

OLIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales · Charity number 1155574

Details

Other names	THE OLIVE PROJECT
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2014-01-30
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1.TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF EDGELEY,STOCKPORT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH,AGE,INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT,FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC ATLARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.2.THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED,BY REASON OF OLD AGE,ILL-HEALTH,DISABILITY,FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE IN EDGELEY,STOCKPORT,THROUGH SIGNPOSTING OR INTRODUCING THEM TO HEALTH,SOCIAL AND OTHER SERVICES,AND ASSISTING AND SUPPORTING THEM IN ACCESSING SUCH SERVICES,BOTH THROUGH TRADITIONAL MEANS AND VIA THE INTERNET.3.TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION IN EDGELEY,STOCKPORT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED,RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED'MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY,OR PARTS OF SOCIETY,AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:UNEMPLOYMENT;FINANCIAL HARDSHIP;YOUTH OR OLD AGE;ILL HEALTH(PHYSICAL OR MENTAL);SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS;DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX,RACE,DISABILITY,ETHNIC ORIGIN,RELIGION,BELIEF,CREED,SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER REASSIGNMENT;POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT;RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN;POOR HOUSING(THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS;CRIME(EITHERAS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY)4.TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN EDGELEY, STOCKPORT FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE.

Activities: We are a small charity focused on the needs of Edgeley, Stockport; particularly those who are isolated or excluded, through lack of money, skills, health or access to technology. We offer support through simple, practical means: simply listening, helping people access relevant services or develop basic skills, involving them socially and through volunteering, or offering emergency support.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£53,963	£57,115	-	-
2024-03-31	£45,423	£36,171	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,685	£35,033	-	-
2022-03-31	£26,552	£25,745	-	-
2021-03-31	£34,629	£19,713	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
CHRISTINE CHEETHAM	Chair	2023-04-24
Margaret Jones		2023-01-24
REBECCA ALLEN		2023-11-13
Rev Steve Hough		2014-10-01
Sarah Jane Booth		2014-03-02

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Accounts

Olive Community Project
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(For Charitable Incorporated Organisations)

**Trustees' Annual Report
and Financial Statements
for the Period
1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025**

November 2025

Charity Name: Olive Community Project

Charity number: 1155574

Charity's operating address: Olive Branch, 2c Castle Street, Edgeley, Stockport. SK3 9AB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed/Retired</i>
1. Mrs Christine Cheetham	Chair	
2. Rev Stephen Hough		Appointed Treasurer
3. Ms Sarah Booth		March 24
4. Rev Ken Livingstone	Treasurer	Retired March 24
5. Mrs Margaret Jones		
6. Miss Rebecca Allen		

Names and Addresses of Advisors (Delete rows that are not relevant)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address and Postcode</i>
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Bank The Cooperative Bank, PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, Lancs, WN8

Inspector of Accounts Mrs Jane Hollins 12 Withypool Drive, Stockport, SK2 6DT

Names of Senior Staff with Delegated Responsibilities *(Add extra rows as required)*

Name	Role
Mrs Jaine Curley	Project Manager
Mr Behnam Raifiei	Refugee and Asylum Seeker Manager

Description of the Charity's Trusts

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2. The relief of those in need, by reason of old age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, poor housing/living conditions, or other disadvantages in Edgeley, Stockport, through signposting or introducing them to health, social and other services, and assisting and supporting them in accessing such services, both through traditional means and via the Internet. A substantial amount of time is spent in assisting people with form filling, due to difficulty reading/writing, or due to digital exclusion.

3. To promote social inclusion in Edgeley, Stockport for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into the Olive community, and the wider society.

For the purpose of this clause, 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of gender, race, disability, ethnic origin, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender reassignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; young families; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet the basic habitable standards; homelessness, crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society)

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4. A monthly 'advice desk' is provided by the local council, attended by local housing associations, public health, digital inclusion organisations and representatives who help with benefits, debt, the cost of living and can help with gas/electricity. Thereby supporting the most vulnerable in society.

5. We work in conjunction with other statutory bodies and charities within Stockport, supporting the vulnerable clients that use the Olive Branch. We can signpost and are a referral agent to these organisations, providing wrap around support.

6. MIND run a weekly mental health self-health group.

7. We offer computers and free wi-fi for those needing online access for benefits, housing or employment support. We also make appointments for those lacking digital skill or have no access to a phone, and we help with form filling and letter writing.

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10. We offer our surplus food and clothes to other small charities who are supporting the marginalised in our community, women suffering abuse, those inadequately housed, local hostels and those who are struggling with addiction.

11. We support Occupational Therapy students, by having the Olive Branch being used as a placement. This year the students have introduced some Mindfulness sessions for our visitors.

12. While we operate our own small emergency foodbank, we are now also working in conjunction with Chelwood Foodbank Plus, a large food bank charity. They have a hub based next door to the Olive Branch, where they provide food, then send them to us to provide more wrap around support.

Support offered during the accounting period (number of people involved):

Daily drop-in 40+

Full-time paid staff 1

Part-time paid staff 1

Volunteer team 12

Activities -

Knit and Natter

Weekly craft group

Mental health self-help group

Advice Desk

Food bank/household equipment store in partnership with Chelwood Foodbank Plus

In partnership with the local council, have taken responsibility for the local planters/flowers

Warm lunches for any of our visitors, and sandwich provision for homeless visitors. Also

provide tents/sleeping bags

Gazebo Days to raise funds

Fundraising for the Olive branch by personal donations

Macmillan Fundraising

Behnam Raifiei has become part of the Olive Branch team, who provides homeless support

and assists asylum seekers

Sewing Group

Introduction of Mindfulness activities

Values

Olive Community Project is motivated by the inclusive Christian faith of those at its centre. For our inspiration we look in particular at the radical Jesus whose intense humanity enabled him to transcend the social boundaries of his day, and include into his world those who were otherwise excluded.

While some of our volunteers are similarly motivated, we do not exclude people from volunteering for reasons of faith, gender, sexuality, race or age, nor do we restrict our support on any basis.

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year

During the accounting period:

1. The Olive Branch, our shop window on the high street and point of contact with the local community, has held 'open days' in the form of Gazebo Days, inviting shoppers to come and see what we offer. In addition to this, we have created a display for the shop window, highlighting all the activities on offer at the Olive Branch including opening times. We also regularly decorate the front window eg at Christmas and Easter, to attract passers by. We also continue to support Macmillan by having Macmillan coffee mornings.
2. We continue with our links with Sheffield Hallam University and hosted a further two Occupational Therapy students, who were able to observe and offer us their own intervention in the form of mindfulness. They also participated in the mental health support group. In addition, MIND, public health and the homeless mental team have also brought nursing students to the Olive Branch, to get an insight into what support is available in the community.
3. Gazebo days continue, and Mix and Mingle has continued to grow. Mix and Mingle is held at the Olive Branch every last Thursday of the month, and is where local support agencies come together, including housing and the police, to offer advice to our visitors. Public health also attend and offer advice on healthy eating and do blood pressure checks. An organisation called Starting Point also attend and give out free SIM cards, phones and ipads, to alleviate digital exclusion that affects many people on the margins of society. And we have also developed strong links with our local branch of AgeUK and they inform us if they are running any sessions, such as debt management and CV writing, and invites people who attend the Olive Branch.
4. The 'Warm Space' initiative continues over the winter month, providing a warm lunch, this was re-commenced in October. And a packed lunch is provided every day for the homeless. We also continued to support people with phone calls to the Cost of Living team, get energy, supermarket vouchers, and also provide white goods for those who are living in inadequate house with poor heating/damp. Our 'clothes bank' grew, and we were provided with homeless bags, which have in them a hat, scarf, gloves, blanket, flask and hot water bottle. We also collected tents and sleeping bags.

5. We continue our links with organisations such as the Lamplighters and the Freemasons, and also local churches and schools, and have done talks to these organisations, making them aware of the work we do within the community. In return, they make financial donations towards the running of the Olive Branch, and also collect coats, Christmas gifts and Easter eggs. These were distributed to asylum seekers children as well as other families in need.

6. Due to the continuing cost of living crisis, need has increased within the community. We support people by helping them by making phone calls to the housing, in relation to repairs and inadequate housing, and support them through that process. We also assist with form filling, as a lot of people struggle with this, to enable them to claim all the benefits that they are entitled to. And a lot of time is spent writing to/liaising with the local councillors, MP, DWP and various other organisations.

7. The partnership between the Olive Branch and Chelwood Community Hub continues. Chelwood Hub operates as a foodbank, where their clients are then referred to the Olive Branch for more wrap around support. The office in the Hub continues to be used as a base for counselling, signposting and support service for our refugee and asylum seeker worker. In addition, a flat has been developed above the Hub which now houses a refugee couple, who would otherwise have been made homeless.

8. The Olive Branch has been invited to two monthly meetings, with the local councillors, police and shop keepers, regarding what happens on the high street. This includes anti-social behaviour, aggressive begging and shop lifting. We also discuss and plan events such as a Christmas tree light turn on and arts and crafts markets.

9. S is a lady who first approached the manager of the Olive Branch, with an interest in setting up a sewing group. S lost her son to alcohol addiction, and subsequently developed an addiction herself. During her recovery, she decided that she wanted to give something back, so was advised to speak to the manager by a member of staff at Cirtek House, a drug and alcohol centre, who has strong links with the Olive Branch. Sewing has been a passions of S's for a long time, and she wanted to set up a class using recycled clothes, and teach the art of hand sewing. Showing what can be achieved with just a needle and thread. The class is a mix of male and females, of various ages and backgrounds. Any problems they may have they can share, and they help and support each other to be better and happy whilst learning their craft, and enjoying each others company. S writes ' there's always a warm welcome from the volunteers in charge of teas and coffees. For me, it has improved my life enormously, given me a reason to embrace every day in the company of wonderful friends.'

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The trustees have not agreed a reserves policy, believing the current levels of income and expenditure, and the nature of the charity's activities, do not merit one at present.

Financial Review Details

During this financial year we received £46,097.63 of which £18,457.98 is unrestricted. Our balance carried forward to the next financial year is £13,379 unrestricted.

During the accounting period we received £11,785.44 share of the six month period from NCLF, in partnership with Chelwood Foodbank Plus. Foyle Foundation granted us £5165.35, deficit £4525.32, so the balance carried forward is £74.68

Nothing to Declare

Risk Management

The trustees regularly consider the risks associated with running the charity, and risk management, incident forms and safeguarding issues are discussed at every trustees meeting. Trustees have prepared a risk register which covers potential risks at all levels of the charity. In particular, given the increasingly challenging client group with which the charity works, a risk assessment of day-to-day on-site risks has been developed to ensure the safety of staff and customers. The project manager informs trustees of any incidents that occur, and the actions taken. Regular staff meetings takes account of such situations, and in-house annual training is also presented to all volunteers. Chelwood foodbank run annual safeguarding training, which staff from the Olive Branch are invited to.

Management

Mrs Jaine Curley has managed the Olive Branch, as interim manager, day to day since March 2023, after being in the role of Interim Manager. She has done so with energy, compassion and great commitment, and has earned great respect from the people of Edgeley. She supports and encourages those on the margins of society with great compassion. She has worked hard on networking with local companies, organisations and the wider Stockport council.

Since the beginning of the accounting year, Behnam Raifiei has come under the Olive Branch umbrella, as a paid employee. He provides practical support to refugees and asylum seekers, helping them to navigate the challenges of rebuilding their lives in the UK. His services include

signposting to essential resources, completing application forms for benefits, housing and visas etc, translating documents, offering general advice on rights and entitlements, and assisting with housing searches. His goal is to empower individuals with the support they need, fostering stability and hope for a brighter future.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s): S Hough

Full Name: STEPHEN HOUGH

Position(s): Trustee

Date: 1/12/23



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name: Olive Community Project

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01-Apr-24	To	31/03/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	1,460	42,696	-	44,156	36,951
Donations - Regular	1,799		-	1,799	1,799
Donations - one-off	2,500	1,896	-	4,396	6,292
Sundry	963	135	-	1,098	1,233
Donation - Gift Aid	2,513		-	2,513	2,513
			-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,236	44,727	-	53,963	48,789
A2 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,236	44,727	-	53,963	48,789
A3 Payments					
Utilities		3,202	-	3,202	2,208
Rent	300	5,528	-	5,828	5,322
Rates	358	96	-	262	166
Fundraising Costs	250		-	250	1,504
Salaries	5,188	20,099	-	25,288	7,680
Equipment	10	722	-	732	1,454
Building Upkeep	1,003	948	-	1,950	780
Cleaning	398	17		415	432
Employers NI and Pension	177	3,175		3,352	
Volunteers expenses	-	146		146	
Refugee Workshop	-	1,380		1,380	
Travel Expenses	-	750		750	
Admin Costs	518	642		1,160	
Insurance		580		580	539
Community	214	667	-	881	1,679
DBS	-	18		18	
Storage	630	630		1,260	
Stockport MIND	-	4,167		4,167	
Refreshments	1,173	1,255		2,428	3,683
Marketing	504	130		634	757
Training				-	-
Fees and Subs	155	202		357	559
Room Hire		1,767		1,767	10,600
Sundries/Other	756	78	-	833	3,761
			-		
Sub total	10,917	46,198	-	57,115	40,793
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,917	46,198	-	57,115	40,793
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,681	- 1,471	-	- 3,153	7,996
A5 Transfers between funds	20,839	- 20,839	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	12,200	11,792	-	23,991	35,783
Cash funds this year end	31,357	- 10,519	-	20,839	43,779

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	31,357	- 10,519	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,357	- 10,519	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which	Amount due	When due
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name	Date of
C. M. Cheetham	CHRISTINE CHEETHAM	22/11 23



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of *Olive Community Project*

On accounts for the year ended *31 March 2025* **Charity no (if any)** *1155574*

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:  **Date:** *24/11/2025*

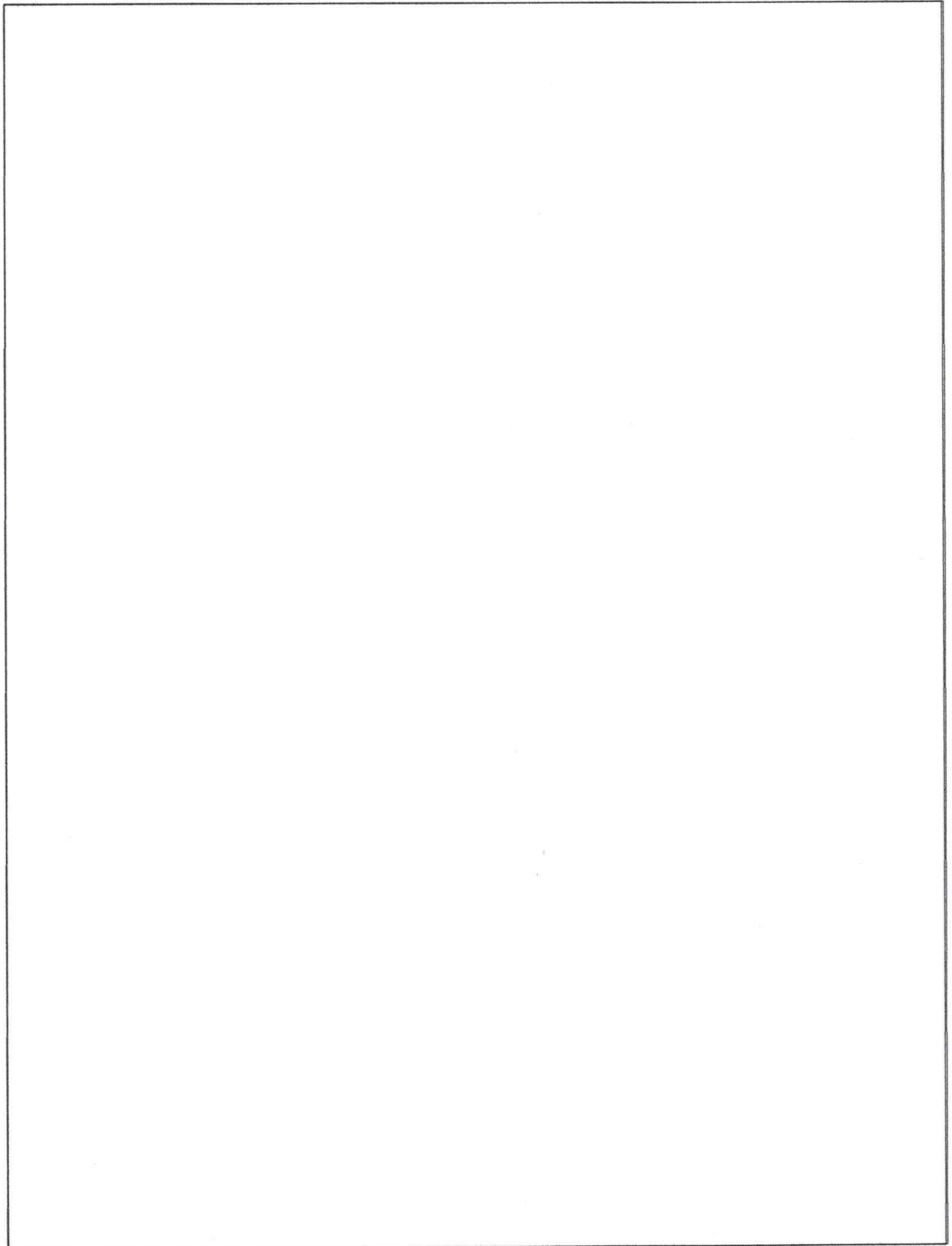
Name: *Foad F Moghaddam*

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): *MAAT – AATQB
Member of the Association of Accounting Technicians*

Address: *65 Chaplin Close
Salford
M6 8FW*

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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



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Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year

During the accounting period:

1. The Olive Branch, our shop window on the high street and point of contact with the local community, has help 'open days' in the form of Gazebo Days, inviting shoppers to come and see what we offer. In addition to this, we have created a display for the shop window, highlighting all the activities on offer at the Olive Branch including opening times. We also regularly decorate the front window eg at Christmas and Easter, to attract passers by. We also continue to support Macmillan by having Macmillan coffee mornings.

2. We continue with our links with Sheffield Hallam University and hosted a further two Occupational Therapy students, who were able to observe and offer us their own intervention in the form of healthy sleep. They also participated in the mental health support group. In addition, MIND and public health have also brought nursing students to the Olive Branch, so get an insight into what support is available in the community.

3. Gazebo days continue, and Mix and Mingle has continued to grow. Mix and Mingle is held at the Olive Branch every last Thursday of the month, and is where local support agencies come together, including housing and the police, to offer advice to our visitors. Public health also attend and offer advice on healthy eating and do blood pressure checks. An organisation called Starting Point also attend and give out free SIM cards, phones and ipads, to alleviate digital exclusion that affects many people on the margins of society. And we have also developed strong links with our local branch of AgeUK and they inform us if they are running any sessions, such as debt management and CV writing, and invites people who attend the Olive Branch.

4. The 'Warm Space' initiative continues over the winter month, providing a warm lunch, this was re-commenced in October. And a packed lunch is provided every day for the homeless. We also continued to support people with phone calls to get energy vouchers, if they were living in inadequate house with poor heating/damp. Our 'clothes bank' grew, and we were provided with homeless bags, which have in them a hat, scarf, gloves, blanket, flask and hot water bottle. We also collected tents and sleeping bags.

5. In conjunction with Loaves and Fishes, we have forged strong links with organisations such as the Lamplighters and the Freemasons, and also local churches and schools, and have done talks to these organisations, making them aware of the work we do within the community. In return, they make financial donations towards the running of the Olive Branch, and also collect coats, Christmas gifts and Easter eggs. These were distributed to asylum seekers children as well as other families in need.

6. Due to the continuing cost of living crisis, need has increased within the community. We support people by helping them phone calls to the housing, in relation to repairs and inadequate housing, and support them through that process. We also assist with form filling, as a lot of people struggle with this, to enable them to claim all the benefits that they are entitled to. And a lot of time is spent writing to/liasing with the local councillors, MP, DWP and various other organisations.

7. The partnership between the Olive Branch, Chelwood Community Hub and Loaves and Fishes continues to grow. Numbers to the foodbank continue to grow, and Chelwood supports the Olive Branch's emergency foodbank by helping to stock it and also provides household equipment. The

office in the Hub continued to be used as a base of counselling, signposting and support service for Loaves and Fishes. In addition, a flat has been developed above the Hub which now houses a refugee couple, who would otherwise have been made homeless.

8. The Olive Branch has been invited to two monthly meetings, with the local councillors, police and shop keepers, regarding what happens on the high street This includes anti-social behaviour, aggressive begging and shop lifting. We also discuss and plan events such as a Christmas tree light turn on and arts and crafts markets.

9.C is a young man who regularly attends the Olive Branch. H has got some challenging health conditions, including learning/behavioural difficulties, which the Olive Branch has supported him with. He has substance abuse issues which he is trying to address, and mental health issues that do impact him quite severely at times. C stated 'the Olive Branch has helped me breathe. I came to the Olive Branch because I desperately needed food. My flat was terrible. There was water coming through the roof and dripping all down the walls and along the hallway walls. While I was in Stockport Homes (local

housing association) a lady suggested I should come to the Olive Branch. I found more than food. I was helped with appointments, getting gas and electricity and phone calls. They have helped me get things in order. I had a happy new year and Ive got a full year ahead of me.'

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The trustees have not agreed a reserves policy, believing the current levels of income and expenditure, and the nature of the charity's activities, do not merit one at present.

Financial Review Details

During this financial year we received £46,097.63 of which £18457.98 is unrestricted. Our balance carried forward to the next financial year is £13,379 unrestricted.

During the accounting period we received £11,785.44 share of the six month period from LCLF, in partnership with Chelwood Foodbank Plus. Foyle Foundation granted us £5165.35, deficit £4525.32, so the balance carried forward is £74.68

Nothing to Declare

Risk Management

The trustees regularly consider the risks associated with running the charity, and risk management, incident forms and safeguarding issues are discussed at every trustees meeting. Trustees have prepared a risk register which covers potential risks at all levels of the charity. In particular, given the increasingly challenging client group with which the charity works, a risk assessment of day-to-day on-site risks has been developed to ensure the safety of staff and customers. The project manager informs trustees of any incidents that occur, and the actions taken. Regular staff meetings takes account of such situations, and in-house annual training is also presented to all volunteers. Chelwood foodbank run annual safeguarding training, which staff from the Olive Branch are invited to.

Management

Mrs Jaine Curley has managed the Olive Branch day to day since March 2023, after being in the role of Interim Manager. She has done so with energy, compassion and great commitment, and has earned great respect from the people of Edgeley. She supports and encourages those on the margins of society with great compassion. She has worked hard on networking with local companies, organisations and the wider Stockport council.

Olive Community Project

Total Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31/3/24

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Previous year	
Receipts					
Grant	2,294	34,657	36,951	16,698	
Donation – regular	2,053	0	2,053	8,242	
Donation – one-off	1,935	1,740	3,675	0	Prev yr inc one-off & GA donations
Public toilet	489	0	489	653	
Local event	0	0	0	92	
Gift Aid HMRC	0	0	0	0	
Donation – Gift Aid	2,255	0	2,255	0	
assorted refunds	0	0	0	0	
Receipt - spare 9	0	0	0		
Receipt - spare 10	0	0	0		
Receipt - spare 11	0	0	0		
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Receipt - spare 13	0	0	0		
Receipt - spare 14	0	0	0		
Receipt - spare 15	0	0	0		
Total receipts	9,027	36,397	45,423	25,685	
Payments					
Utilities	130	2,907	3,037	2,208	
Rent	600	3,000	3,600	5,322	Prev yr Rent & Rates combined
Rates	93	-41	52	0	
Fundraising	3,635	0	3,635	1,504	
Salaries	0	17,622	17,622	7,680	
Employers NI & Pension	0	0	0	0	
Staff expenses	0	0	0	0	
Volunteer expenses	0	0	0	0	
Equipment	129	0	129	0	
Building upkeep	803	2,293	3,097	780	
Cleaning	0	16	16	0	
Insurance	0	557	557	539	
Community	593	461	1,054	1,679	
Refreshments	360	711	1,071	0	
Marketing	0	300	300	757	
Training	0	159	159	0	
Fees and subs	0	139	139	0	
Admin	0	0	0	203	
Room hire	0	1,470	1,470	10,600	Prev yr inc Room hire,
Sundries/other	226	9	235	3,761	Project staff, Other proj-costs
Payment - spare 21	0	0	0		
Payment - spare 22	0	0	0		
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Payment - spare 25	0	0	0		
Total payments	6,568	29,603	36,171	35,033	
Net receipts / (payments)	2,458	6,794	9,252	-9,348	
Transfer	0	0	0	0	
Balance brought forward	1,490	13,249	14,739	24,085	
Balance carried forward	3,949	20,043	23,991	14,737	
Made up of:					
Current account	23,991.27				
Savings account	-				
Petty cash 1	-				
Petty cash 2	-				
Credit card	-				
Other bank 1	-				
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Checks - this should equal zero 0.00

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The financial statements were approved at a meeting of the management committee and signed on its behalf by:

Signed: C. M. Christian

Name: CHRISTINE CHRISTIAN (Management Committee member)

Date: 9.09.24

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OLIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155574

Accounts

Olive Community Project

Charity Number: 1155574

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

January 2024

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Olive Community Project

Charity number: 1155574

Charity's operating address: Olive Branch, 2c Castle Street, Edgeley, Stockport
SK3 9AB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity *(Add extra rows as required)*

<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1: Rev Stephen Hough	Chair (Jan 23)		
2: Ms Sarah Booth			
3: Rev Ken Livingstone	Treasurer (Jan 23)		
4: Mrs Margaret Jones		Jan 23	
5: Mrs Ann Dawber			

Names & Addresses of Advisors *(Delete rows which are not relevant)*

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
Bank:	The Cooperative Bank	PO Box 250, Skelmersdale, Lancs WN8 6WT
Inspector of Accounts	Mrs Jane Hollins	12 Withypool Drive, Stockport SK2 6DT

Names of Senior Staff with Delegated Responsibilities *(Add extra rows as required)*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>
Mrs Christine Cheetham	Project Manager

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document:	Foundation Model Constitution
How the Charity is Constituted:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee Selection Methods:	Trustees are actively identified from among existing trustee networks for their particular skills and experience, and invited to stand for election.
How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained:	Prospective new trustees are invited to attend a board meeting as an observer before deciding whether to stand for election. They are inducted informally through discussion with existing trustees and the Project Manager.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Edgeley, Stockport and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.
2. The relief of those in need, by reason of old age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage in Edgeley, Stockport, through signposting or introducing them to health, social and other services, and assisting and supporting them in accessing such services, both through traditional means and via the internet.
3. To promote social inclusion in Edgeley, Stockport for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race,

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4. To advance the Christian religion in Edgeley, Stockport for the public benefit by such means as the trustees may determine.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

Olive Community Project began operating as a registered charity in January 2014, having emerged from a group of local people who had been talking, planning and developing low key, community-focused work for a couple of years before that. OCP had formed in response to recognised needs among the people of Edgeley, a community near central Stockport.

Our concern is for those who, for whatever reason, are isolated or excluded, whether because they lack money, skills, good health or access to technology. They have often slipped through the existing formal safety nets.

Our mission is to support these people through simple, practical means. This may simply mean listening, helping people access relevant services or develop basic skills, involving them socially and through volunteering, or offering emergency support.

Specifically, during the accounting period, OCP carried out the following activities in line with its charitable purposes:

1. Provision of a drop-in centre where lonely members of the community are welcome without cost.
2. Provision of workshops for arts, crafts and activities, to develop social interaction and creative abilities.
3. We provide some measure of relief for those experiencing financial hardship, for whatever reason, through a foodbank, clothes bank and household equipment store. We liaise with local charity shops, charities and churches to acquire essential furnishings for those who are trying to rebuild their lives.
4. A monthly help desk in partnership with TPA, Pure Innovations and Stockport Community and Inclusion Team, supporting and signposting the local community in areas of housing, benefits, health and debt .
5. We offer a weekly Mental Health self-help group.
6. We offer computers and free wifi for those needing online access for benefits, housing or employment support. We also make appointments for those who have no telephone access, and we help with form filling and letter writing.
7. We use our kitchen to provide breakfast, and take away meals for our homeless visitors and provide laundry facilities to wash and dry clothes and sleeping bags.
8. We process the surplus vegetables delivered to us from a local supermarket to make nourishing soups and lunches for our visitors. We also put this food outside the Olive Branch for members of our local community to take without the embarrassment of having to ask.
9. We celebrate birthdays with cards and a cake, especially valued by those who have no family to celebrate with. We mourn as a family over those of our visitors who pass away, supporting where possible by attending funerals.
10. We offer our surplus food and clothes to other small charities who are supporting the marginalised of our community, women suffering abuse, those inadequately housed and those who are struggling with addictions.

Support offered during the accounting period (number of people involved):

Daily drop-in	30+
Part time paid staff	2
Volunteer team	14

Activities

Knit and Natter

Craft activities

Advice Desk

Food bank in partnership with Chelwood Foodbank plus

Mental Health self-help group

Olive Sanctuary – jointly, ladies and men for health and wellbeing support

Olive Woodland Garden - individual gardening on the plot

Lunch and sandwich provision delivered for homeless visitors

Gazebo Days – re-introduced for fund raising to provide a community defibrillator

Fundraising for the Olive Branch by personal donations

Macmillan Fundraising - personal donations since September 2020

Partnership with “Loaves and Fishes”

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2. This year we were able to host two Occupational Therapy students from Sheffield Hallam University who were able to observe and offer us their own intervention of a walking group and led a session of the Mental Health group on CBT (Cognitive Behavioural Therapy), *The Stress Pot* and *The Worry Tree*.
3. During the summer of 2022, we linked with a local church, Stockport Baptist Church and a visiting church from New York, Living Faith Christian Church, in participating in "Fun in the Park" which was a community fun event over several days in a local park. Some of our volunteers and our Olive Branch families joined in this. The teams also took part in hosting a gazebo day and a new initiative known as Mix and Mingle, which has continued on a once monthly basis, where local support agencies in the area visit the Olive Branch to front help desks. Thus it is possible for the local community to access help from representatives such as the Police, Age UK, GWP, Housing and Public Health.
4. In November we opened the Olive Branch over lunchtime to join in with the "Warm Space" initiative, providing soup and sandwiches and the favourite bacon butties. We were also needed to help with supporting phone calls for those who were unable to access adequate heating. At this point our "Clothes Bank" was in demand providing extra layers of clothes, blankets, scarves, hats and gloves.
5. We continued to collect and sort clothes, working in partnership with Loaves and Fishes, providing for our community but also for local asylum seekers and those who were being housed in the Britannia Hotel. During this winter there was a very obvious need for sleeping bags and tents and we were very grateful for the donations from members of local churches and charity groups such as "The Lamplighters". We were also able to distribute a great number of Christmas presents to asylum seekers' children in the hotel, as well as to other families in need.
6. We encountered a new crisis during this period, which was local people living in inadequate, rented housing, and facing issues with damp, broken boilers and no electricity. We were called upon to write to local councillors and MPs and act as intermediaries for the growing number of the voiceless in our community.
7. During the later period of last year, the property next to the Olive Branch became vacant, and it was decided to facilitate the acquisition of the property in partnership with Chelwood Foodbank Plus and to move our current Foodbank into that property. This created room for an office and counselling space in Olive Branch and an emergency Foodbank service whilst linking with Chelwood Community Hub next door, to continue our signposting service for those whose needs were more complex than just food.
8. The "Hub" is also used by Loaves and Fishes as a base for a counselling and support service for asylum seekers, together with an ethnic Foodbank. This has been of great advantage to asylum

seeking visitors to the Olive Branch, as there is an immediacy to understanding and supplying need which did not exist previously.

9. One of our volunteers M has struggled to survive while bringing up seven children, always drowning in debt and fighting drug and alcohol addiction. After working as a volunteer in the Olive Branch she felt she needed to return to work, growing dissatisfied with many years of existing on benefits. She took the brave decision to train with Stagecoach to become a bus driver, battling with the rigours of classroom training which she had not experienced since leaving school, 36 years previously. M had to manage on a training salary and working shifts, but she showed great determination, paying off historic debts, and facing the challenges of many tests. She is now a fully qualified driver! M is still part of OCP, calling in for a coffee when she is working split shifts. She has become a great role model for other visitors who are broken and defeated. She is happy to share both her triumphs and her struggles.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The trustees have not agreed a reserves policy, believing the current levels of income and expenditure, and the nature of the charity's activities, do not merit one at present.

Financial Review Details

During the accounting period, income of £25,685 lagged expenditure of £35,033, a deficit of £9,348. This has resulted in depleted unrestricted funds at year end, now standing at £6488 compared with £22,810 the previous year, a situation the Trustees feel is a more appropriate level. Alongside that, restricted funds now stand at £8249, which is mostly available for the coming year's investment in its work with people facing mental health issues.

Historically, the bulk of the charity's unrestricted income has been from regular giving by a number of individuals to whom we are very grateful, alongside one or two small grant-making trusts who make regular welcome contributions with 'no strings attached'. The charity's partnership arrangement with Futurekraft, a funding and development agency, continued to work towards securing additional funding from several grant-making bodies. The following grants were received.

Awarding body	Amount	Purpose	
Awards for All	9998	Mental Health Group	For Jan – Dec 23
ASDA	1300	Food for community	Dec 22 – Mar 23

Several other bids were successful, for work planned during April 23 – Mar 24.

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Nothing to declare.

Other Optional Information

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Management



Mrs Christine Cheetham has managed the Olive Branch day to day since 2015. She had done so with great commitment, energy and compassion and has earned great respect from the people of Edgeley, putting Olive Branch firmly on the map. During 2023, 13 years after establishing, and subsequently managing, the charity, she finally made the decision to retire from her role, so on 30 March 2023 Christine stepped down as Manager. The Trustees are hugely grateful for all that she has done for the people of Edgeley through Olive Branch. First, for her vision and quiet determination to get it up and running. Second for her unwavering support and encouragement to those on the margins of the community, many of whom have been helped significantly through her care.

And, we are delighted to report that, after a well deserved break, Christine will join the Board of Trustees. For the time being, Mrs Jaine Curley, who has worked with Christine primarily on mental health issues, will take on the role of Interim Manager.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):		
Full Name(s):	STEPHEN HOUGHT	KEN LIVINGSTONE
Position(s):	TRUSTEE	TREASURER
Date:	22/01/2024	22/01/2024



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-22

To

31/03/20223

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Personal donations	6,760	1,482	-	8,242	6,208
Grants	5,000	11,698	-	16,698	16,472
Sundry	92	-	-	92	500
Rental income	653	-	-	653	992
Gift Aid recovered	-	-	-	-	2,380
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,505	13,180	-	25,685	26,552
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,505	13,180	-	25,685	26,552
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	1,504	-	-	1,504	2,231
Project Management	7,680	-	-	7,680	7,680
Building costs	780	-	-	780	758
Rent&rates	5,322	-	-	5,322	3,894
Insurance	539	-	-	539	524
Training	-	-	-	-	64
Marketing	757	-	-	757	381
Sundry costs	627	-	-	627	810
Utilities	1,144	1,064	-	2,208	1,304
Admin & IT	203	-	-	203	387
Projects	7,865	2,735	-	10,600	4,960
Olive Branch Community	1,679	-	-	1,679	2,752
Grants paid	1,500	1,634	-	3,134	-
Sub total	29,600	5,433	-	35,033	25,745
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,600	5,433	-	35,033	25,745
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 17,095	7,747	-	- 9,348	807
A5 Transfers between funds	773	773	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,810	1,275	-	24,085	23,278
Cash funds this year end	6,488	8,249	-	14,737	24,085

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Project Management Fund	-	-	-
	Fuel Fund	-	400	-
	Mental Health Group	-	7,499	-
	Defibrillator Fund	-	350	-
	Development Fund	-	-	-
	Cash at bank	6,488	-	-
	Total cash funds		6,488	8,249

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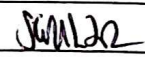

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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SARAH BLOOM	22/5/23
	STEPHEN HOUGHT	22/5/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/directors/members of

Olive Community Project

On accounts for the year ended

March 2023

Charity no.:

1155574

Company no.:

Set out on pages

1 - 2

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

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.

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OLIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155574

Accounts

Olive Community Project

Charity Number: 1155574

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

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January 2023

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Other names charity is known by:

Charity number: 1155574

Charity's operating address: Olive Branch, 2c Castle Street, Edgeley, Stockport
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Specifically, during the accounting period, OCP carried out the following activities in line with its charitable purposes:

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8. We process the surplus vegetables delivered to us from a local supermarket to make nourishing soups and lunches for our visitors. During lockdown, this food was frozen and delivered to those who were in need.
9. We celebrate birthdays with cards and a cake, especially valued by those who have no family to celebrate with. We mourn as a family over those of our visitors who pass away, supporting where possible by attending funerals.

10. We offer our surplus food and clothes to other small charities who are supporting the marginalised of our community, women suffering abuse, those inadequately housed and those who are struggling with addictions.

11. We give away the surplus food, given to us by local stores, by offering the food to our local community on a "free to all" basis.

Support offered during lockdown where appropriate

Daily drop-in	30+
Part time paid staff	2
Volunteer team	14

Activities

Knit and Natter

Craft activities

Advice Desk

Food bank in partnership with Chelwood Foodbank plus

Mental Health self-help group

Olive Sanctuary – jointly, ladies and men for health and wellbeing support

Olive Woodland Garden - individual gardening on the plot

Lunch and sandwich provision delivered for homeless visitors

Gazebo Days – re-introduced for fund raising to provide a community defibrillator

Fundraising for the Olive Branch by personal donations

Macmillan Fundraising - personal donations since September 2020

Partnership with "Loaves and Fishes"

Values

Olive Community Project is motivated by the inclusive Christian faith of those at its centre. For our inspiration we look to Jesus of Nazareth, in particular the radical Jesus whose intense humanity enabled him to transcend the nationalist, religious, social and gender boundaries of his day and include into his world those who were otherwise excluded.

While some of our volunteers are similarly motivated, we do not exclude people from volunteering for reasons of faith, gender, sexuality, race or age, nor do we restrict our support on any basis.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year

During the accounting period:

1. By Easter 2021, the Olive Branch, our shop window on the high street and point of contact with the local community, was fully open, following the enforced national lockdown caused by the pandemic of Covid-19. We celebrated by inviting the local community to visit the Olive/SPARC garden which was a riot of daffodils and forsythia and giving Easter Eggs to every child who visited us and distributing flyers to inform the people of Edgeley of all the events and support groups which were now re-opening.
2. At this point in our reopening, we welcomed a student OT from Sheffield Hallam University to work with us as part of her degree course. This enabled us to offer a new course, an anxiety group, which was felt to be much needed following the stresses being experienced post-pandemic. This developed into a structured part of the Olive Branch and took on the name "Less Stress" course.
3. During the summer of 2021, we were able to re-establish links with the The Prevention Alliance and planned to reform the Olive Belles and Men's Breakfast Club into a health and wellbeing group, newly named Olive Sanctuary, to be held in Stockport Baptist Church, which was bigger and offered more versatile space. In the Autumn of 2021, the Olive Mental Health Group also moved into the Stockport Baptist Church Lounge, offering greater privacy. Both groups were able to invite visiting speakers and hold advice desks.
4. Meanwhile, we returned to meeting the general public on Gazebo Days, in September holding a tree planting day in memory of a volunteer, then raising funds for Macmillan Coffee morning, and later in the year we started to raise funds to buy a community defibrillator.
5. We continued to welcome asylum seekers to be part of the team, with free hairdressing being offered by a Kurdish volunteer, counter services being offered by 3 Iranians, and Foodbank aid and translation of paperwork given and some English lessons to a Kuwaiti couple. We used the Olive Branch as a collection and distribution centre for clothes for Afghans who had fled to their country in August 2021. In March 2022, we set up yet another collection centre for Ukrainians fleeing the war with Russia. Alongside these collections we continued to collect clothes, tents and sleeping bags for the homeless of the local area and working with "Loaves and Fishes" distributing food and clothes to the local hostels.
6. Three new groups were established in the Olive Branch, "Shop Well, Cook Well, Eat Well" which was a structured cookery group to teach our Foodbank users how to cook interesting meals using ingredients from Foodbank supplies. In the Autumn of 2021, we were able to gain the services of a Podiatrist, to set up a foot clinic in Olive Branch, caring for the feet of those who could not afford to pay for professional care. We reintroduced a basic craft group, which was partly offered to address visitors' mental health needs, where there was still anxiety and worry being experienced post-pandemic.
7. Since the full reopening of the Olive Branch in 2021 we had changed our volunteer workforce. Most of our new volunteers were formerly visitors who wanted to give back to the charity by volunteering. Quite a few were people had been out of work for long periods of time or who had

not been previously been in employment. We felt that we should have a training day, where we could discuss protocol and values, communication skills and safeguarding measures. We introduced a yearly training day, followed by a fish and chip lunch to encourage team building.

8. One of our volunteers, L, writes, "I was an alcoholic, suicidal with no real friends, no hope, no life, just existence. One day when I was going to buy alcohol I thought "that Olive place is only over there" so I went and stood outside and something made me go in. I was shaking in my shoes , I was greeted by Jim and Nola, it felt so nice I stayed until it shut. So I started going in every time I was in Edgeley, getting to know the staff. They were all so nice and genuinely cared. I started going to the mental health group. I began to open up that I needed help with my alcoholism and got referred to rehab. I relapsed and nearly died. My Olive Branch family has turned my life around, even saved it. I love my job at Olive and it has given me strength and confidence, so much so that after a 3 month course I am about to start a 2 year training programme to qualify as a drug and alcohol worker. I have a good life, good friends, my family back, my Olive family, my brilliant job at the Olive helping people, just like they've helped me and my new career and life to look forward to. This place truly is a godsend. "

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The trustees have not agreed a reserves policy, believing the current levels of income and expenditure, and the nature of the charity's activities, do not merit one at present.

Financial Review Details

During the accounting period, income of £26,552 exceeded expenditure of £25,745, a surplus of £807. Specifically, unrestricted funds sustained a surplus of £976 and restricted funds a small deficit of £169, which was funded by restricted reserves.

Historically, the bulk of the charity's unrestricted income has been from regular giving by a number of individuals to whom we are very grateful. The charity's partnership arrangement with Futurekraft, a funding and development agency, continued to work towards securing additional funding from several grant-making bodies. The following grants were received.

Awarding body	Amount	Purpose
Awards for All	9962	Mental Health Group
SMBC Community Champs	3600	Mental Health Worker
Forever Manchester	1000	Less Stress course
Foundations 7000	1910	Cookery course

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Nothing to declare.

Other Optional Information

Risk Management

The trustees regularly consider the risks associated with running the charity, and risk management is a standing agenda item at board meetings. Trustees have prepared a risk register which covers potential risks at all levels of the charity. In particular, given the challenging client group with which the charity works, a risk assessment of day-to-day on-site risks has been developed to ensure the safety of staff and customers. The project manager informs trustees of any incidents that occur, and the actions taken. Regular staff and volunteer training takes account of such situations.

Throughout this current year, trustees have reviewed operating risks in light of Covid-related issues and government restrictions and guidelines.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):

S Hoagh

MEAN BOOTH

Full Name(s):

STEPHEN HOAGH

MEAN BOOTH

Position(s):

Trustee

Trustee

Date:

23/1/23

23/1/23.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Olive Community Project

1155674

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01-Apr-21

To

31-Mar-22

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Personal donations	6,208	-	-	6,208	4,715
Grants		16,472	-	16,472	28,425
Sundry		500	-	500	-
Rental income	992	-	-	992	1,489
Gift Aid recovered	2,380	-	-	2,380	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,580	16,972	-	26,552	34,629
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,580	16,972	-	26,552	34,629
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	-	2,231	-	2,231	1,304
Project Management	1,430	6,250	-	7,680	7,680
Building costs	758		-	758	2,089
Rent&rates	894	3,000	-	3,894	3,600
Insurance	524		-	524	557
Training	64		-	64	-
Marketing	381		-	381	-
Sundry costs	310	500	-	810	1,125
Utilities	1,304		-	1,304	2,799
Admin & IT	187	200	-	387	205
Projects	-	4,960	-	4,960	354
Olive Branch Community	2,752	-	-	2,752	-
Sub total	8,604	17,141	-	25,745	19,713
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	8,604	17,141	-	25,745	19,713
Net of receipts/(payments)	976	- 169	-	807	14,916
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	19,725	3,553	-	23,278	-
Cash funds this year end	20,701	3,384	-	24,085	14,916

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Project Management Fund	-	-	-
	Sanctuary	-		-
	Mental Health Group		775	
	Defibrillator Fund		500	
	Development Fund		2,109	
	Cash at bank		20,701	
	Total cash funds	20,701	3,384	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))



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			-	-

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B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	S HOUGH	23/1/23
	SARAH SOUTH	23/1/23



Section A

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OLIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2022

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Signed: Jane Hollins Date: 2/1/23

Name: JANE HOLLINS

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

Address:

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OLIVE COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1155574

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January 2022

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In summary, during this lockdown-affected period, Olive Branch has provided the following:

Daily drop-in numbers	12
Call Centre contacts	50 weekly
Volunteer team	9

Activities:

Knit and Natter, Craft activities, Advice Desk, Food bank, Mental Health self help group, "Olive Belles" – ladies pamper group suspended, Men's Breakfast Club – suspended, Olive Woodland Garden - individual gardening on the plot, Lunch and sandwich provision delivered, Gazebo Days – suspended, Fundraising for the Olive Branch by personal donations, Macmillan Fundraising - personal donations, Partnership with "Loaves and Fishes".

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During the accounting period:

1. The Olive Branch, our shop window on the high street and point of contact with the local community, was forced to close to visitors on 18th March 2020 due to the enforced national lockdown caused by the pandemic of Covid-19. We responded by forming a Call Centre, where we were able to keep in contact with the "Olive Family" with weekly calls and texts, in order to check on visitors' well-being and to signpost to support agencies.
2. During this period we used the Olive Branch as a distribution centre where frontline volunteers were involved in the distribution of food, clothing and other essentials to those who were shielding, isolating or too ill to care for themselves. We also worked in partnership with "Loaves and Fishes", a charity caring for the street homeless and those inappropriately housed, delivering food to the local hostels. Olive Branch took on responsibility for the Women's hostel.

3. When it was permitted for people to meet in groups of six, in June 2020, the "Olive Twigs" began to meet in the local park on Monday afternoons. We provided flasks of coffee and wrapped chocolate biscuits. The effect of social isolation on the mental health of our Olive Family was so acute at this time, that the group of six soon expanded into four groups of six.
4. During this period, The Olive Branch benefited from some refurbishment: laminate flooring and new storage were funded and fitted, the place was repainted, and decluttered, in order to ensure that all surfaces and floors could be easily cleaned and sanitised, ready to welcome visitors back after lockdown.
5. The Foodbank was reopened on 9th September 2020, offering food from a safe collection point at the back of The Olive Branch shop. This was the first step back in to reopening the premises to the community.
6. The Mental Health Group and the Knit and Natter reopened as "book in" groups on 8th October 2020, and when it was seen to be safe and with controlled access the Olive Twigs welcomed its visitors, who were required to book a place at one of the four sessions held each week, a maximum of six supported by two volunteers.
7. At Christmas 2020, we joined with "Loaves and Fishes" distributing a Christmas dinner to all the hostel dwellers. We also delivered individual frozen Christmas dinners and gifts to all the Olive Branch visitors.
8. During this period, some of our visitors became volunteers. For example, M had grown up in care, not experienced real love, and had a history of being used and abused. She had brought up seven children and had battled with mental health issues and overcome misuse of alcohol and drugs. M realised that she had had so much experience of struggling with life issues that she had developed coping mechanisms and could use the strengths and insights gained in her journey to help and support others. She is hoping to gain a qualification in social care and be equipped to work in paid employment in the community.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The trustees have not agreed a reserves policy, believing the current levels of income and expenditure, and the nature of the charity's activities, do not merit one at present.

Financial Review Details

During the accounting period, income of £34,629 exceeded expenditure of £19,713, a surplus of £14,916. Specifically, unrestricted funds sustained a surplus of £15,497 and restricted funds a small deficit of £581, which was funded by restricted reserves.

Historically, the bulk of the charity's unrestricted income has been from regular giving by a number of individuals to whom we are very grateful. This year, that income was supplemented by Covid-related grants.

The charity's partnership arrangement with Futurekraft, a funding and development agency, continued to secure additional funding from several grant-making bodies. The following grants were received.

DATE	AWARDS	AMOUNT	PURPOSE	STATUS
6.04.20	Stockport Council	£10,000	Covid support	Ongoing
9.04.20	Forever Manchester	£2,250	Food distribution	completed
5.06.20	Garfield Weston	£3,000	Food distribution	completed
11.06.20	Souter	3,000	General Funds	
11.06.20	Donation	£1,000	Laminate flooring	completed
18.06.20	Peter Kershaw	£2,000	Operational costs	
11.12.20	Forever Manchester	£1,000	Hospitality and Re-equipping Olive Branch	Ongoing
26.03.21	Hill Dickinson Fund	£670	Hospitality	completed

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Nothing to declare.

Other Optional Information

Risk Management

The trustees regularly consider the risks associated with running the charity, and risk management is a standing agenda item at board meetings. Trustees have prepared a risk register which covers potential risks at all levels of the charity. In particular, given the challenging client group with which the charity works, a risk assessment of day-to-day on-site risks has been developed to ensure the safety of staff and customers. The project manager informs trustees of any incidents that occur, and the actions taken. Regular staff and volunteer training takes account of such situations.

Throughout this current year, trustees have reviewed operating risks in light of Covid-related issues and government restrictions and guidelines.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):

JANAH JANE ROUTH

KEN LIVINGSTONE

Full Name(s):

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Position(s):

TRUSTEE

TRUSTEE

Date:

24/1/22

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Olive Community Project

1155574

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-20

To

31-Mar-21

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Personal donations	4,715	-	-	4,715	9,036
Grants	20,905	7,520	-	28,425	13,000
Sundry	-	-	-	-	150
Rental income	1,489	-	-	1,489	1,010
Gift Aid recovered	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,109	7,520	-	34,629	23,196
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,109	7,520	-	34,629	23,196
A3 Payments					
Fundraising costs	-	1,304	-	1,304	2,520
Project Management	4,326	3,354	-	7,680	7,680
Building costs	-	2,089	-	2,089	506
Rent&rates	3,600	-	-	3,600	4,656
Insurance	557	-	-	557	557
Training	-	-	-	-	34
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs	125	1,000	-	1,125	1,840
Utilities	2,799	-	-	2,799	2,903
Admin & IT	205	-	-	205	1,627
Projects	-	354	-	354	1,175
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,612	8,101	-	19,713	23,498
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,612	8,101	-	19,713	23,498
Net of receipts/(payments)	15,497	- 581	-	14,916	- 302
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,228	4,134	-	8,362	-
Cash funds this year end	19,725	3,553	-	23,278	302

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Project Management Fund	-	-	-
	Olive Belles Project	-	1,325	-
	Breakfast Club Fund			
	Development Fund		2,228	
	Cash at bank	19,725		-
	Total cash funds		19,725	3,553
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Kitchen installation	Kitchen Fund	-	-
	Toilet installation	Toilet Fund	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>S Hough</i>	S HOUGH	24/1
<i>A Dawber</i>	A DAWBER	24/1

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Olive Community
Project Charity Number 1155574

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
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Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the
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I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried
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2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the
applicable Directions given by

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters
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Dated 17/12/2021

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