

Revive Newport



Trustees' Annual Report

01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

TRUSTEES/DIRECTORS

Robert White (Chairman)

Sharon Bollen

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Ian Peters

Alison Price

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REGISTERED OFFICE

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BANKERS

The Co-operative Bank plc

HSBC Bank plc

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Revive Newport is a company limited by guarantee, number 07588420, and a registered charity, number 1143377; it is governed by articles of association.

Governance

The charity is governed by a board of trustees who are also directors of the company. All references to trustees in this report can also be read as directors. The trustees are responsible for the effective governance of the charity, its strategic direction, and setting the policy framework. Responsibility for day-to-day running of the work of Revive is delegated to the Development Officer though major or contentious issues are referred back to the trustees, or the chairman (who line-manages the Development Officer) as appropriate.

Trustee Selection

Trustees are elected by the members of the charity at the annual general meeting and a third of trustees must retire from office each year but may be re-appointed to serve a further term. The existing trustees make recommendations to the meeting regarding suitable candidates who have the necessary skills, experience and abilities required to ensure the board of trustees is able to offer effective governance. The trustees may also co-opt new trustees during the year who serve until the next AGM when they retire but may be reappointed by the members.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Purpose

Revive Newport is a Christian organisation founded to enable individual Christians and churches in the Newport area to demonstrate love for our community and the individuals within it. Through providing care in practical ways, having fun with people and getting to know them we aim to work towards wholeness for individuals and our community, making a difference in all aspects of life; material, emotional, social, financial, environmental and spiritual. To this end we work closely with local agencies including the council, police and community groups in order to provide activities which go some way to meeting these needs.

The charitable objects of Revive Newport are:

1. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one of more of the following factors: Unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender reassignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).
2. To help young people, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, so as to develop their capabilities so that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
3. To advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, principally through offering care, compassion and relevant practical and spiritual help.

ACTIVITIES IN PURSUIT OF THE CHARITABLE OBJECTS UNDERTAKEN FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT

In planning the activities of the charity, the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Revive Newport is a project-based organisation. Our work is delivered for benefit of the public through The Living Room and Newport Youth Cafe, delivered by dedicated staff and volunteer teams:

The Living Room

Drew Blackley joined as the Assistant Manager and Chef at the end of October 2023. Her healthy and delicious menu has proved popular, leading to an increase in customer numbers to 428 per month.

On most days, a free drink is given away, and occasionally a meal is provided to those in greatest need. A loyalty card program has also been launched, allowing customers to receive a free drink after purchasing five.

Rachael has acquired some Christian cards, which have proven to be quite popular and have generated an additional income stream.

We have been able to assist several homeless individuals with support and resources. Many patrons describe The Living Room as their safe haven, a place of comfort, and a location with a wonderful atmosphere.

Newport Youth Cafe

This year our Newport Youth cafe team ran 64 drop in youth cafe sessions from our community cafe on Newport High Street, as well as went out into Newport to do detached youth work 71 times. Through these sessions we made meaningful connections with 737 different young people.

As well as numbers of different young people, the numbers of the same young people that came to our drop in youth cafe sessions grew significantly with 208 young people signing up as members with up to 47 young people attending any given session. Our success actually became a problem for us in that the premises is not able to take many people so we had to close the cafe for two weeks while we dealt with issues and recruited more youth worker volunteers. We also had to restrict numbers on occasion which has had a detrimental effect for the success of this project.

Our impact on these young people and the knock on effect on our town is yet to be fully determined because of the amount of young people we have had and the limited time we had with some of them. However we have made a significant move forward with many of our young people in the following ways.

With additional funding we started a group called impact, where we met weekly with a small group of young people to talk about subjects that were relevant to them. these included The group also went out to serve the community with acts of kindness which was a real step out of the comfort zones of our young people but they rose to the challenge and this made a good impact on them.

This year we have had 2701 meaningful conversations with young people meaning that we engaged with a young person, and learnt something about them. This includes 1608 attendees at Newport Youth Cafe and 1093 positive connections through detached youth work. In many of these conversations we were able to significantly help them with the issues they are facing.

These issues include: Relationships and isolation, talking through issues with their romantic and family relationships, the use of drugs, alcohol and smoking / vaping to fit in and cope with life. We also spoke to many about depression, anxiety and eating disorders.

Education: talking about their school work, their school behaviour, GCESs and A level support and with this helping them get additional support when needed at school.

Employment: with conversations about applying for jobs, helping them with their CVs and talking to them about a positive work ethic. We supported many of our young people in applying for jobs and many got interviews and found jobs. This also included helping a group of them with various life skills alongside these subjects.

Behaviour: within and out of the cafe, which included anti-social behaviour, anger management, following rules, shop lifting and fighting. Within the context of the cafe we had to ban several people and to reintegrate them to teach them about following rules and addressing their behaviour head on. Outside the cafe it was more asking them to think about why they are behaving that way.

We have also had conversations about sex, contraception, abortion, homelessness and religion. Some of these conversations happen often and we help them through the issue over time. Some involve referrals to outside help including housing when family relationships break down and force homelessness, referrals to the doctors of mental health practitioners or organisations that help with substance misuse. We have had the opportunity within the business of NYC to help many of them through these life challenges.

These are some of the comments we have received this year from our young people.

'It's very good', 'I love it', 'it's nice to make good friends and be part of a community', and 'it's good, i come to see my mates when i have nothing else to do.', 'Very friendly', 'Good for making friends', 'very good for making friends', 'love it - great for making friends', 'friendly, good for making new friends'. Other comments were that we were 'supportive', 'there's always someone to talk to' and that there is 'help when wanted'.

AOK (Acts Of Kindness)

In the past year, we went out and about in Newport town centre, offering chocolates and flowers. It's lovely to hear the positive responses received from recipients to these simple 'acts of kindness' and more volunteers for this project would be great.

MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE YEAR

One of the main achievements of the year was enhancing The Living Room's presence, ensuring more consistent opening hours and increasing visibility within the local community. A pivotal moment for the café was the addition of Drew as Assistant Café Manager and Kitchen Manager in October 2023. Her focus is on creating a new menu that is delicious and nutritious, and this has proved to be a good move. The Living Room has not only maintained its warm and inviting atmosphere but also offers a menu that promotes health and well-being along with excellent coffee. It operates the pay-it-forward scheme to support those on low or no income and increasingly is helping those who are finding life difficult, financially, or physically.

VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Revive Newport Trustees and staff would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated volunteers who have passionately supported and generously contributed their time to The Living Room and Newport Youth Café over the past year. Their help and support is invaluable to the continuation of the charity.

FUTURE PLANS

With the appointment of Rachel as Manager and Drew as Assistant Manager at The Living Room, we aim to provide a warm and welcoming space to all in our local community and foster growth in both at The Living Room and Newport Youth Café.

Our exploration into the potential establishment of a new purpose-built youth centre in Newport remains ongoing. This would be a place to cater for the numerous young people lacking a safe space in and around the area. We firmly believe this initiative is crucially important.

Furthermore, our commitment extends to maintaining the excellence of both The Living Room and Newport Youth Café operations, demonstrating God's love within our community.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves Policy

In order to ensure the sustainability of the charity the trustees aim to hold 3 months of operating costs in free reserves. Three months of operating costs based on expenditure in 2023/24 equates to £29,615 while our reserves stand at £30,076.

Investment Policy

To date the charity has not had sufficient free funds to consider investments. As the charity develops, we will continually review this position.

Main Sources Of Income

Our income this year has come from a variety of different sources. Donations representing 35% of income. Grant funding represented 50% of income. Income from charitable activities and trading income accounted for just 15%. Trading income usually comes from non-charitable income from The Living Room (sale of gifts etc.).

Expenditure Supporting Charitable Objectives

Income has principally been used for charitable activities in furtherance of Revive's objects, with a modest expenditure on raising funds.

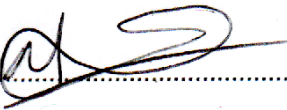
The costs relate to the running of Newport Youth Cafe and The Living Room. NYC was funded principally from grants and specifically for that project, with a small amount of income from general funds. The Living Room expenses were largely employee costs.

LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next year we need to secure continuation funding for Newport Youth Café. This is once again a key financial priority for the year. Alongside this, we will continue to improve our efficiency and effectiveness, increase the income generated by The Living Room and look for other sources of income to achieve a more stable and sustainable ongoing financial position.

PREPARATION OF ACCOUNTS

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the small company regime (Section 419(2)) of the Companies Act 2006. This report, including the following financial statements, was approved by the trustees on 16th September 2024 and is signed on their behalf by:



Robert White (Chairperson)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31st March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds & Grants	Total Funds	Prior Year total funds	
Income From					
Donations	£29,522	£65,599	£95,121	£120,479	A1
Charitable Activities Income	£15,795		£15,795	£451	A2
Other Trading activities	£365		£365	£1,541	A3
TOTAL	£45,682	£65,599	£111,281	£122,471	
Expenditure					
Raising Funds	£205		£205	£2,172	B1
Charitable Activities	£54,127	£64,130	£118,257	£87,053	B2
TOTAL	£54,332	£64,130	£118,462	£89,225	
Net Movement of Funds	-£8,650	£1,469	-£7,181	£33,246	
Reconciliation of Funds					
Total funds brought forward	£37,257	£0	£37,257	£47,827	
Total funds carried forward	£28,607	£1,469	£30,076	£37,257	

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2024

	Current Year	Notes	Prior Year
Fixed Assets			
No Non-Current Assets held by Entity			
Current Assets			
Stock	£1,656	C1	£1,465
Bank and Cash in Hand	£28,420	C2	£35,792
Total Assets	£30,076		£37,257
Liabilities			
No current or long term liabilities			
	£30,076		£37,257
The funds of the charity			
Unrestricted income funds	£28,607		
Restricted income funds	£1,469	D1	
Total charity funds	£30,076		

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2024

NOTE	
1	Accounting Policies
<p>The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and in the preceding year.</p> <p>(a) Basis of accounting</p> <p>The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' published in 2015, applicable UK accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.</p> <p>(b) Fund accounting</p> <p>Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.</p> <p>(c) Incoming resources</p> <p>All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to, and virtually certain to receive, the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant. Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts. Investment income is included when receivable. Incoming resources from charitable trading activity are accounted for when earned. Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. 	

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates:

- Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income and the costs of trading for fundraising purposes.
- Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.
- All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the SoFA on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned on the basis of activity size.

(e) Fixed assets

Fixed assets (excluding investments) are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. The costs of minor additions or those costing below £1,000 are not capitalised. Individual items exceeding £1,000 are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated life of the asset, which for equipment is considered to be three years.

NOTE	INCOMING RESOURCES	UNRESTRICTED	RESTRICTED	TOTAL	Previous Year
			NYC		
	Funds Brought forward				
A1	Donations				
	Church Donations	£1,300		£1,300	£222
	Premises Use	£6,000		£6,000	£3,000
	Individual Donations	£17,979	£10,099	£28,078	£21,312
	Grant - NYC		£55,500	£55,500	£39,000
	Gift Aid Claim	£3,743		£3,743	£3,707
	Other Grant Income	£500		£500	£53,238
	Total	£29,522	£65,599	£95,121	£120,479
A2	Charitable Activities				
	NYC Sale of Goods	£0		£0	£18
	The Living Room Sale of Goods	£15,795		£15,795	£433
	Total	£15,795		£15,795	£451
A3	Other Trading Activities				
	Gift sales	£365		£365	£1,541
	Total	£365		£365	£1,541
	INCOME TOTAL	£45,682	£65,599	£111,281	£122,471

	Expenditure	
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B1	Fundraising	
	Fundraising Trading Cost of goods sold	£205
	Total	£205

B2	Activity	Activity Undertaken Directly	Support costs	Total
		£	£	£
	The Living Room	£33,732	£18,966	£52,698
	Foodbank	£600		£600
	Newport Youth Café	£45,161	£18,969	£64,130
	IOW YFC	£750		£750
	AOK	£80		£80
		£80,323	£37,934	£118,258

Further Breakdown:				
The Living Room Expenses			Newport Youth Café Expenses	
Purchases for Sale	£7,731		Staffing Costs	£36,009
Opening Stock	£554		Premises Costs Grant from Castlehold Baptist Church	£6,000
Closing Stock	-£1,032			
Staffing Costs	£23,602			
Equipment	£2,195		Supplies & Services	£3,152
Repairs & renewals	£154			
Direct Expenses	£528			
	£33,732		Total	£45,161

Support Costs		The Living Room	Newport Youth Cafe	TOTAL
	£	£	£	£
Support Staff Costs		£11,268	£11,268	£22,536
Finance/Administration Expenses		£2,156	£2,157	£4,313
Marketing and General expenses		£524	£524	£1,047
Utilities		£1,365	£1,365	£2,730
Rent/ Rates		£3,121	£3,122	£6,243
Insurance		£532	£533	£1,065
Activity Total		£18,966	£18,969	£37,934

C1	Stock		Previous Yr
	Charitable Activity Stock	£1,032	£554
	Other Trading Activities Stock	£624	£911
	Total	£1,656	£1,465
C2	Bank Accounts		
	Co-op Revive	£5,071	8117.24
	Co-Op NYC	£2,009	2352.77
	HSBC	£15,763	18857.9
	Co-Op TLR	£4,353	4983.18
	Paypal & cash	£1,225	1480.52
	Total	£28,420	£35,792
	Creditors		
	St Andrews Bookshop		£112
D1	Restricted Funds		
	Newport Youth Cafe	£1,469	
	Total	£1,469	

12	Staff costs	
	Gross wages and salaries	£81128
	Employers NI	£0
	Pension Contributions	£1019
	Average number of staff	7
	Average number of full-time-equivalent staff	4



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Name
Revive Newport

On accounts for the year ended

31st march 2024

Charity no
(if any) 1143377

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report 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:

Date: 01/11/24

Name:

Guy Wells

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

Address:

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.