



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 April 2023      Period start date    To    31 March 2024    Period end date

Charity name: CHARIS TIWALA

Charity registration number: 1156850

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>OBJECT 1: To relieve the charitable need of anyone who may have been a victim of or affected by human trafficking or exploitation</p> <p>OBJECT 2: To advance the Christian faith by way of offering a Christian chaplaincy service to people affected by the sex industry and offering spiritual support when requested.</p> <p>OBJECT 3: To advance the education of the public in the subject of the prevention of human trafficking and exploitation.</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>OBJECT 1: Throughout the year Charis Tiwala has relieved the charitable need of anyone they have come in to contact with who has been a victim of or affected by human trafficking or sexual exploitation, this includes (but not exclusively): practical and emotional support, advocacy, advice &amp; signposting, sexual health advice.</p> <p>OBJECT 2: Charis Tiwala has advanced the Christian faith by offering a Christian chaplaincy service on a weekly basis; doing outreach to people in the sex industry, by running a weekly bible study for people in or affected by the sex industry and by taking the women who are interested to a carol service at Lambeth Palace. We also took one woman on a guided tour around St Albans Abbey, which involved learning about the Christian faith and the history of the Abbey.</p> <p>OBJECT 3: Charis Tiwala has advanced the education of the public in the subject of the prevention of human trafficking and exploitation through attending local networking meetings with other professionals, such as the local Community Support Group and communicating about the sector.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have read the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and have regard to it in all discussion and decision making.
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### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The above objectives were achieved due to a dedicated team of 13 volunteers investing their time in Charis Tiwala (and 4 part-time staff); working on the frontline with women at risk and doing administrative tasks.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Between April 2023 and March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 Charis Tiwala has directly offered support to 19 people who have been affected by human trafficking or sexual exploitation within the sex industry. This has been primarily through regular support sessions (which includes emotional and practical support), day time and evening outreach to women working indoors and on the street, and those at risk of transactional sex work. We partnered with a local charity that support people experiencing homelessness, to do outreach with them.</p> <p>Charis distributed 70 gifts at Christmas and information about their services to local women who are considered at risk.</p> <p>Links with other agencies includes; local GP surgery, Herts County Council Health Improvement Team (where work has taken place together and plans have been made to</p>

		<p>offer a more accessible health service and emotional support for women in the sex industry), the local council's Health Inequalities team, YMCA and New Hope (homelessness charity). Charis is a stakeholder in the Hertfordshire Sexual Health Network.</p> <p>Charis is part of the local community support group, which is made up of public sector organisations and other local charities, working together to respond to local need.</p> <p>Outputs achieved by Charis Tiwala:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 269 volunteer hours given for outreach to venues and women working on the streets, reaching on average 2 women per week and zoom meetings to pray.</li> <li>- 34 volunteer hours over the year given by the trustees for meetings and training.</li> <li>- Regular key-work sessions with 7 women; focusing on long term emotional and practical support</li> <li>- 6 Admin voluntary hours (IT and database administration)</li> <li>- Weekly bible study group (2 hours per week) with 2 women regularly attending.</li> <li>- Charis took part in the Sirona Clinic with a local GP surgery until May 2023. The monthly clinic (run by a GP, nurse, Charis staff and a member of Herts Help team who specialised in access to benefits and housing needs) was a pilot project for a female only space for people who are in or affected by the sex industry, and also for those who may be at risk of becoming involved. The funding was discontinued.</li> </ul>
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#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The reserve at the end of the financial year was more than the appropriate level set by the trustees.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>In Charis Tiwala's financial policy is sets out that the trustees have agreed that six months' worth of expenditure is an appropriate level of reserves for the Charity.</p> <p>The trustees need to hold reserves to include meeting fluctuations in receipts or payments and meeting specific future needs such as salaries for future staff.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of March 2024, the charity had £65,798.00 in reserve. None of these funds are restricted.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Charis Tiwala's principal source of funds for the year were from individual donors, businesses, churches and a one off grant to provide supermarket vouchers for women we support.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation model constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charis Tiwala is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Registered 29 April 2014.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by existing trustees and Director.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Any newly elected trustee will need to undergo an interview by an existing trustee and the Director, provide two references and have a DBS check. All trustees have a current DBS certificate and they undergo adult safeguarding training (which is renewed every three years). The Trustee responsible for safeguarding has a Level 3 safeguarding certificate.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Trustee board is responsible for the oversight of Charis Tiwala and they set the pay and remuneration for all the staff. Day to day Charis Tiwala is run by the Director (who is a paid member of staff). Charis Tiwala has two Dedicated Safeguarding Leads. The staff are accountable to the trustees about all safeguarding concerns and there is a designated safeguarding trustee. The Charity has frontline volunteers that are overseen by the Charis staff team.</p> <p>Charis Tiwala is an affiliate of 'Beyond the Streets' Network. The network is run to help equip and support local projects that are aimed at tackling sexual exploitation.</p> <p>Charis Tiwala is a stakeholder in Hertfordshire Sexual Health Network.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

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## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	CHARIS TIWALA
Other name the charity uses	CHARIS
Registered charity number	1156850
Charity's principal address	Unit 22, 17 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Herts, AL1 1DT

### **Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dispensation granted			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]



## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

### Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

The charity commission has provided Charis Tiwala dispensations from publishing trustees' names publicly, as they were satisfied there is a risk to personal danger, and they were satisfied that it is the disclosure of the trustees' names in the TAR/Register that could lead to such a risk arising. It was on these grounds that Charis Tiwala was granted a dispensation.

## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		





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Charis Tiwala

1156850

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Apr-23

To


31-Mar-24

### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	65,441	-	-	65,441	65,335
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	65,441	-	-	65,441	65,335
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	65,441	-	-	65,441	65,335
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Outreach	499	-	-	499	756
Frontline work	55,846	-	-	55,846	49,752
Raising awareness	439	-	-	439	527
Salaries & Office costs	10,638	-	-	10,638	13,334
Training and supervision	708	-	-	708	2,127
Tiths	6,847	-	-	6,847	6,828
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	74,977	-	-	74,977	73,324
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	74,977	-	-	74,977	73,324
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 9,536	-	-	- 9,536	- 7,989
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	75,334	-	-	75,334	75,334
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	65,798	-	-	65,798	67,345



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	HSBC current account	65,761	-	-
	Petty cash	37	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	65,798	-	-
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
				22.11.24





**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Charis Tiwala

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1156850

**Set out on pages**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**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:**

M. Hjertzen

**Date:**

26/11/2024

**Name:**

Mark Hjertzen

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

ICAEW

**Address:**

HW Associates Limited

Portmill House, Portmill Lane, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, SG5 1DJ

**Section B**

**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.**