

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LTD.

England & Wales · Charity number 1146438

Details

Other names	CENTRE 33
Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	07955132
Registered	2012-03-16
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF PERSONS IN NEED WHO ARE HOMELESS OR SUFFERING FROM PSYCHOLOGICAL OR PHYSICAL INFIRMITY OR WHOBY REASON OF ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES, ILL HEALTH OR WHO ARE SUFFERING OR HAVE SUFFERED A LEGAL RESTRICTION ONTHEIR LIBERTY IN ANY PENAL OR CORRECTIONAL ESTABLISHMENT ARE IN NEED OF HELP IN ACQUIRING A SETTLED WAY OF LIFEAND IN PARTICULAR BUT WITHOUT LIMITING THE GENERALITY OF THE FOREGOING BY THE PROVISION FOR SUCH PERSONS OF ASHELTER (OR A HOME OF REST) AND THE COMFORT OF FRIENDSHIP.

Activities: Centre 33 Provides a drop-in centre for homeless and socially deprived people. We offer free hot meals and drinks, hot showers (with towels and toiletries provided) and some second hand clothes. The Centre is open on weekday lunchtimes, on Monday to Thursday evenings, on Saturday lunchtime and Sunday evenings.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£46,347	£36,914	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,370	£33,583	-	-
2022-12-31	£26,033	£29,750	-	-
2021-12-31	£20,044	£16,870	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,276	£18,853	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW PHILIP COPLEY		2012-03-15
Christopher Lewis		2021-10-02
Chrystalla Spire		2023-11-07
Claire Farquhar		2023-09-12
DR Melanie O'Neill		2014-04-05
Diluxshy Elangaratnam		2023-11-07
John Scott		2024-12-05
Michael John Poole		2025-01-07
PENELOPE ANN WILLIAMS		2013-03-14
PETER JOHN GRAHAM		2012-03-15
ROBERT EDWARD BARRETT		2013-03-14

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Accounts



Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2024



Centre 33 is the trading name of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited, registered in England as a company limited by guarantee (No 7955132) and as a charity (No 1146438).

Registered office: Centre 33, 2a Spicer Street, St Albans, Herts, AL3 4PQ.

Patron: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of St Albans City and District

www.centre33.org

Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Chairman's Note

2024 has been another active and productive year for Centre 33. We have continued to welcome visitors for hot breakfasts and access to shower facilities at our home in Spicer Street and hot suppers at the Salvation Army Citadel in Victoria Street, 5 days each week throughout the year: on average, 16 meals were served each morning and 25 each evening with maximum visitor numbers reaching 26 in the morning and 38 in the evening. Centre 33 exists to provide a welcoming place to eat and chat for anyone in need in the St Albans area: visitor numbers, and their personal testimony provide evidence of the ongoing need for the service.

Centre 33 continues to operate thanks to the financial generosity of our donors, the availability of volunteers who are generous with their time, and to St Albans City and District council and the Salvation Army on St Albans who kindly provide premises.

We are extremely grateful to all our financial supporters. Particular financial highlights include substantial donations from St Albans Cathedral, St Albans Lions Club, St Albans Round Table and St Albans Choral Society along with a successful application to The National Lottery Fund. The generosity of our donors has resulted in a small surplus for the year. Details can be found in the Finance Section of this report.

We are proud that Centre 33 is run entirely by 165 active volunteers, who gave over 3,500 hours of their time during 2024. Volunteer training has been given a boost this year with a focus on ensuring that everyone involved in food preparation has obtained level 2 food safety certification. Volunteers have also had opportunity to receive training in managing situations involving conflict: although I must stress that incidents involving unacceptable behaviour happen only very occasionally at Centre 33.

We remain indebted to St Albans City and District council who provide Centre 33's home in Spicer Street, which, due to the high numbers of visitors in the evenings, is now mainly used for the morning service. We are extremely grateful to The Salvation Army in St Albans who kindly provide their Citadel to Centre 33 to serve suppers. Operating from two locations presents its own challenges and we continue to work closely with St Albans City and District Council to identify suitable city centre premises which might offer Centre 33 a more appropriate long term home.

Centre 33 continues to cooperate closely with other local charities, such as Open Door, Emmaus, and Herts Young Homeless, who work in the homelessness sector and with St Albans City and District Council and local police. Our trustees are active members of STAMP (St Albans Multi Agency Protocol) which reviews the needs and arrangements of anyone known to be sleeping rough or otherwise in need of a home, and of the St Albans Homelessness Forum which updates on the services provided by local support organisations.

Finally, I want to thank our external finance examiner and our team of 10 trustees who together bring a diverse set of skills to the management of Centre 33's activities including both day to day operations and the overall direction of our local charity.

Melanie O'Neill, Chairman
May 2025

Significant Organisational Developments

In January 2024, David Grimshaw stepped down from trusteeship and we are delighted that he continues to volunteer and provide ongoing support to the Centre.

In December 2024, we were very pleased that John Scott joined Centre 33 as the new Treasurer of Centre 33. John, a retired Chartered Accountant, has wide experience of the role of treasurer and we welcome him to the trustees. Melanie O'Neill stepped down as Treasurer after 10 years in that role, we thank her and are very grateful for all her excellent work. We are also delighted that she continues as our very capable Chairman.

Just after the year end, in January 2025, Mike Poole, one of our longstanding active volunteers, joined the board of trustees, and we greatly welcome his expertise and knowledge of helping to run our services.

Charitable Objectives

The Constitution of Centre 33 says that the Object of Centre 33 shall be ...

"The relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reason of adverse circumstances, ... and in particular by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship."

Centre 33 pursues this Object through the operation of the drop-in centre at 2a Spicer Street and the provision of meals at other locations as necessary.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that charities report on the public benefit of their activities. We believe that the public benefit from operating the drop-in centre is largely self-evident; it helps very vulnerable people, giving them practical support and encouragement; and because it is very dependent on donations from churches, businesses and others, it demonstrates to them that many in St Albans care about their welfare.

What is Centre 33?

Centre 33 is a charity. Its objective is to provide practical support for people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or otherwise socially or materially disadvantaged in the St Albans area. It does this through both the Centre 33 drop-in centre and through a sit-down evening service run from the Citadel building in St Albans through the kind support of the Salvation Army.

What does Centre 33 offer?

- a welcoming place to meet with hot food and drinks
- toiletries, shower facilities, some clothing and sleeping bags
- sign-posting other services which they may be able to access for further help.
- Centre 33 is open every weekday morning (Spicer Street) and Sunday to Thursday (Citadel)

Volunteering at Centre 33

- Centre 33 is run entirely by volunteers
- Over 100 active volunteers are registered with Centre 33
- The main volunteer role is to staff the sessions for our visitors at either Spicer Street in the morning or the Salvation Army Citadel in the evening. These sites are open for five days each week.
 - 3 volunteers are needed for the morning sessions and 4 volunteers for the evenings. Each session will include an experienced Team Leader.
 - Volunteers prepare as many as 20 meals at the morning sessions and, at times, more than 24 meals in the evenings. This is alongside offering hot drinks and, at Spicer Street, providing towels and toiletries for the shower. It can be very busy at times!
 - Volunteers also chat with our visitors and, where appropriate, signpost them to other services in St Albans where they can get practical help and advice.
 - The volunteers are given training to assist in their work, and are expected to complete the Level 2 Food Safety Hygiene course.
- Some volunteers help on a weekly basis, some fortnightly and others less frequently. We are very flexible and recognise that volunteers give their time freely and have other commitments.
- We also need volunteers to assist in ordering the food supplies each week and to help with the occasional street collection.
- Volunteering with Centre 33 is very rewarding – in terms of helping some of the most vulnerable members of our society and getting to understand the challenges they face (and why).

Our Visitors

Centre 33 Visitors

- Visitors (as we call those who use the Centre) do not have to justify using the Centre.
- We only ask for a name when they sign in on arrival at the Centre. We do not collect information on their circumstances.
- We do, of course, learn more about regular visitors over time through our conversations with them, through our contacts with the Safer Streets Outreach Worker and through Centre 33's membership of STAMP, the St Albans Multi-agency Panel, which monitors rough sleeping individuals of concern eg for physical or mental health reasons, drug or alcohol addictions or because they have difficulties in coping with life. This helps us build up a picture of those using the Centre.
- For those of our visitors looking for advice or support, we suggest that they go to the afternoon Drop-In at Open Door which has experts who can provide help and assistance across a range of issues, including access to accommodation.
- If we have concerns about individual visitors, we may seek advice or support from other services, especially the Safer Streets Outreach Worker.
- Quite a number of our visitors are rough sleepers or former rough sleepers. Relationship or family breakdown, friends no longer willing to accommodate, leaving prison, eviction and substance abuse are undoubtedly factors leading to rough sleeping.
- Other visitors include:
 - sofa surfers who can be at risk of being asked to leave at a moment's notice;
 - those in inadequate or unsecure accommodation, possibly with no or limited facilities for cooking, and which can be lonely;
 - people who have difficulty in managing their lives – some may have never learnt to budget or cook;
 - people who just appreciate somewhere warm and welcoming where they can come in from the wet and the cold.
- The demographic of our visitors changes over time. Recently, we are now meeting people who are asylum seekers who have been placed in St Albans' hotels but have little money for food and are looking for company. Their use of Centre 33 is usually short-term, but our support helps them in moving on.
- Over the winter months we provide evening meals to people staying in the Winter Beds Project accommodation.

Our Local Community

Our Supporters

Centre 33 could not operate without the generous support – financial, other donations (clothes, food etc) and moral – of our local community. The list below is not comprehensive, but we hope it is illustrative of the wide support we receive. We are very grateful to:

- The many local churches, synagogue, schools, orchestras, bands, local businesses, and other organisations and individuals who support and make financial contributions to Centre 33, some on a regular basis.
- St Albans Council who contribute grants and provide us with our premises, and Hertfordshire County Council and local councillors who also provide grants.
- St Albans Cathedral who selected Centre 33 as a beneficiary of donations at their Christmas 2023 services
- The National Lottery Fund who provided a substantial grant from their Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund.
- Hertfordshire Community Foundation who gave a grant to cover the cost of some volunteer training.
- Everyone who took part in or supported the St Albans Sleep Out for the Homeless, held in November.
- The St Albans Round Table who kindly invite us to staff one evening's collection on the Santa's Sleigh Float in December.
- St Albans Choral Society who fundraise for us at their annual Christmas Concert.
- The St Albans Lions Club who donate regularly.
- The Salvation Army who have given Centre 33 the use of the Citadel in Victoria Street to provide an evening hot meal service.
- The Safer Streets Outreach Worker

Local Collaboration and Cooperation

Centre 33 works closely with others in St Albans who help the homeless. Our activity includes

- Membership of the Homelessness Forum, a Council led body which helps frame the St Albans Homelessness Strategy, which monitors progress in achieving the Strategic aims.
- Membership of the STAMP multi-agency agreement to help rough sleepers and others accessing homeless services. This enables us to keep in contact with Open Door, Kent House, Martin House, the SADC Community Safety Unit and others about those of our visitors who give cause for concern. The aim of the multi-agency group is to ensure that those with complicated needs get the support they need, even if they may be reluctant to engage.
- Working with St Albans District Council, Open Door, Hightown, and other local organisations to ensure that rough sleeping visitors to Centre 33 are known to these agencies and receive support as appropriate.
- Membership of Homeless Link, a national charity for organisations working directly with people who become homeless in England.
- Membership of Communities 1st which facilitates networking across the voluntary sector and provides advice on funding opportunities

2024 in Summary

We continue to provide services from two sites:-

- Spicer Street, serving breakfasts 5 days a week.
- The Salvation Army, Victoria Street, serving evening meals 5 days a week.

At each site we offer a restaurant service with hot meals cooked on the premises by volunteers.

10,160 meals served ... 496 sessions ...

There is a high demand for our services with an average of 20 visitors coming for a meal at each session we are open. Some are regular customers and others are seen only occasionally. But all appreciate the food and facilities we have to offer.

Over the course of the year we provided a total of 10,160 meals over the 496 sessions we were open.

Over 3,500 volunteer hours ...

To make this possible we depend on our wonderful team of volunteers who cook the meals and look after the visitors. The volunteers are drawn from a pool of over 100 people who regularly help at Centre 33. Three or four volunteers are needed for each session that we are open. Together they contributed over 3,500 hours of voluntary work in running the service.

Service details

	Spicer Street (mornings)	Salvation Army (evenings)	Total
Number of sessions open	241	255	496
Average attendance per session	16	25	20
Total meals served	3,909	6,251	10,160

Other activities

We continued our regular work of maintaining the premises and ensuring deliveries of food and consumables as needed. At Spicer Street a new boiler was installed and work was done to renovate the ceilings in several rooms. A major water leak under the floor also had to be repaired. As our landlord, St Albans Council carried out the necessary work without too much disruption to our opening schedule. At the Salvation Army a storage cupboard was installed for clothing we give out to visitors.

Finance Overview

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 are attached to this report. We are immensely grateful for the donations and grants received during the year, which have enabled Centre 33 to continue to operate. Centre 33 continues to be run entirely run by volunteers so all income is directed to the cost of operating the service.

Overall expenses amounted to £36,914, an increase of 10% compared with 2023. Total income amounted to £46,347, a 53% increase on 2023, resulting in a surplus for the year. The significant increase in income largely reflects a successful application to the National Lottery Fund and also a substantial donation from St Albans Cathedral, which selected Centre 33 as a charity to benefit from donations at their Christmas 2022 services.

The cost of food and household items has risen by 11% compared with 2023: this partly reflects the need to increase catering for increased visitor numbers mid-year, in addition to the general rise in the cost of food and disposables. The rise in expense on volunteer management and support reflects increased uptake of training to obtain Level 2 Food Safety certification by volunteers involved in food preparation.

We continue to be grateful to the Salvation Army who generously allow Centre 33 to operate the evening meal service at their Citadel 5 days each week: the special outgoings indicated in the accounts reflect donations made to cover the costs of gas and electricity consumed during Centre 33's service during the year.

The bulk of Centre 33's income comes from successful grant applications and from donations from individuals, local businesses, churches, the synagogue (who also provide monthly meals for which we are very grateful) and other local voluntary organisations. Many individual donors wish to remain anonymous, but we are pleased to acknowledge substantial donations and grants from St Albans Cathedral, St Albans Lions Club, St Albans Choral Society, St Albans Round Table, The JD Foundation, Hertfordshire Community Foundation, Hertfordshire County Council, The Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund, administered by the National Lottery Community Fund and Magenta Self-Storage, (who kindly provide storage facilities for us at no cost).

The Trustees

The Trustees during 2024 are shown below.

Trustees 2024

Chairman	Melanie O'Neill
Vice Chairman	Bob Barrett
Secretary	Andrew Copley
Treasurer	Melanie O'Neill (resigned 5 Dec 24) John Scott (appointed 5 Dec 24)
Minutes Secretary	Penny Williams
Other Trustees	Diluxshy Elangaratnam Claire Farquhar Peter Graham David Grimshaw (resigned 9 Jan 24) Chris Lewis Chrystalla Spire

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company its Trustees and Advisers for the period ended 31 December 2024

Board of directors/trustees as at 31 December 2024

Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Dr D Elangaratnam
Mrs C Farquhar
Mr P Graham
Mr C Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Mr J Scott
Ms C Spire
Mrs PA Williams JP, DL

Company registered number

7955132

Charity registered number

1146438

Registered office

2a Spicer Street
St Albans
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Company secretary

Mr AP Copley

Independent examiner

Mr R McClure
Chartered Accountant
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Bankers

Lloyds TSB
36 Chequer Street
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Report of the Directors

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report of the Directors for the period ended 31 December 2024

The Board of Directors (members of which are also Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission) present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2024. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing body and the current provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 20 February 2012, the company (number 7955132) is a private company limited by guarantee, does not have a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is also a charity (number 1146438).

The directors, who were also trustees throughout the financial period, unless stated otherwise, were:

Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Dr D Elangaratnam
Mrs C Farquhar
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw (resigned 9 January 2024)
Mr C Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Mr John Scott (appointed 5 Dec 2024)
Ms C Spire
Mrs PA Williams

Mr Chris Lewis was due to retire by rotation and, being willing to offer himself for re-election, was re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd September 2024 and the election on 7th November 2024 of each of Diluxshy Elangaratnam and Chrystalla Spire as a director and trustee was also confirmed at that meeting.

b. Method of appointment or election of board of directors

Potential members of the board/trustees are identified by their profession and experience and consideration is given to how these attributes may complement those of the existing trustees to provide a broad skill base to meet the challenges and responsibilities of the Company. Prospective members are invited to attend meetings so that they may gain an insight into the operation of the Company and an understanding of the responsibilities to be undertaken and the commitment required.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of board members

Beyond basic induction procedures no formal training is usually provided as this should not be necessary due to the background and experience of the prospective members.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The board/trustees are responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Company. It has a minimum of five meetings annually and full minutes are circulated to all directors/trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The minutes are made available to the independent examiner.

The day-to-day management of the Centre is described in earlier sections of this report.

e. Risk management

The directors/trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

POLICIES AND OBJECTS

The objects of the charitable company are contained in the company's articles of association and are the relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reasons of adverse circumstances, ill health or who are suffering or have suffered a legal restriction on their liberty in any penal or corrective establishment are in need of help in acquiring a settled way of life and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

An overview and review of the 2024 year is contained in earlier sections of this report.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Statements (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Provision of information to Independent Examiner

Each Director has confirmed that:

So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant financial information, of which the company's independent examiner is unaware: and

The Directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Board in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing his report and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr Richard McClure indicated his willingness to continue to examine the company's financial statements and the Directors will propose a motion to reappoint him at the next Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Directors on 6th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by Mr AP Copley, Director.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report to the trustees/directors of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited (company number 7955132 and charity number 1146438) on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024 as set out on pages 16 to 20.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed

Richard McClure
Chartered Accountant
Unit 82739
PO Box 6945
London
W1A 6US

Date 6th May 2025

Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note*	2024 Unrestricted £	2024 Restricted £	2024 TOTAL £	2023 £
INCOMING RESOURCES					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2, 4	33,256	12,084	45,340	30,133
Investment income	3	1,007	0	1,007	237
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		34,263	12,084	46,347	30,370
RESOURCES EXPENDED					
Charitable activities	5	24,523	12,084	36,607	33,284
Governance costs	6	307	0	307	299
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		24,830	12,084	36,914	33,583
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		9,433	0	9,433	(3,213)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		50,952	0	50,952	54,165
TOTAL FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		60,385	0	60,385	50,952

* The Notes on pages 18 – 20 form part of these financial statements.

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepaid expenses		690	0
Short term deposits		0	15,000
Cash at bank and in hand		60,145	38,743
CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL		<u>60,835</u>	<u>53,743</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals and deferred income		(450)	(2,791)
NET ASSETS		<u>60,385</u>	<u>50,952</u>
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Funds brought forward		50,952	54,165
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		9,433	(3,213)
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>60,385</u>	<u>50,952</u>

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime (Note 1, page 18)

Approved by the board of directors on
6th May 2025 and signed on their behalf by

Mr AP Copley, Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in note 4 to the financial statements.

1.6. Non-monetary donations

Non-monetary donations are included in both income and expenditure if it is possible to measure the cost of the goods or service provided reliably. It is not possible to quantify the provision of time given by both trustees and volunteers and this is therefore not included in income and expenditure - but is described in note 7. It is also not possible to quantify the provision of Centre 33's premises at Spicer Street or the temporary use of the Salvation Army Citadel, both of which are described in note 7.

1.7. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the cost over its estimated useful life as follows: Equipment: 5 years. Fixed assets with a value under £1,000 are written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
Grants	3,416	12,084	15,500	5,500
Donations	26,292	0	26,292	21,932
Fund raising	3,548	0	3,548	2,701
	33,256	12,084	45,340	30,133

3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	£
Bank interest	1,007	0	1,007	237

4. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

A grant of £12,000 was obtained from The National Lottery Community Fund (NLF) under the Community Organisations Cost of Living Fund programme. £416 of the grant was a retrospective payment for expenses incurred between September and November 2023. The relevant expense was charged to unrestricted expenses in 2023 and this part of the grant has been taken to unrestricted income. The remaining £11,584 funded expenses arising from providing hot meals and a warm welcome for local people in need in St Albans between December 2023 and March 2024.

A grant of £200 was obtained from Hertfordshire Community Foundation (HCF) to fund training in Conflict Management for Centre 33 volunteers in March 2024. This grant was fully spent in the year.

A grant of £300 was obtained from Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) towards the cost of a winter celebration event for Centre 33 visitors in December 2024. This grant was fully spent in the year.

As described above all restricted funds received in the year were fully expended during the year.

In 2024 all donations were counted as aligned with the sole purpose of Centre 33 and were deemed unrestricted.

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024				2024	2024	2023
	Restricted £				Unrestricted £	Total £	£
	NLF	HCC	HCF	Total			
Volunteer management and support	0	0	200	200	1,939	2,139	319
Food and other household costs	9,308	300	0	9,608	17,091	26,699	23,937
Repairs and maintenance	525	0	0	525	2091	2616	2,527
Heat, light and utilities	861	0	0	861	764	1,625	1,733
General administration	890	0	0	890	1,498	2,388	2,368
Clothing and Sleeping Bags	0	0	0	0	140	140	401
Special Outgoings	0	0	0	0	1000	1000	2,000
	11,584	300	200	12,084	24,523	36,607	33,285

Note: Special Outgoings

Centre 33 began operating a takeaway meal service from the Salvation Army Citadel in St Albans after the Covid lockdown when it became impractical to use the Spicer St premises. The practice has continued throughout 2024 (now as a sit-down meal) as evening visitor numbers have risen and a new demographic of volunteers has been recruited, some of whom would find the access issues at Spicer St challenging.

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

- a) Governance costs include the specific costs directly involved with the constitutional issues of the company as opposed to generating voluntary income, fund raising or undertaking charitable work to meet its objects.
- b) Trustees are not remunerated but are entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred in the furtherance of their duties. No expenses were paid to trustees in the year (2023: nil).
- c) The trustees incur expenditure on behalf of the charity and this expenditure is reimbursed to them. The amount to be reimbursed for 2024 was £27,635 (2023: £25,819). In 2024 eight (2023: seven) trustees were reimbursed for expenditure incurred.
- d) No charge was incurred for the independent examination of the accounts (2023: nil).

7. DONATIONS IN KIND

Rent: The premises occupied by Centre 33, 2A Spicer St, St Albans AL3 4PQ are owned by St Albans District Council. They are leased to Centre 33 rent free. The Salvation Army offered the use of its premises, at the Citadel, 16-18 Victoria Street, St Albans AL1 3JB rent free throughout 2024 for provision of the evening meal service.

Voluntary work: Centre 33 is operated entirely by volunteers, of which there are approximately 165 listed as active on Centre 33's database. During the year, rota volunteers donated 3,667 hours (2023: 3,010 hours) of their time. Centre 33's trustees donated time to running the charity: it is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of this time during the year.

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LTD.

England & Wales - Charity number 1146438

Accounts



Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2023



Centre 33 is the trading name of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited, registered in England as a company limited by guarantee (No 7955132) and as a charity (No 1146438).

Registered office: Centre 33, 2a Spicer Street, St Albans, Herts, AL3 4PQ.

Patron: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of St Albans City and District

www.centre33.org

Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

(A company limited by guarantee)

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Chairman's Note

2023 was a notable year for Centre 33. At the beginning of January, we were able at last to bring visitors in from the cold to eat their evening meal at a table. We are indebted to the Salvation Army for their understanding and flexibility in allowing us to set out the lobby at the Citadel as a dining room. In April, we re-opened Spicer Street to offer visitors a cooked breakfast and access to shower facilities and some fresh clothes. Centre 33 is providing a total of around 35 meals each day, 5 days each week at present: this is a tremendous achievement that is only possible because of the volunteers who give their time to the service and the donations and grants we receive from our supporters. We are really proud that Centre 33 continues to be run entirely by local volunteers.

Centre 33 continues to cooperate closely with other local charities, such as Open Door, Emmaus, and Herts Young Homeless, who work in the homelessness sector and with St Albans City and District Council and local police. Our trustees are active members of STAMP (St Albans Multi Agency Protocol) which reviews the needs and arrangements of anyone known to be sleeping rough or otherwise in need of a home, and of the St Albans Homelessness Forum which updates on the services provided by local support organisations.

Feedback from Centre 33's visitors is testimony to the importance of the service in supporting them through difficult times. It is encouraging also to hear from some former visitors, now enjoying improved circumstances and who have become donors.

Centre 33 has 3 main needs going forward: to boost our annual income to cover our full annual operating costs; to attract additional volunteers and team leaders; and to secure new permanent premises. The trustees have activities in place to address all 3 needs, although identifying alternative premises to Spicer Street, which is too small to meet the current numbers of visitors, is proving to be the major challenge.

We are sorry that two long standing trustees have decided to retire from Centre 33's Executive Team recently and we thank them for their significant contributions over the years. We are also delighted to welcome three new trustees, who are all active volunteers and who bring new and diverse backgrounds and skills to the Executive Team.

We are truly grateful to our volunteers who give their time, and to our financial supporters, all of whom enable Centre 33 to continue to provide support for anyone in need or homeless in our city.

Melanie O'Neill, Chairman.
May 2024

Significant Organisational Developments

The last quarter of 2023 saw a number of changes to the board of trustees of Centre 33. Alley Ashton stood down from the board after 27 years of supporting Centre 33, in particular in masterminding the refurbishment of our Spicer Street premises on more than one occasion. We thank him greatly for his involvement over the years and wish him a long and happy retirement. Claire Farquhar, Diluxshy Elangaratnam and Chrystalla Spire joined the board in late 2023 and are very welcome additions to the board and running of the Centre. Shortly after the year end, in January 2024, David Grimshaw stepped down from trusteeship and we are delighted that he is able to continue to volunteer and provide ongoing support to the Centre. Melanie O'Neill continued as Chairman in addition to her role as Treasurer.

Charitable Objectives

The Constitution of Centre 33 says that the Object of Centre 33 shall be ...

"The relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reason of adverse circumstances, ... and in particular by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship."

Centre 33 pursues this Object through the operation of the drop-in centre at 2a Spicer Street and the provision of meals at other locations as necessary.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that charities report on the public benefit of their activities. We believe that the public benefit from operating the drop-in centre is largely self-evident; it helps very vulnerable people, giving them practical support and encouragement; and because it is very dependent on donations from churches, businesses and others, it demonstrates to them that many in St Albans care about their welfare.

What is Centre 33?

Centre 33 is a charity. Its objective is to provide practical support for people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or otherwise socially or materially disadvantaged in the St Albans area. It does this through both the Centre 33 drop-in centre and through a sit-down evening service run from the Citadel building in St Albans through the kind support of the Salvation Army.

What does Centre 33 offer?

- a welcoming place to meet with hot food and drinks
- toiletries, shower facilities, some clothing and sleeping bags
- sign-posting other services which they may be able to access for further help.
- Centre 33 is open every weekday morning (Spicer Street) and Sunday to Thursday (Citadel)

Volunteering at Centre 33

- Centre 33 is run entirely by volunteers
- Over 100 active volunteers are registered with Centre 33
- The main volunteer role is to staff the sessions for our visitors at either Spicer Street in the morning or the Salvation Army Citadel in the evening. These sites are open for five days each week.
 - 3 volunteers are needed for the morning sessions and 4 volunteers for the evenings. Each session will include an experienced Team Leader.
 - Volunteers prepare as many as 20 meals at the morning sessions and, at times, more than 24 meals in the evenings. This is alongside offering hot drinks and, at Spicer Street, providing towels and toiletries for the shower. It can be very busy at times!
 - Volunteers also chat with our visitors and, where appropriate, signpost them to other services in St Albans where they can get practical help and advice.
 - The volunteers are given training to assist in their work, and are expected to complete the Level 2 Food Safety Hygiene course.
- Some volunteers help on a weekly basis, some fortnightly and others less frequently. We are very flexible and recognise that volunteers give their time freely and have other commitments.
- We also need volunteers to assist in ordering the food supplies each week.
- Volunteering with Centre 33 is very rewarding – in terms of helping some of the most vulnerable members of our society and getting to understand the challenges they face (and why).

Our Visitors

Anyone and everyone who comes to Centre 33 is welcome

- Visitors (as we call those who use the centre) do not have to justify using the centre.
- We only ask for a name when they sign in on arrival at the Centre. We do not collect information on their circumstances.
- Through our volunteer discussions with visitors and through our cooperation with other agencies, we have however built up a picture of those using the Centre.

Centre 33 Visitors

- All who come to Centre 33 are welcome to use our service. We ask very little in terms of personal detail – essentially just their name.
- We do, of course, learn more about regular visitors over time through our conversations with them, through our contacts with the Safer Streets Outreach Worker and through Centre 33's membership of STAMP, the St Albans Multiagency Panel, which monitors rough sleeping individuals of concern eg for physical or mental health reasons, drug or alcohol addictions or because they have difficulties in coping with life.
- Quite a number of our visitors are rough sleepers or former rough sleepers. Government policy at the start of COVID got most rough sleepers off the streets but individuals found their way back to rough sleeping often because they found the conditions in hostels too constraining. Loss of jobs and the ever increasing increase cost of living are undoubtedly factors leading to rough sleeping.
- Other visitors include people
 - Who are sofa surfing and can be at risk of being asked to leave at a moment's notice
 - Who are in inadequate or unsecure accommodation, possibly with no or limited facilities for cooking, and which can be lonely
 - Who have difficulty in managing their lives – some may have never learnt to budget or cook
 - Who just appreciate somewhere warm and welcoming where they can come in from the wet and the cold.
- The demographic of our visitors changes over time. Before COVID (and Brexit), quite a number of our visitors were Eastern European citizens. We see far fewer now. By contrast, we are now meeting people who are asylum seekers who have been placed in St Albans' hotels but have little money for food and are looking for company. Their use of Centre 33 is usually short-term but our support helps them in moving on.
- Over the winter months we provide evening meals to people staying in the Winter Beds Project accommodation.

Our Local Community

Our Supporters

Centre 33 could not operate without the generous support – financial, other donations (clothes, food etc) and moral – of our local community. The list below is not comprehensive, but we hope it is illustrative of the wide support we receive. We are very grateful to:

- The many local churches, synagogue, schools, orchestras, bands, local businesses, and other organisations and individuals who support and make financial contributions to Centre 33, some on a regular basis.
- St Albans Council who contribute grants and provide us with our premises, and Hertfordshire County Council and local councillors who also provide grants.
- Everyone who took part in or supported the St Albans Sleep Out for the Homeless, held in November.
- The St Albans Round Table who kindly invite us to staff one evening's collection on the Santa's Sleigh Float in December.
- St Albans Choral Society who fundraise for us at their annual Christmas Concert.
- The Salvation Army who have given Centre 33 the use of the Citadel in Victoria Street to provide an evening hot meal service.
- The Safer Streets Outreach Worker

Local Collaboration and Cooperation

Centre 33 works closely with others in St Albans who help the homeless. Our activity includes

- Membership of the Homeless Forum, a Council led body which helps frame the St Albans Homeless Strategy, which monitors progress in achieving the Strategy aims
- Membership of the Rough Sleeper Steering Group, a subgroup of the Homeless Forum
- Membership of the STAMP multi-agency agreement to help rough sleepers and others accessing homeless services. This enables us to keep in contact with Open Door, Kent House, Martin House, the SADC Community Safety Unit and others about those of our visitors who give cause for concern. The aim of the multi-agency group is to ensure that those with complicated needs get the support they need, though at times such individuals may be reluctant to engage.
- Working with St Albans District Council, Open Door, Hightown, and other local organisations to ensure that rough sleepers were found accommodation and had access to meals during the national lockdown.
- Membership of Homeless Link, a national charity for organisations working directly with people who become homeless in England.

2023 in Summary

We continue to provide services from two sites:-

- The Salvation Army, Victoria Street, serving evening meals 5 days a week.
- Spicer Street, serving breakfast 5 days a week.

Spicer Street reopened and resumed full operation from April 2023. At each site we offer a restaurant service with hot meals cooked on the premises by volunteers.

7,188 meals served ... 423 sessions ...

There is a high demand for our services with an average of 17 visitors coming for a meal at each session we are open. Some are regular customers and others are seen only occasionally. But all appreciate the food and facilities we have to offer.

Over the course of the year we provided a total of 7,188 meals over the 423 sessions we were open.

Over 3,000 volunteer hours ...

To make this possible we depend on our wonderful team of volunteers who cook the meals and look after the visitors. The volunteers are drawn from a pool of over 100 people who regularly help at Centre 33. Three or four volunteers are needed for each session that we are open. Together they contributed over 3,000 hours of voluntary work in running the service.

Service details

	Salvation Army (Jan – Dec)	Spicer Street (Apr – Dec)	Total
Number of days open	255	168	423
Average daily attendance	19	14	17
Total meals served	4,808	2,380	7,188

Other activities

During the year we continued our regular work of maintaining the premises and services necessary for our work. This is inevitably more complicated as we work from two sites. It includes purchasing food and other consumables and maintaining the buildings and equipment. We also prepared Spicer Street for reopening and provided new shelving at the Salvation Army.

Finance Overview

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 are attached to this report. We are immensely grateful for the donations and grants received during the year, which have enabled Centre 33 to continue to operate. Centre 33 continues to be run entirely run by volunteers so all income is directed to the cost of operating the service.

Overall expenses amounted to £35,029, an increase of 19% compared with 2022. Total income amounted to £33,024, a 27% increase on 2022, but nevertheless, Centre 33 needed to draw on reserves of just over £2,000 to cover costs for the year. The trustees have made further applications for grants and have organised additional fundraising to address the shortfall.

The cost of food and household items has risen very slightly compared with 2022: this in part reflects the re-opening Spicer Street for breakfast in April in addition to continuing the evening meal service at the Salvation Army Citadel. We continued our practice of buying food for a planned weekly menu at both the Citadel and Spicer Street. Outgoings on utilities have risen significantly compared with 2022, largely as a result of delays in being expensed by energy companies for electricity consumed in 2022. Centre 33's trustees agreed to take steps to ensure that all volunteers involved in preparing food have Level 2 Food Safety certification, the cost of some of the training for this is reflected in the accounts under volunteer management and support. The need to buy additional chairs for use at the Citadel accounts for increased spending on equipment as shown under repairs and maintenance. Additional administration costs are largely due to increased spending on publicity to attract new volunteers and to promote fundraising. We continue to be grateful to the Salvation Army who generously allow Centre 33 to operate the evening meal service 5 days each week: the special outgoings indicated in the accounts reflect donations made to cover the costs of gas and electricity consumed during Centre 33's service during the year.

The bulk of Centre 33's income comes from donations from individuals, local businesses, churches, the synagogue and other local voluntary organisations. Many individual donors wish to remain anonymous, but we are pleased to acknowledge significant donations from St Albans Cathedral, St Saviour's Church, St Albans & Hertfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society, St Albans Lions, St Albans Choral Society and St Albans Round Table.

We are also very grateful for the grant of £5,000 from St Albans District Council's Community Project Fund, for the provision of hot meals and other support to local people in need, and to Herts County Warm Spaces Fund with provided £500 towards the cost of providing a warm and welcoming place to eat between January and March 2023.

The Trustees

The Trustees during 2023 are shown below.

Trustees 2023

Chairman	Melanie O'Neill
Vice Chairman	Bob Barrett
Secretary	Andrew Copley
Treasurer	Melanie O'Neill
Minutes Secretary	Penny Williams
Other Trustees	Alley Ashton (resigned 21 Nov 23) Diluxshy Elangaratnam (appt 7 Nov 23) Claire Farquhar (appt 12 Sept 23) Peter Graham David Grimshaw Chris Lewis Chrystalla Spire (appt 7 Nov 23)

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company its Trustees and Advisers for the period ended 31 December 2023

Board of directors/trustees as at 31 December 2023

Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Dr D Elangaratnam
Mrs C Farquhar
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw
Dr M O'Neill
Ms C Spire
Mrs PA Williams JP, DL

Company registered number

7955132

Charity registered number

1146438

Registered office

2a Spicer Street
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Herts AL3 4PQ

Company secretary

Mr AP Copley

Independent examiner

Mr R McClure
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Report of the Directors

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report of the Directors for the period ended 31 December 2023

The Board of Directors (members of which are also Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission) present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing body and the current provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 20 February 2012, the company (number 7955132) is a private company limited by guarantee, does not have a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is also a charity (number 1146438).

The directors, who were also trustees throughout the financial period, unless stated otherwise, were:

Mr A Ashton (resigned 21 Nov 2023)
Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Dr D Elangaratnam (appointed 7 Nov 2023)
Mrs C Farquhar (appointed 12 Sept 2023)
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw
Mr C Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Ms C Spire (appointed 7 Nov 2023)
Mrs PA Williams

Mr Peter Graham, Dr Melanie O'Neill and Mrs Penny Williams were due to retire, or retire by rotation and, being willing to offer themselves for re-election, were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 19th September 2023 and the election on 12th September 2023 of Mrs Claire Farquhar as a director and trustee was also confirmed at that meeting. Dr Melanie O'Neill continues to act as Chairman.

b. Method of appointment or election of board of directors

Potential members of the board/trustees are identified by their profession and experience and consideration is given to how these attributes may complement those of the existing trustees to provide a broad skill base to meet the challenges and responsibilities of the Company. Prospective members are invited to attend meetings so that they may gain an insight into the operation of the Company and an understanding of the responsibilities to be undertaken and the commitment required.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of board members

Beyond basic induction procedures no formal training is usually provided as this should not be necessary due to the background and experience of the prospective members.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The board/trustees are responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Company. It has a minimum of five meetings annually and full minutes are circulated to all directors/trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The minutes are made available to the independent examiner.

The day-to-day management of the Centre is described in earlier sections of this report.

e. Risk management

The directors/trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

POLICIES AND OBJECTS

The objects of the charitable company are contained in the company's articles of association and are the relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reasons of adverse circumstances, ill health or who are suffering or have suffered a legal restriction on their liberty in any penal or corrective establishment are in need of help in acquiring a settled way of life and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

An overview and review of the 2023 year is contained in earlier sections of this report.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Statements (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Provision of information to Independent Examiner

Each Director has confirmed that:

So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant financial information, of which the company's independent examiner is unaware: and

The Directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Board in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing his report and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr Richard McClure indicated his willingness to continue to examine the company's financial statements and the Directors will propose a motion to reappoint him at the next Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Directors on 2nd September 2024 and signed on their behalf by Mr AP Copley, Director.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report to the trustees/directors of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited (company number 7955132 and charity number 1146438) on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 as set out on pages 16 to 20.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed

Richard McClure
Chartered Accountant
Unit 82739
PO Box 6945
London
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Date 2nd September 2024

Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note*	2023 £	2022 £
INCOMING RESOURCES (UNRESTRICTED)			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	30,133	25,926
Investment income	3	237	107
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (UNRESTRICTED)	4	<u>30,370</u>	<u>26,033</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (RESTRICTED)		0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>30,370</u>	<u>26,033</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	5	33,284	29,451
Governance costs	6	299	299
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>33,583</u>	<u>29,750</u>
NET (DEFICIT)/SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(3,213)	(3,717)
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		54,165	57,882
TOTAL UNRESTRUCTURED FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023		<u><u>50,952</u></u>	<u><u>54,165</u></u>

* The Notes on pages 18 – 20 form part of these financial statements.

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepaid expenses		0	0
Short term deposits		15,000	0
Cash at bank and in hand		38,743	56,765
CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL		<u>53,743</u>	<u>56,765</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals and deferred income		(2,791)	(2,600)
NET ASSETS		<u>50,952</u>	<u>54,165</u>
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Funds brought forward		54,165	57,882
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		(3,213)	(3,717)
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>50,952</u>	<u>54,165</u>

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime (Note 1, page 18)

Approved by the board of directors on
2nd September 2024 and signed on their behalf by

Mr AP Copley, Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.6. Non-monetary donations

Non-monetary donations are included in both income and expenditure if it is possible to measure the cost of the goods or service provided reliably. It is not possible to quantify the provision of time given by both trustees and volunteers and this is therefore not included in income and expenditure - but is described in note 7. It is also not possible to quantify the provision of Centre 33's premises at Spicer Street or the temporary use of the Salvation Army Citadel, both of which are described in note 7.

1.7. Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the cost over its estimated useful life as follows: Equipment: 5 years. Fixed assets with a value under £1,000 are written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Grants	5,500	5,250
Donations	21,932	20,676
Fund raising	2,701	0
	<u>30,133</u>	<u>25,926</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>237</u>	<u>107</u>

4. UNRESTRICTED INCOME

A grant of £5,000 was received from St Albans District Council for the provision of hot meals and other support to local people in need. A grant of £500 was received from Herts County Warm Spaces Fund towards the cost of provision of a warm and welcoming place to eat between January and March 2023. Both grants are aligned with the sole purpose of Centre 33.

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2023	2022
	£	£
Volunteer management and support	319	12
Food and other household costs	23,937	22,191
Repairs and maintenance	2,527	2,352
Heat, light and utilities	1,733	1,244
General administration	2,368	1,652
Clothing and Sleeping Bags	400	0
Special Outgoings	2,000	2,000
	<u>33,284</u>	<u>29,451</u>

Note: Special Outgoings

Centre 33 began operating a takeaway meal service from the Salvation Army Citadel in St Albans after the Covid lockdown when it became impractical to use the Spicer St premises. The practice has continued throughout 2023 as evening visitor numbers have risen and a new demographic of volunteers has been recruited, some of whom would find the access issues at Spicer St challenging.

Two payments each of £1000 were made to the Salvation Army towards the cost of gas and electricity for cooking and serving the meals. £1,000 of this donation was accrued from 2022.

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

a) Governance costs include the specific costs directly involved with the constitutional issues of the company as opposed to generating voluntary income, fund raising or undertaking charitable work to meet its objects.

b) Trustees are not remunerated but are entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred in the furtherance of their duties. No expenses were paid to trustees in the year (2022: nil).

- c) The trustees incur expenditure on behalf of the charity and this expenditure is reimbursed to them. The amount to be reimbursed for 2023 was £25,819 (2022: £23,174). 7 (2022: 5) trustees were reimbursed for expenditure incurred.
- d) No charge was incurred for the independent examination of the accounts (2022: nil).

7. DONATIONS IN KIND

Rent: The premises occupied by Centre 33, 2A Spicer St, St Albans AL3 4PQ are owned by St Albans District Council. They are leased to Centre 33 rent free. The Salvation Army offered the use of its premises, at the Citadel, 16-18 Victoria Street, St Albans AL1 3JB rent free throughout 2022 for provision of the evening takeaway meal service.

Voluntary work: Centre 33 is operated entirely by volunteers, of which there are approximately 100 listed on Centre 33's database. During the year, rota volunteers donated 3,010 hours of their time. Centre 33's 10 trustees donated time to running the charity: it is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of this time during the year.

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LTD.

England & Wales - Charity number 1146438

Accounts

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company its Trustees and Advisers for the period ended 31 December 2022

Board of directors/trustees as at 31 December 2022

Mr A Ashton
Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw
Mr CFT Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Mr C Simmons (resigned 31 July 2022)
Mrs PA Williams JP, DL

Company registered number

7955132

Charity registered number

1146438

Registered office

2a Spicer Street
St Albans
Herts AL3 4PQ

Company secretary

Mr AP Copley

Independent examiner

Mr R McClure
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Report of the Directors

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report of the Directors for the period ended 31 December 2022

The Board of Directors (members of which are also Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission) present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing body and the current provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 20 February 2012, the company (number 7955132) is a private company limited by guarantee, does not have a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is also a charity (number 1146438).

The directors, who were also trustees throughout the financial period, unless stated otherwise, were:

Mr A Ashton
Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw
Mr CFT Lewis
Dr M O'Neill
Mr C Simmons (resigned 31 July 2022)
Mrs PA Williams

Mr Bob Barrett and Mr Andrew Copley were due to retire, or retire by rotation and, being willing to offer themselves for re-election, were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 21st June 2022. Dr Melanie O'Neill agreed to be Chairman following the resignation of Mr Colin Simmons.

b. Method of appointment or election of board of directors

Potential members of the board/trustees are identified by their profession and experience and consideration is given to how these attributes may complement those of the existing trustees to provide a broad skill base to meet the challenges and responsibilities of the Company. Prospective members are invited to attend meetings so that they may gain an insight into the operation of the Company and an understanding of the responsibilities to be undertaken and the commitment required.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of board members

Beyond basic induction procedures no formal training is usually provided as this should not be necessary due to the background and experience of the prospective members.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The board/trustees are responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Company. It has a minimum of five meetings annually and full minutes are circulated to all directors/trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The minutes are made available to the independent examiner.

The day-to-day management of the Centre is organised by the Trustees, and carried out by the Trustees and the volunteers.

e. Risk management

The directors/trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

POLICIES AND OBJECTS

The objects of the charitable company are contained in the company's articles of association and are the relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reasons of adverse circumstances, ill health or who are suffering or have suffered a legal restriction on their liberty in any penal or corrective establishment are in need of help in acquiring a settled way of life and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

The Company continues its services to those in need in St Albans through the provision of hot food and hot drinks. The Company is grateful to the Salvation Army in St Albans for the use of its premises in Victoria Street to provide its services in the evenings. The Company continues to purchase its food and supplies, finding that this is both easier to manage operationally, but also enables the Company to provide a more varied and balanced diet to those who use its services. As shown in the financial statements accompanying this report, this has resulted in a year on year increased spending. The deficit for the year is not of concern to the directors for the next few years, given the reserves available, but the directors are looking to at least match income with expenditure in the next few years.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Statements (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Provision of information to Independent Examiner

Each Director has confirmed that:

So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant financial information, of which the company's independent examiner is unaware: and

The Directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Board in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing his report and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Mr Richard McClure indicated his willingness to continue to examine the company's financial statements and the Directors will propose a motion to reappoint him at the next Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Directors on 19th September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Mr AP Copley, Director.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report to the trustees/directors of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited (company number 7955132 and charity number 1146438) on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 as set out on the following pages 6 to 11.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed

Richard McClure
Chartered Accountant
Unit 82739
PO Box 6945
London
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CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note *	2022 £	2021 £
INCOMING RESOURCES (UNRESTRICTED)			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	25,926	20,010
Investment income	3	107	34
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (UNRESTRICTED)	4	26,033	20,044
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (RESTRICTED)		0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		26,033	20,044
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	5	29,451	16,571
Governance costs	6	299	299
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		29,750	16,870
NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		(3,717)	3,174
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		57,882	54,708
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER		54,165	57,882

* The notes on pages 8-11 form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Note	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepaid expenses		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		56,765	58,382
CURRENT ASSETS TOTAL		<u>56,765</u>	<u>58,382</u>
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals and deferred income		(2,600)	(500)
NET ASSETS		<u>54,165</u>	<u>57,882</u>
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED UNRESTRICTED FUNDS			
Funds brought forward		57,882	54,708
Surplus /(Deficit) for the year		(3,717)	3,174
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>54,165</u>	<u>57,882</u>

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime (Note 1 page 8).

Approved by the board of directors on 19 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by

Mr AP Copley, Director

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4 Resources Expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.5 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

1.6 Non-monetary donations

Non-monetary donations are included in both income and expenditure if it is possible to measure the cost of the goods or service provided reliably. It is not possible to quantify the provision of time given by both trustees and volunteers and this is therefore not included in income and expenditure - but is described in note 7. It is also not possible to quantify the provision of Centre 33's premises at Spicer Street or the temporary use of the Salvation Army Citadel, both of which are described in note 7.

1.7 Tangible Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis to write off the cost over its estimated useful life as follows: Equipment: 5 years. Fixed assets with a value under £1,000 are written off as expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Grants	5,250	500
Donations	20,676	19,357
Fund raising	0	153
	<u>25,926</u>	<u>20,010</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank interest	<u>107</u>	<u>34</u>

4. UNRESTRICTED INCOME

A grant of £5,000 was received from Hertfordshire Community Foundation for the provision of hot meals and other support to local people in need. A grant of £2,600 was received from St Albans City and District Council Household Support Fund for the provision of meal vouchers to visitors between January and March 2022. Both grants are aligned with the sole purpose of Centre 33.

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Volunteer management and support	12	116
Volunteer coordinator ex gratia payment	0	0
Food and other household costs	22,191	10,495
Repairs and maintenance	2,352	565
Heat, light and utilities	1,244	1,278
Personal Computer	0	0
General administration	1,652	1,032
Clothing and sleeping bags	0	586
Special outgoings	2,000	2,499
	<u>29,451</u>	<u>16,571</u>

Special outgoings

Centre 33's premises, 2A Spicer St, closed in March 2020, when national restrictions on movement were imposed to control Covid-19 infections. Centre 33's trustees worked with other local charities to ensure food was available to homeless people. A donation of £1,000 was made to the Vineyard foodbank in 2021. £498.97 was donated to Hightown in 2021 to cover the cost of mobile phones and vouchers to assist communication with residents confined to their rooms in the Open Door shelter in St Albans. In April 2021, Centre 33 began operating a takeaway meal service from the Salvation Army Citadel in St Albans. A donation of £1,000 was made to the Salvation Army in 2021 towards the cost of gas and electricity for cooking and serving the meals. In 2022, donations totalling £2,000 were approved to be paid to the Salvation Army to cover the costs of gas and electricity used in cooking and serving meals, £1,000 of this donation was accrued at 31 December 2022.

6. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

a) Governance costs include the specific costs directly involved with the constitutional issues of the company as opposed to generating voluntary income, fund raising or undertaking charitable work to meet its objects.

b) Trustees are not remunerated but are entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred in the furtherance of their duties. No expenses were paid to trustees in the year (2021:nil).

c) The trustees incur expenditure on behalf of the charity and this expenditure is reimbursed to them. The amount to be reimbursed for 2022 was £23,174 (2021: £11,989). 5 (2021: 7) trustees were reimbursed for expenditure incurred.

d) No charge was incurred for the independent examination of the accounts (2021: nil).

7. DONATIONS IN KIND

Rent: The premises occupied by Centre 33, 2A Spicer St, St Albans AL3 4PQ are owned by St Albans District Council. They are leased to Centre 33 rent free. The Salvation Army offered the use of its premises, at the Citadel, 16-18 Victoria Street, St Albans AL1 3JB rent free throughout 2022 for provision of the takeaway meal service.

Voluntary work: Centre 33 is operated entirely by volunteers, of which there are approx 100 listed as active on Centre 33's database. During the year, rota volunteers donated 1,820 hours (2021: 1,110 hrs) of their time. Centre 33's 10 trustees donated time to running the charity: it is not possible to provide an accurate estimate of this time during the year.

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LTD.

England & Wales - Charity number 1146438

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Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

Annual Report and Financial Statements

Year Ended 31 December 2020



Centre 33 is the trading name of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited, registered in England as a company limited by guarantee (No 7955132) and as a charity (No 1146438).

Registered office: Centre 33, 2a Spicer Street, St Albans, Herts, AL3 4PQ.

Patron: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of St Albans City and District

www.centre33.org

Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited

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Annual Report and Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2020

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Chairman's Note

When looking back to the Chairman's Note I wrote in May 2020 for our 2019 report, we had been in lockdown for a couple of months and although we had closed Spicer Street we were working with other agencies to continue to provide food to the homeless and disadvantaged of St Albans. Little did I, or indeed most of us, imagine that we would still be in some form lockdown a year later.

The good news is that we re-commenced our takeaway service from the Salvation Army Citadel in Victoria Street which we had to suspend again when the country entered the tier 4 and the latest lockdown. We are hopeful we can develop a plan to provide an eat-in service there for when it is safe to do so.

Meanwhile we continue to search for a permanent home, having reached the conclusion that Spicer Street is just too small for our needs and ambitions.

I would like to thank my fellow trustees, our volunteers and the other agencies, charities, faith organisations, members of the public and businesses who have supported us throughout 2020.

Colin Simmons
Chairman
21st September 2021

Significant Organisational Developments

The effect of Covid-19 and the consequent restrictions have had a significant impact on Centre 33. We closed Spicer Street at the start of the first lockdown because we were unable to maintain social distancing in such a small space. We have been unable to return since and we are concerned as to when we may be able to return.

Centre 33 has continued to supply takeaway meals in conjunction with other charities whenever possible over the past year. When it has not been possible food vouchers have been provided or we have arranged for other organisations to provide and distribute food.

The takeaway service has resumed at temporary premises whilst we search for a new more suitable permanent home.

During the year the trustees have continued to meet by video conference. Jane Roberts joined us as a trustee during the year, and Chris Lewis joined us to manage our communications.

During 2020 it became increasingly apparent that as the lockdown continued there would be no further role for Susan Devi, our Volunteer Co-ordinator, until circumstances returned to normal and the trustees came to the hard decision that the charity could no longer justify continuing to engage her services. It was therefore with sadness that in September 2020 Susan's work came to an end. The trustees decided that given Susan's dedication to the role over many years that it would be right to show the Centre's grateful thanks through an ex-gratia payment of £500 and we wish her well.

Charitable Objectives

The Constitution of Centre 33 says that the Object of Centre 33 shall be ...

"The relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reason of adverse circumstances, ... and in particular by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship."

Centre 33 pursues this Object through the operation of the drop-in centre at 2a Spicer Street.

Public Benefit

The Charity Commission requires that charities report on the public benefit of their activities. We believe that the public benefit from operating the drop-in centre is largely self-evident; it helps very vulnerable people, giving them practical support and encouragement; and because it is very dependent on donations from churches, businesses and others, it demonstrates to them that many in St Albans care about their welfare.

What is Centre 33?

Centre 33 is a charity. Its objective is to provide practical support for people who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or otherwise socially or materially disadvantaged in the St Albans area. It does this primarily through the Centre 33 drop-in centre. The details below are those which apply to Centre 33, but which have, in part, been suspended during the year 2020 as a result of Covid-19 and the lockdowns and restrictions which the country has faced. The trustees feel it would be incorrect to amend them to reflect what the charity has actually done throughout 2020 as they still reflect its aims and in part, what it has achieved during the year. This section should be read with this caveat.

What does Centre 33 offer?

- a welcoming place to meet,
- hot food and drinks,
- toiletries and shower facilities
- some clothing and sleeping bag
- sign-posting other services which they may be able to access for further help.

When is Centre 33 open?

- Every weekday morning
- Monday to Thursday evening
- Saturday lunchtime
- Early Sunday evening

Volunteering at Centre 33

- Run entirely by volunteers
- 3 volunteers needed for each session
- Overall over 150 volunteers registered with Centre 33 although some volunteer more frequently than others
- Other volunteers look after laundry, supplies, providing clothing etc

Our Visitors

Anyone and everyone who comes to Centre 33 is welcome

- Visitors (as we call those who use the centre) do not have to justify using the centre.
- We only ask for a name when they sign in on arrival at the Centre. We do not collect information on their circumstances.
- Through our volunteer discussions with visitors and through our cooperation with other agencies, we have however built up a picture of those using the Centre.

Centre 33 Visitors

- We estimate that maybe as many as 250 individuals come to Centre 33 each year, but in 2020, this number has been significantly reduced as a result of the lockdowns and the local Council finding temporary accommodation for the homeless during the lockdowns.
- A significant proportion are rough sleepers. Numbers vary but often there are in excess of 12 individuals rough sleeping in St Albans on any one day.
- Some may be sofa-surfing or living in insecure accommodation.
- Some have been rough sleepers but now have accommodation. They come to Centre 33 because they know they will be welcome there.

Support for Visitors

Centre 33 volunteers are not equipped to provide professional advice to visitors. However, we encourage them to seek such advice from the Street Outreach Worker for the Homeless or others. In particular:

- We provide training for volunteers on working with homeless people and on the problems they face, and give guidance on signposting them to sources of help.
- Some visitors have mental health issues. Others have drug or alcohol problems. When aware of these issues, we liaise with the Outreach Worker who works closely with agencies providing support and help.
- Some of our visitors are new to St Albans or to sleeping rough. They may not know how to access support services. We encourage them to go to the Open Door Drop-in Sessions, held each weekday afternoon, where they will get practical advice about benefits, finding accommodation, including access to the Night Shelter and about other services.

Our Local Community

Our Supporters

Centre 33 could not operate without the generous support – financial, other donations (clothes, food etc) and moral – of our local community. The list below is not comprehensive, but we hope it is illustrative of the wide support we receive, much of it continuing through the Covid pandemic. We are very grateful to:

- The many local churches, schools, orchestras, bands, local businesses, and other organisations and individuals who support and make financial contributions to Centre 33, some on a regular basis.
- St Albans Council who contribute grants and provide us with our premises, and Hertfordshire County Council and local councillors who also provide grants.
- Everyone who took part in or supported the virtual St Albans Sleep Out for the Homeless, held in November via Zoom.
- The St Albans Round Table who kindly invite us to staff one evening's collection on the Santa's Sleigh Float in December.
- St Albans Choral Society who fundraise for us at their annual Christmas Concert.
- The Salvation Army who have given Centre 33 the use of the Citadel in Victoria Street to provide an evening hot meal takeaway service.
- Emmaus, who provided us with cooked meals on two evenings a week before lockdown.
- The Thai Rack Restaurant and the Cancer Research Shop who hold keys for us.
- St Alban and St Stephen Church for the use of their premises for trustee meetings and for training sessions.
- The Safer Streets Outreach Worker

Local Collaboration and Cooperation

Centre 33 works closely with others in St Albans who help the homeless. Our activity includes

- Membership of the Homeless Forum, a Council led body which helps frame the St Albans Homeless Strategy, which monitors progress in achieving the Strategy aims
- Membership of the Rough Sleeper Steering Group, a subgroup of the Homeless Forum
- Membership of the STAMP multi-agency agreement to help rough sleepers and others accessing homeless services. This enables us to keep in contact with Open Door, Kent House, Martin House, the SADC Community Safety Unit and others about those of our visitors who give cause for concern. The aim of the multi-agency group is to ensure that those with complicated needs get the support they need, though at times such individuals may be reluctant to engage.
- Working with St Albans District Council, Open Door, Hightown, and other local organisations to ensure that rough sleepers were found accommodation and had access to meals during the national lockdown.
- Membership of Homeless Link, a national charity for organisations working directly with people who become homeless in England.

2020 in Summary

Demand for our Services, Support from Volunteers

During 2020, the Centre was closed from March, opening again for a brief period only at the end of the year from the Salvation Army Citadel building to provide a takaway service before closing again. This has meant that, whilst the need for the service the Centre provides continues, the usual details for the number of sessions open and meals served etc are so different compared to a normal year that the trustees feel that it is unhelpful to state them here as they cannot be usefully be used as a comparison.

However, we continue to have around 250 volunteers registered on our system. We know that personal circumstances may have changed for some during the pandemic but we know that a significant number are ready to return to volunteering when we start indoor services again. And we are very grateful to the 50+ group of volunteers (both existing and new) who have helped with our take-away meal service from the Salvation Army Citadel since it opened – briefly in Dec 2020 (and then again in April 2021).

Finance Overview

The Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 are attached to this report. Despite the lockdowns, we have continued to receive donations (although at a reduced level compared to 2019) and these have gone towards the daily running costs of the Centre and, during the period the Centre has been opened, the cost of food. We are immensely grateful for all the donations and grants received especially during such a difficult year.

The financial statements show that Centre 33 started 2020 with a good level of reserves and finished the year having increased the reserves by a little over £9,000. The Trustees remain confident that, despite the Centre closing for the period of the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020, Centre 33 will remain in a healthy financial position during 2021.

Centre 33 benefits from generous support from a variety of local organisations and a large number of individuals and we are extremely grateful for all their support.

The Trustees

The Trustees during 2020 are shown below.

Trustees 2020

Chairman	Colin Simmons
Vice Chairman	Bob Barrett
Secretary	Andrew Copley
Treasurer	Melanie O'Neill
Minutes Secretary	Penny Williams
Other Trustees	Alley Ashton Peter Graham David Grimshaw Jane Roberts

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Reference and Administrative Details of the Company its Trustees and Advisers for the period ended 31 December 2020

Board of directors/trustees as at 31 December 2020

Mr A Ashton
Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw
Dr M O'Neill
Mrs J Roberts
Mr C Simmons
Mrs PA Williams JP, DL

Company registered number

7955132

Charity registered number

1146438

Registered office

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St Albans
Herts AL3 4PQ

Company secretary

Mr AP Copley

Independent examiner

Mr R McClure
Chartered Accountant
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Bankers

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Report of the Directors

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report of the Directors for the period ended 31 December 2020

The Board of Directors (members of which are also Trustees for the purposes of the Charity Commission) present their annual report for the year ended 31 December 2020. The Directors confirm that the annual report and financial statements of the company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing body and the current provisions of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

a. Constitution

Incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 on 20 February 2012, the company (number 7955132) is a private company limited by guarantee, does not have a share capital and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The company is also a charity (number 1146438).

The directors, who were also trustees throughout the financial period, unless stated otherwise, were:

Mr A Ashton
Mr RE Barrett
Mr AP Copley
Mr P Graham
Mr DM Grimshaw
Dr M O'Neill
Mrs J Roberts
Mr C Simmons
Mrs PA Williams

Mr Peter Graham, Dr Melanie O'Neill and Mrs Penny Williams were due to retire, or retire by rotation and, being willing to offer themselves for re-election, were re-elected at the Annual General Meeting held on 14 July 2020 and Mrs Jane Roberts was elected as a director and trustee. Mr Colin Simmons agreed to be Chairman.

b. Method of appointment or election of board of directors

Potential members of the board/trustees are identified by their profession and experience and consideration is given to how these attributes may complement those of the existing trustees to provide a broad skill base to meet the challenges and responsibilities of the Company. Prospective members are invited to attend meetings so that they may gain an insight into the operation of the Company and an understanding of the responsibilities to be undertaken and the commitment required.

c. Policies adopted for the induction and training of board members

Beyond basic induction procedures no formal training is usually provided as this should not be necessary due to the background and experience of the prospective members.

d. Organisational structure and decision making

The board/trustees are responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Company. It has a minimum of five meetings annually and full minutes are circulated to all directors/trustees, all of whom are volunteers. The minutes are made available to the independent examiner.

The day-to-day management of the Centre is described in earlier sections of this report.

e. Risk management

The directors/trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charitable company is exposed and are satisfied that the systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those risks.

POLICIES AND OBJECTS

The objects of the charitable company are contained in the company's articles of association and are the relief of persons in need who are homeless or suffering from psychological or physical infirmity or who by reasons of adverse circumstances, ill health or who are suffering or have suffered a legal restriction on their liberty in any penal or corrective establishment are in need of help in acquiring a settled way of life and in particular but without limiting the generality of the foregoing by the provision for such persons of a shelter (or a home of rest) and the comfort of friendship.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

a. Going concern

After making appropriate enquiries, the directors/trustees have a reasonable expectation that the company has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason they adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Review of activities

An overview and review of the 2020 year is contained in earlier sections of this report.

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Directors' Responsibilities Statement

The Directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Statements (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Directors are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and

Prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Provision of information to Independent Examiner

Each Director has confirmed that:

So far as that Director is aware, there is no relevant financial information, of which the company's independent examiner is unaware: and

The Directors have taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Board in order to be aware of any information needed by the company's independent examiner in connection with preparing his report and to establish that the company's independent examiner is aware of that information.

Independent Examiner

Following the sad passing of John Thomson due to Covid-19, Mr Richard McClure, was appointed by unanimous approval of the directors and members as Independent Examiner on 26th January 2021. He has indicated his willingness to continue to examine the company's financial statements and the Directors will propose a motion to reappoint him at the next Annual General Meeting.

This report was approved by the Directors on 21st September 2021 and signed on their behalf by Mr AP Copley, Director.

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

Report to the trustees/directors of Centre 33 (St Albans) Limited (company number 7955132 and charity number 1146438) on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020 as set out on pages 15 to 18.

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act).

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 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; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS102).

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.

Signed

Richard McClure
Chartered Accountant
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Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note*	2020 £	2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES			
Incoming resources from generated funds			
Voluntary income	2	28,175	52,957
Investment income	3	101	118
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (UNRESTRICTED)		<u>28,276</u>	<u>53,075</u>
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES (RESTRICTED)		0	0
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES		<u>28,276</u>	<u>53,075</u>
RESOURCES EXPENDED			
Charitable activities	4	18,803	35,148
Governance costs	5	0	0
Amounts written off	6	50	0
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		<u>18,853</u>	<u>35,148</u>
NET SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		9,423	17,927
TOTAL FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD		45,285	27,358
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020		<u><u>54,708</u></u>	<u><u>45,285</u></u>

* The Notes on pages 17 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors and prepaid expenses		0	0
Cash at bank and in hand		58,051	45,285
		58,051	45,285
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year			
Accruals and deferred income		(3,343)	0
NET ASSETS		54,708	45,285
Represented by:			
ACCUMULATED FUNDS			
Funds brought forward		45,285	27,358
Surplus for the period		9,423	17,927
TOTAL FUNDS		54,708	45,285

The company's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime (Note 1, page 18)

Approved by the board of directors on
21st September 2021 and signed on their behalf by

Mr AP Copley, Director

Notes to the Financial Statements

CENTRE 33 (ST ALBANS) LIMITED (A company limited by guarantee)

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1.1. Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historic cost convention and in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.4. Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities.

1.5. Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the company and which have not been designated for other purposes. Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the company for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

2. VOLUNTARY INCOME	2020	2019
	£	£
Grants	3,250	4,750
Donations	19,659	46,104
Fund raising	5,266	2,103
	<u>28,175</u>	<u>52,957</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME	2020	2019
	£	£
Bank interest	<u>101</u>	<u>118</u>

4. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	2020	2019
	£	£
Volunteer management and support	6,420	9,295
Volunteer ex gratia payment	500	0
Food and other household costs	5,538	4,367
Dishwasher	0	4,270
Repairs and maintenance	2,812	9,642
Heat, light and utilities	1,803	2,830
Personal Computer	360	0
General administration	1,370	3,345
Clothing and Sleeping Bags	0	1,399
	<u>18,803</u>	<u>35,148</u>

5. RESOURCES EXPENDED ON GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES

- a) Governance costs include the specific costs directly involved with the constitutional issues of the company as opposed to generating voluntary income, fund raising or undertaking charitable work to meet its objects. There were no such costs in the year (2019: nil).
- b) Trustees are not remunerated but are entitled to reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred in the furtherance of their duties. No expenses were paid to trustees in the year (2019: nil).
- c) The trustees incur expenditure on behalf of the charity and this expenditure is reimbursed to them. The amount to be reimbursed for 2020 was £5,931 (2019: £5,327). Five (2019: Six) trustees were reimbursed for expenditure incurred.
- d) No charge was incurred for the independent examination of the accounts (2019: nil).

6. AMOUNTS WRITTEN OFF

The volunteer coordinator emergency float of £50 was written off in October 2020 when the service was terminated.