

**Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 November 2024
for
Around Again**

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for the Year Ended 30 November 2024

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Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 30 November 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 November 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2015).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To relieve need, hardship or distress by the provision of food, clothing, toys, books, furniture and other household accessories to those in need, particularly to those in the area of North Solihull and surrounding areas.

To advance education, training or retraining, particularly among unemployed people, and providing unemployed people with work experience in the area of North Solihull and surrounding areas.

To advance any charitable purpose for the benefit of the public in the area of North Solihull and surrounding areas.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Following the opening of the Social Supermarket in April 2019, a formalised referral system was launched and accessed by multi-agency services in Solihull. This included Social Care, CAB, Solihull Community Housing, Health Services and Schools.

Partnership with Colebridge Trust has continued to develop, with people accessing the Social Supermarket being regularly supported to engage in opportunities offered by Colebridge Trust to help improve their health, wellbeing and personal independent sustainability. This has led to an enhanced offer around providing energy efficiency information to help people to reduce their utility bills.

Around Again has continued to work with other local charities such as The Lions, Rotary Club and it continues to facilitate the Solihull Food Bank Network, which is aimed at working collaboratively with other emergency food providers to ensure that food is reaching the most vulnerable members of the community.

Around Again continues to be managed by volunteers with support from Colebridge Trust, which has allowed for funding to be directed to purchasing more food during the ongoing cost of living crisis. Volunteers undertake a range of activities including packing food parcels, managing stock rotation and ensuring that food is safely stored in line with food hygiene standards. We continue to benefit from regular volunteer shoppers who donate essential items. As such, Around Again continues to operate as a mixed food bank and social supermarket model, providing good quality, nutritious and larger food parcels for those experiencing food poverty. We have moved towards providing key recipe items within our food parcels that will enable people to cook hearty, healthy meals. This is a continuation of our slow cooker project, educating people around meal preparation, cooking and storage to reduce food waste and eat more healthily. We encourage donors to supply items from a list to enable us to provide consistency to the food parcels that people support. We have also begun to receive more toiletries and household cleaning items and are working with a local CIC to collect cans, which they recycle for a cash payment, which they then use to buy items for Around Again.

We continue to grow vegetables in our community garden and have been working with a social group at Colebridge Trust to establish a regular gardening group in order to develop this initiative and have been working with local schools to provide volunteer opportunities to children with additional needs. They support with stock checking and rotation and they have requested to attend in the future. The children work more widely with the school to collect donations which they deliver at the end of their placement.

We have established a pantry at our Family Hub in the Kingshurst Area of North Solihull, where surplus supplies are distributed to families accessing wider support. This has contributed to a reduction in food waste and enabled us to provide food support to those who would not usually ask for support.

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FUTURE PLANS/COST OF LIVING

Due to the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020 and subsequent cost of living crisis, we were unable to fully develop the plans outlined in our previous report (Dec 2018 – November 2019) but as we move out of the pandemic and cost of living crisis, we are moving towards our initial objectives and widening our support. We donate any clothes and bric a brac items to a social group at Colebridge Trust. People make a small donation and this enables the group to continue. It is attended by participants to Around Again, so provides opportunities to socialise.

The referral system which enabled people to access food supplies at a small cost for three visits is still suspended, as we are in receipt of Household Support funding to subsidise the cost of any charge for food and essential supply packages remains but we have continued to develop our direct support employment, budgeting and wellbeing support.

During this year the number of families supported through food and essential supplies has reached 984 with people being able to self-refer to overcome some of the barrier to accessing support that some families are facing, for example where they do not feel comfortable disclosing personal finances to support agencies such as their landlord or housing provider.

We have been providing budget planners so that people can take steps to address their financial situation, along with money advice referrals. This has led to a drop in referrals as people have started to budget differently and have accessed support to maximize their income. Families have access to Holiday Activity Fund support which means we have seen a decrease in households with children accessing support during the school holidays, as children are provided with a hot meal at these sessions.

The Charity will revert to the future plans set out in the previous report when demand on the service improves. It is envisaged that we will be working to revert back to the Social Supermarket model during 2024/2025 but in the meantime, we will continue to:

- * Develop further collaborative working with similar charities and organisations e.g. Local Authority / Parish Councils.
- * Provide holistic support for participants, with a view to accessing more energy advice and money advice from regulated organisations.

The approach taken by the charity to recruit and appoint new charity trustees is:

- * The Trustees may at any time co-opt a member who is qualified to be appointed as a Co-opted Trustee and will then take office.
- * Each Trustee, including those co-opted in the preceding year, will step down and be available for election and re-appointment as a Trustee at each AGM. Any member may be proposed for election and appointment as a Trustee at each AGM.

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The charity has maintained its level of grants and donations this year, enabling it to continue its activities and provide wider support across the borough. Income exceeded expenditure by £5,134 and reserves stood at £77,383.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have adopted a reserves policy of maintaining at least 3 and 6 months running costs within general unrestricted reserves. Based on the running costs for the financial year being reported reserves are expected to cover over 6 months running costs.

Going concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Around Again is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which was incorporated on 6 November 2012. It is governed by its Constitution and by the provisions of the Charities Act. 2011. Our Charity registration number is 1149627.

Organisational structure

The administration of the Trust is effected by a Management Committee, which is appointed by the Trustees and meets regularly. This committee implements and monitors the matters of policy determined by the Trustees.

Key management remuneration

The board of directors, who are the charity's trustees comprise the key management personnel of the charity, in charge of directing, controlling, and operating the charity on a daily basis. No directors were remunerated for services provided to the charity for this reporting period.

Risk Management

The Trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. A review of the major risks has been carried out and no additional actions found necessary.

Data Protection

In response to the new European General Data Protection Regulation which came into effect in May 2018 and in keeping with most other organisations, all relevant policies and processes have been reviewed carefully to ensure compliance and all personal data records are managed accordingly. The Trustees maintain an ongoing review of these matters and take the issue of personal data protection very seriously. Anyone wishing to request a copy of their personal data, as held by the charity, may contact the Secretary to make a Subject Access Request.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1149627

Registered office

The Junction
100 Chapelhouse Road
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Trustees

Ms S Hewlett
Mr D Dunkley
Mrs D Begg
Mrs D Wilson
Mrs M Carless
Mrs L Harrison

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the report of the trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mrs D Wilson
Trustee (Chair)

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**Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Around Again
for the Year Ended 30 November 2024**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of for the Charity for the period ended 30 November 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the accounts do not accord with those records; or
2. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Hollie Jukes

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Hollie Jukes (CIMA Student)
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Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 30 November 2024
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)

		Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
	Notes				
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	3	3,869		3,869	10,435
Charitable activities	4		23,562	23,562	27,366
Total income		3,869	23,562	27,431	37,801
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	8	8,273	13,424	21,697	34,838
Total expenditure		8,273	13,424	21,697	34,838
Net movement in funds		(4,404)	10,138	5,734	2,963
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
	11				
Total funds brought forward		23,816	47,833	71,649	68,686
Transfer between funds		-	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		19,412	57,971	77,383	71,649

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised during the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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Balance Sheet
at 30 November 2024

	Notes	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
NON-CURRENT ASSETS					
Fixed Assets	9	9,080	-	9,080	12,313
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash at bank and in hand		10,332	57,971	68,303	59,936
Debtors- other debtors		-	-	-	-
		10,332	57,971	68,303	59,936
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	7	-	-	-	(600)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		10,332	57,971	68,303	59,336
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		19,412	57,971	77,383	71,649
NET ASSETS		19,412	57,971	77,383	71,649
FUNDS OF THE CHARITY					
Unrestricted funds	11	19,412	-	19,412	23,816
Restricted funds		-	57,971	57,971	47,833
		19,412	57,971	77,383	71,649

Approved by the Trustees on 10 November 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mrs D Wilson
Trustee (Chair)

Around Again**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 November 2024****1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES****Basis of preparation**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

For donations and grants to be recognised the charity will have been notified of the amounts and the settlement date in writing. If there are conditions attached to the donation or grant and this requires a level of performance before entitlement can be obtained then the income is deferred until those conditions are fully met or the fulfilment of those conditions is within the control of the charity and it is probable that they will be fulfilled.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs relating to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to a particular heading they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Expenditure is classified under the following activity headings:

Charitable activities - this comprises the direct costs of activities undertaken to further the purposes of the charity, including grants payable and all associated support costs.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event where it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic resources to settle the obligation and where creditors can be estimated or measured reliably.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Prior Year Adjustment

Unrestricted funds brought forward balance was increased by £2,682.87 to reflect 30 Nov 2023 bank closing position. Comparative 2023 statements were also adjusted to reflect this change.

Around Again**Notes to the Financial Statements
for the Year Ended 30 November 2024****2 TRUSTEES REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 November 2024, or at the year ended 30 November 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 November 2024 or the year ended 30 November 2023 with the exception of out of pocket expenses relating to activities undertaken by the charity.

3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Un- Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Donations	3,869	-	3,869	10,435

4 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Un- Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Grants	-	23,562	23,562	27,366
Membership Fees	-	-	-	-
	-	23,562	23,562	27,366

5 CONTROLLING INTEREST

The Charitable entity is controlled by its Trustees and governed by its Constitution.

6 STAFF COSTS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES

Around Again was able to benefit from one part time members of staff for the year ended 30 November 2024, the total cost of these posts was £3,754. Two members of staff were employed for the year ended 30 November 2023 for a total cost of £6,807.

The staff were employed by The Colebridge Trust Ltd, a charity supporting the activities of Around Again. The Trust provided additional management and administrative support at no charge to the charity.

7 CREDITORS

	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Accrued Expenditure	-	600

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8 TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Accountancy and audit		-	-	(240)
Premises and office costs	2,039	-	2,039	1,346
Depreciation	3,234	-	3,234	8,669
Staffing and associated costs	2,059	1,695	3,754	6,807
Insurance	897	-	897	910
Consultancy	-	-	-	-
Food and essential supplies	-	11,729	11,729	15,184
Travel and volunteer expenses	-	-	-	-
Vehicle running costs	45	-	45	2,162
Training				
	8,273	13,424	21,697	34,838

9 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Social Supermarket Container £	Vehicles £	Fixtures Fittings and Computer £	Total £
Cost				
At 25 November 2023	29,240	2,520	24,162	55,922
Additions	-	-	-	-
At 30 November 2024	29,240	2,520	24,162	55,922
Depreciation				
At 25 November 2023	17,544	2,520	23,545	43,609
Additions	2,924	-	310	3,234
At 30 November 2024	20,468	2,520	23,855	46,843
Net Book Value at 25 November 2023	11,696	-	617	12,313
Net Book Value at 30 November 2024	8,772	-	310	9,080

10 COMMITMENTS

There were no annual operating lease payments that the organisation was committed to paying for the year ended 25 November 2023 or the year ended 30 November 2024

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11 MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Balance at beginning of year £	Income £	Ex- penditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance at end of year £
Unrestricted Funds					
General fund	11,503	3,869	5,039	-	10,333
Designated fund	12,313	-	3,234	-	9,079
	23,816	3,869	8,273	-	19,412
Restricted Funds					
Awards for All	8,307	-	-	-	8,307
SMBC Food and Essentials	30,176	23,562	13,424	-	40,314
Restricted Donations	4,900	-	-	-	4,900
Heart of England	4,450	-	-	-	4,450
	47,833	23,562	13,424	-	57,971
TOTAL FUNDS	71,649	27,431	21,697	-	77,383

The General Fund represents unrestricted funds that can be utilised for charitable purposes as determined by the trustees.

The Designated fund represents restricted funds utilised for the purpose of capital expenditure, depreciation is charged against the designated fund for each asset purchased.

The SMBC Food and Essential Supplies grant represents funds from the Local Authority to support the social supermarket to respond to demand, through the purchase of essential supplies, slow cookers and the refurbishment costs of a second container to provide additional storage and a Covid secure space.

The restricted donations are donations received for food essential supplies during the year.

The National Lottery Award for All grant is to provide funding for the community garden, working with local people who have acute mental health needs.

The Heart of England grant is to provide funding for the community garden project.

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**12 COMPARITIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED
30 NOVEMBER 2023**

	Un- Restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022/23 Total Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	7,435	3,000	10,435
Charitable activities	1,416	25,950	27,366
TOTAL INCOME	8,851	28,950	37,801
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities	12,297	22,541	34,838
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	12,297	22,541	34,838
Net movement in funds	(3,446)	6,409	2,963
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	27,262	41,424	68,686
Transfer between funds	-	-	-
Total funds carried forward	23,816	47,833	71,649