talk to

It's all about creating a supportive environment where people feel connected and cared for.

Activities and sessions	Attendees
Summer barbeque	80
Trips – summer trip to Skegness	50
Christmas meal	60
Bingo sessions	117
Meaningful activities e.g. cooking, art & craft sessions	550
Socialising/Peer Interaction, games & activities	2,444

Support work/ information & signposting

Our team addresses a wide range of support needs for our clients. Those seeking our help often have multiple needs, and our goal is to ensure they feel safe, supported, empowered, and satisfied when engaging with other services. We take a person-centred approach – placing the individual at the core of our efforts – and ensure that the support provided achieves the right outcomes, manages any risks, and delivers high client satisfaction.

The support offered include:

Support/service provided	Attendees
Appointments with external agencies (at the Centre Project)	75
Bus pass applications	25
Debt/money management – help with budgeting and managing debts	78
Digital support – access Wi-Fi, creating email accounts, scanning documents	158
Energy issues – fuel top-up vouchers, warm home discounts, meter readings	35
Homelessness – preventing evictions and accessing emergency accommodation	45
Housing issues – dealing with complaints, repairs, finding suitable place to live	199
Signposting & referrals to other agencies e.g. Adult social care, emergency food	120
Small grant applications – for household items e.g. cooker, fridge, washing machine	18
Telephone Access – to reach other services e.g. Housing options, DWP	1,024
Welfare benefits – application, dealing with sanctions, late payments	95

Case Study

EH is a 43-year-old man with a history of non-engagement with the LCC Housing team, despite multiple attempts to engage him. This led to rent arrears of over £2,000 and a possession order by the LCC. We facilitated a meeting between EH and the LCC housing support officer at The Centre, where he felt comfortable, and supported him during the meetings. We also assisted him in attending Leicester Crown Court. With our support, EH developed a rapport with his LCC Housing Support Officer and Rent Officer. They supported him to apply for PIP and a Charity Link grant for furniture items. EH continued to access the foodbank while making regular payments towards his rent. Consequently, EH's LCC Housing Support Officer helped him to apply for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP). EH adhered to the payment arrangement and maintained engagement, resulting in the DHP being honoured and all his housing arrears being wiped out.

Case Study

GF is a 55-year-old man. Although he has lived in the UK for over 40 years, he has not applied for EU settlement status and refuses to complete any paperwork, despite being offered immigration advice. Due to his condition, he has lost all documentation to prove his identity for UK settlement and reacts aggressively to practical support, believing his long residence means he doesn't need it.

We worked with him for over 5 months, initially to arrange a telephone appointment for Universal Credit/PIP, as he is unable to attend in-person meetings due to his behaviour and frequently missed calls because his phone was either uncharged or lost. We managed to speak to the required department, but he failed to provide enough evidence to claim benefits or prove his right to reside in the UK. He has legal troubles, is rough sleeping, and has poor relationships with his ex-wife and children, all of which could seriously affect his application to remain in the UK. He faces losing his existing benefits and potential deportation. After consistent support and encouragement, GE has submitted his latest application for UK settlement but still needs his passport for the claim to proceed. He is now prepared to pay for a passport and is gathering photographs and other necessary documents to make this happen.

Health and wellbeing

Our health and well-being support aims to help individuals improve their physical and mental health, cope with stress, anxiety, or depression, and access support for specific conditions or issues. This is part of the Getting Help in the Neighbourhood (GHIN) initiative, which seeks to provide more opportunities and places for people to seek help, build resilience, and prevent adult mental health issues from developing or worsening by getting support in the community.

Case study

RV, a 54-year-old woman, has struggled with anxiety, low self-esteem, depression, and drug addiction. She regularly visited the Centre Project to talk to our Mental Health Support Worker. Her issues stem from various environments, family problems, physical health issues, and domestic abuse. RV expressed a desire to address her drug and alcohol problems. She was referred to local services for the necessary support and encouraged to keep attending meetings.

She also joined the drama and creative writing groups, which she enjoyed, rarely missing creative writing classes except for appointments. She even started coming to the centre before her appointments to continue writing. Her focus improved, and her drinking and smoking levels decreased. Writing the script for the BBC's competition gave her a sense of purpose, reducing her need to visit pubs or hang out with friends she used to smoke with. She felt that creative writing significantly helped her mental health, clarifying her thoughts and understanding her feelings. Writing also helped her focus on important tasks, breaking them down into manageable parts and visualizing them to make them more achievable.

Our activities and events promoting wellbeing included

- 1:1 Mental health support
- Alcohol awareness week - alcohol health and wellbeing (mock tail making)
- Cancer awareness – breast, cervical and prostate cancer awareness
- Cooking sessions (50 sessions)
- Drama and creative writing sessions
- Emotional support - drop-in
- Free eye checks and glasses
- Get in the Know, information awareness minor ailments /access to GP service support, wound care
- Healthy teeth and smiles
- Look good feel-good events (4 sessions) - haircuts, pampering, manicures, cloths
- Making appointments with GP/Dentist/ hospital/NHS 111

Mental health awareness week – events

Our Social support goes beyond practical assistance; it also involves caring, comforting interactions and relationships readily available in times of crisis. We run community drop-in sessions three afternoons a week, where people can come and go as they please, without needing a referral. Additionally, we provide social events based on our clients' requests. These sessions promote:

- The development of new friendships and reduced feelings of loneliness and social isolation
- Increased confidence, social skills, and the ability to engage in new community activities

These efforts foster a strong sense of community and well-being.

Partnerships

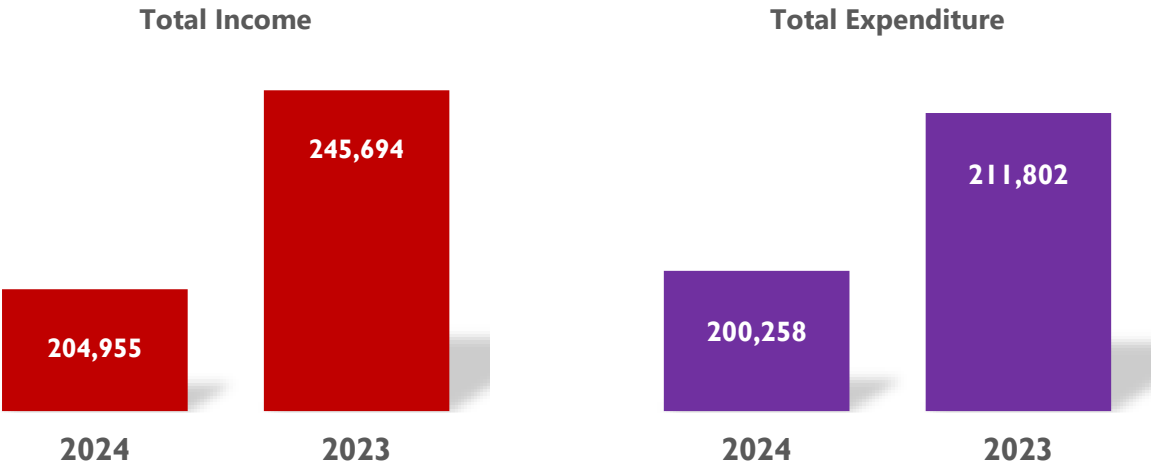
- We continue to maintain a strong relationship with Central Baptist Church, who support us by allowing us to use the church building for all our activities.
- The Centre Project is a member of Reaching People – which brings together frontline delivery partners from the Voluntary and Community Sector in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland.
- Leicester South Foodbank who continues to provide food parcels for the Foodbank. Their support has been particularly helpful during the lockdown when demand increased and they managed to keep up with our requests for increased supply.
- Our link with Leicester College has enabled us to provide work experience and placement opportunities to 3 students during the year.
- We provide placement opportunities to Students from DMU's BA (Hons) Youth Work and Community Development degree course.
- Zinithiya Trust – provided support with our energy support project
- Helping Hands – provided debt, welfare and housing related support
- Violence Reduction Network.

Plans for the future.

- Work in partnership with partners - UHL, ICB, LCC and other health bodies to help reduce health inequalities facing our communities.
- Increase our offer for young people – providing more housing related support
- Refurbish our premises to increase the room space and ventilation to enable us to have unrestricted drop-in sessions that have been impacted by the need for social distancing.

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

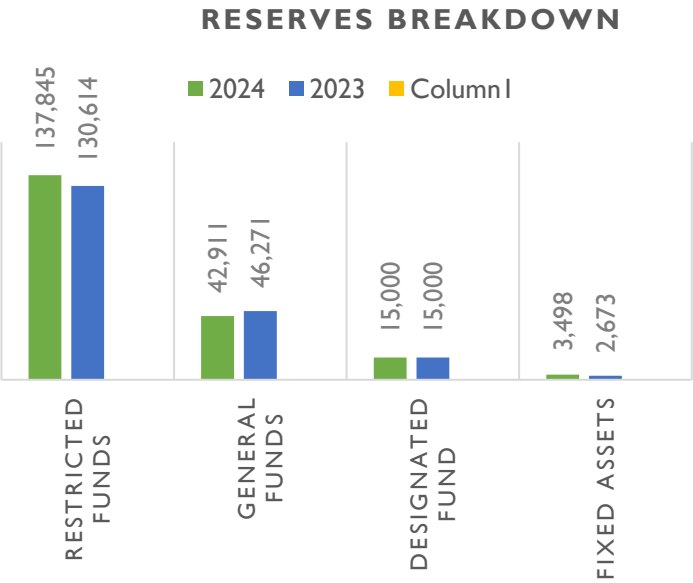
The charity received income of £ 204,955, compared to £245,694 in the previous year. Our income is mainly from grants £180,019 to deliver activities and capital expenses. Delivery of some of the activities will roll over into the next financial year.
Expenditure of £200,258, compared to £211,802 in the previous year.



Reserves Policy

The Charity’s free reserves level is currently equivalent to 4 months running costs. This will allow the Charity to cover operating costs for administration of the charity and day-to-day running costs; provide against redundancies/winding up costs if a substantial part of the charity is faced with financial loss; and to assist in maintaining cash flow.

A review of the policy is undertaken annually within which the Charity’s financial forecast and results of financial performance are considered to ensure that Trustees are satisfied that an adequate level of reserves is maintained without detriment to the objectives of the Charity.



The Trustees have decided to create a designated fund for building refurbishment. The bulk of the build costs will be met by fundraising.

Investment Policy

Apart from ensuring that there are sufficient funds to meet the requirements of the Charity’s Reserves Policy most funds received are to be expended in the short term and there is little or no scope for long term investment. The Charity has maximised opportunities to accrue bank interest on account balances and any interest received will be used in the furtherance of the Charity’s work.

Responsibilities of Trustees

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the Charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to follow best practice and:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the charity will continue on that basis

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the organisation to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the charity's assets and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Members of the Board of Trustees who are directors for the purpose of company law are also Trustees for the purpose of charity law.

Audit:

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011(the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE CENTRE PROJECT.

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year period ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 13 to 20.

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 examiners report

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.



15th November 2024

Hamid Ravat BA, ACA
4 Clumber Road, Leicester

The Centre Project Limited

Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA)

For the year ended 31 March 2024

	General funds	Restricted funds	F. Assets Fund	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming resources					
Donations and Legacies	4,646	5,467	-	10,113	12,911
Charitable activities	12,417	180,019	-	192,436	232,191
Other income	1,986	420	-	2,406	592
Total	19,049	185,906	-	204,955	245,694
Resources expended					
Charitable activities	20,920	178,675		199,595	210,947
Depreciation	-	-	663	663	855
Total	20,920	178,675	663	200,258	211,802
Net income/(Expenditure)	(1,871)	7,231	(663)	4,697	33,892
Transfers between funds	(1,488)	-	1,488	-	-
Net movement in funds	(3,359)	7,231	825	4,697	33,892
Total funds brought forward	61,270	130,614	2,673	194,557	160,665
Total funds carried forward	57,911	137,845	3,498	199,254	194,557

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no gains and losses other than those recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities

The Centre Project Limited
Balance sheet
as at 31st March 2024

		2024	2023
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	7	3,498	2,673
Current assets			
Debtors	8	9,802	3,817
Cash at bank and in hand		203,172	210,105
Total current assets		212,974	213,922
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	(17,218)	(22,038)
Net current assets		195,756	191,884
Net assets		199,254	194,557
Funds of the Charity			
Restricted funds	10	137,845	130,614
Unrestricted funds			
General		42,911	46,270
Designated		15,000	15,000
Fixed Assets		3,498	2,673
Total unrestricted funds		61,409	63,943
Total funds		199,254	194,557

Approved by the Management Committee and is signed on its behalf by:

Martin Gage - Chair of Board of Trustees

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

Note 1: Basis of preparation

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with:

- the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities"
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

No changes have been made to accounts for previous years.

1.4 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted Funds	These are funds available for general use for any or all of the charity's permitted activities.
Restricted Funds	These are funds that can only be expended in accordance with specific restrictions. These arise either by the wishes of the donor or by the nature of the appeal.

Note 2 : Accounting policies

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the resources;
- the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Incoming resources with related expenditure Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.

Grants and donations Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.

Donated services and facilities These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.

Volunteer help The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.

Investment income This is included in the accounts when receivable.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Depreciation Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at the rates calculated to write off the cost of each asset over its estimated useful life. Kitchen equipment 10%, Furnishing, Fittings and Equipment 15% and Office Equipment - 25%

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Note 3 : Analysis of incoming resources

	General	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and Grants				
Donations	4,646	5,467	10,113	12,911
Total	4,646	5,467	10,113	12,911

Charitable Activities

Grants for Charitable Activities	6,105	180,019	186,124	227,848
Centre Activities	1,413	-	1,413	929
Community Opportunities	4,899	-	4,899	3,414
Total	12,417	180,019	192,436	232,191

Other income	Other	1,986	420	2,406	592
	Total	1,986	420	2,406	592

Grants for charitable activities

	2024		2023
	General	Restricted	Total
BBC Children in Need			10,500
Central Baptist Church	6,105		5,000
Central Co-op's Community Dividend Fund			2,500
Community Matters Fund		8,300	0
David Cook Foundation - Growing Communities			2,000
DMU Community Challenge Fund		2,000	0
DWP KickStart Scheme			2,170
Henry Smith Charity		6,040	8,050
Julia & Hans Foundation			10,000
LCC - Community Grant			10,965
LCC Homelessness Grant		24,500	24,500
LCC Youth Services		10,000	10,000
LLR Integrated Care Board (ICB)		45,901	107,313
National Lottery		50,278	0
Platform Housing			1,350
Police & Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire		10,000	10,000
Reaching People		22,000	8,500
Screw Fix Foundation			5,000
The Hedley Foundation		1,000	0
Wesleyan Foundation			10,000
TOTAL	6,105	180,019	227,848

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Note 4: Total resources expended

	General	Restricted	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Charitable activities (exp.)				
Costs directly allocated to activities				
Kitchen costs	623	-	623	-
Activities & events	6,092	21,914	28,006	31,380
	6,715	21,914	28,629	31,380
Support costs				
Staff Costs	8,395	133,761	142,156	129,431
Training	66	430	496	945
Travel & Parking	135	1,900	2,035	1,935
Volunteer expenses	90	1,136	1,226	410
Insurance	563	1,000	1,563	1,208
Premises costs	2,284	13,602	15,886	38,808
General office & finance	1,108	4,853	5,961	5,518
Publicity and promotion	724	-	724	471
Bank charges	-	-	-	32
Other fees	840	79	919	809
Total	14,205	156,761	170,966	179,567
Total expenditure for charitable activities	20,920	178,675	199,595	210,947
Other resources expended				
Depreciation	663	-	663	579
Loss on asset disposal	-	-	-	276
Total depreciation & asset disposal	663	-	663	855
TOTAL	21,583	178,675	200,258	211,802

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Note 5: Trustee Remuneration & Related Party Transactions

No trustees or directors received any remuneration during the year.

No trustee or member of the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the period

During the year, the charity paid £5,736 (2022/23: £5,736) to Central Baptist Church for utilities and cleaning charges. The charity does not pay for use of church premises.

The Church also contributed £6,105 towards the Garden Project.

The Church is connected to the charity but has no significant influence over the charity though some board members are also members of the Central Baptist Church, Leicester.

Note 6: Staff costs and numbers

6.1 Staff Costs

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	129,551	121,474
Employer's National Insurance costs	5,823	2,540
Pension costs	6,782	5,417
Total staff costs	142,156	129,431

6.2 Average number of employees in the year

	2024	2023
	Number	Number
Charitable activities	6	7
Executive staff	1	1
Total	7	8

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Note 7: Tangible fixed assets

7.1 Cost or valuation

	Kitchen	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Office equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	20,866	24,434	4,650	49,950
Additions			1,488	1,488
Disposals on revaluation		-	-	-
Balance carried forward	20,866	24,434	6,138	51,438

7.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

Rate	10%	15%	25%
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Balance brought forward	19,708	23,641	3,928	47,277
Disposal	-	-	-	-
Depreciation charge for year	149	176	338	663
Balance carried forward	19,857	23,817	4,266	47,940

7.3 Net book value

Brought forward - 01/04/2023	1,158	793	722	2,673
Carried forward - 31/03/2024	1,009	617	1,872	3,498

Note 8: Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors	9,802	3,817
Recoverable Gift Aid	-	-
Total	9,802	3,817

Note 9: Creditors (Amounts falling due within one year)

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals	(15,552)	(18,935)
Other creditors	(1,666)	(3,103)
Total	(17,218)	(22,038)

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Note 10: Movements of major funds

	General Funds	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Fixed Asset Fund	Total Funds
Balance at 1 April 2023	46,270	15,000	130,614	2,673	194,557
Income resources	19,049	-	185,906	-	204,955
Outgoing resources	(20,920)	-	(178,675)	(663)	(200,258)
Transfer between funds	(1,488)	-	-	1,488	(0)
Balance at 31 March 2024	42,911	15,000	137,845	3,498	199,254

Partnerships

- We continue to maintain a strong relationship with Central Baptist Church, who support us by allowing us to use the church building for all our activities
- The Centre Project is a member of Reaching People – which brings together frontline delivery partners from the Voluntary and Community Sector in Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland
- Leicester South Foodbank who continues to provide food parcels for the Foodbank.
- Our link with Leicester College has enabled us to provide work experience and placement opportunities to 3 students during the year
- We provide placement opportunities to Students from DMU's BA (Hons) Youth Work and Community Development degree course
- Zinithiya Trust – provided support with our energy support project
- Pedestrian Arts – supported Freedom Youth Club to run activities for the young people over a 12 week period
- Leicestershire Cares – supported our youth work by providing support with housing related queries and enabling our young people to go for day trips
- Violence Reduction Network (VRN) – for supporting our work with young people and improving relationships with the police.