



The LATH Group
(Looking After The Homeless)
Charity Number: 1157729

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TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2021



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1. Charity Information

Registered Name	The LATH (Looking After The Homeless) Group
Operating Name	LATH
Registered Charity Number	1157729
Registered address	Electra House, Electra Way, Crewe Business Park, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 6GL
Correspondence address	The Secretary, 28 Princess Drive, Crewe, CW2 8HS
Operating address	28 Princess Drive, Wistaston, Crewe, CW2 8HS (Secretary's personal address)
Trustees	Bernard Potter (President) John McManus (Chairman) Frank Lepisz (Vice Chairman) Pat Gardner (Treasurer) Barbara Francis (Secretary)
Independent examiner	Kim Jones (Chartered Accountant)
Bankers	HSBC, 30 Market Street, Crewe, CW1 2ES



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2. Trustee report for the year ended 31st December 2021

Constitution

The LATH (Looking After The Homeless) Group is a Charitable Incorporated Company (CIO). The charity operates under the working name of LATH.

Charitable objects

The object of the CIO is to relieve poverty and sickness among homeless and disadvantaged people in the Crewe and Nantwich and surrounding areas by the provision of assistance, facilities, goods, services and other support.

Organisation

Our model of the charity structure continues to be refined based on skills and available time, with specific responsibilities for roles and a better form of communication between Trustees and volunteers, including Facebook groups. Our monthly meeting helps us to discuss any issues raised during our customer sessions.

Members of the board of Trustees at the year-end were:

- Bernard Potter (President)
- John McManus (Chairman)
- Frank Lepisz (Vice Chairman)
- Pat Gardner (Treasurer)
- Barbara Francis (Secretary)

Members of the Board of Trustees are appointed in accordance with the governing constitution and are approved each year at the Annual General Meeting.

There are no paid staff and we are lucky to have a group of around twenty regular volunteers who are dedicated to the objective of the charity and without whom we would not be able to operate. Unfortunately, many of our volunteers are in the elderly and/or vulnerable age group and unable to assist with service provision during 2021. Some younger volunteers continued to do food deliveries and donation collection and distribution throughout the year.

The value of the contribution by volunteers is not recorded in the accounts.

Activities during 2021

As we are still waiting for our new rented premises to be built, a group of volunteers has continued collecting surplus food from Co-operative stores, and has distributed it to disadvantaged individuals and families. This service has been much appreciated by clients, who have also benefitted from donations of toiletries from a local school.

We have assisted one of our clients financially to replace a lost ID card and travel to London to attend the embassy meeting.

We have provided translation support for a vaccination centre in Crewe; we would like to thank our Polish-speaking volunteers for their continued support in this area, as it was important for clients to fully understand the instructions and information surrounding the Covid-19 vaccine.



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We have supported food banks financially, and have referred several vulnerable clients for food bank services; have made donations to centres where homeless and disadvantaged people attend; and have made food parcel deliveries where clients are unable to attend food bank centres in person.

We have delivered donated baby items to a local mother and baby charity.

We have helped several clients moving into their own accommodation from hostels or rough sleeping with household items and bedding, and have made a furniture referral to a furniture charity for a client moving into accommodation.

We have provided advice and support to a lone parent regarding her tenancy agreement problems and accommodation needs.

We have provided Christmas hampers to 130 disadvantaged families identified by schools and a lone parent charity, and also to some refugee children. The hampers were much appreciated, and provided some festive cheer to struggling families.

We have helped some of our East Europeans obtain legal status, to enable them to remain in the UK after Brexit.

Planned activities for 2022 in our new premises

LATH plan to re-start a drop-in centre twice a week for homeless, vulnerable and lonely people, as soon as the community centre of our partner charity Caritas opens (expected by end July 2022). We will use food donations from local retailers to provide clients with a hot lunch, with surplus food to take away. We plan to use financial donations on other important issues for our customers. Food surplus to our clients' requirements will be recycled to a local farmer.

We will provide drinks and toast during the morning and a hot lunch from 12 noon (Tuesdays and Thursdays).

We will continue to provide a wide range of advice and assistance in the areas of benefits, support services, housing and employment.

We will have computer facilities with two free-to-use computers, a printer and a telephone which are used helped to solve problems.

Free Helpline

For those wishing to contact LATH, we have a Freephone number (0800 508 8021) that directs callers appropriately. The Freephone number is managed by a sponsor company.

Statistics

Statistics are meaningless as formal records have not been kept since early 2020. We continue to help up to thirty individuals and families with food, have provided clothing, furniture and household items to clients moving to social accommodation, have reported and provided essential items for rough sleepers, and have provided housing and tenancy advice.

Income generation

During 2021, we were unable to derive income from two of our traditional income sources (concerts and quiz nights). We have managed to continue as a charity through generous ad hoc donations. Our only source of regular income is through Friends of LATH, who donate either monthly or annually, much of which is gift-aided.



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Some income is derived from collection boxes in Co-operative shops. We hope that once we can hold fundraising events again, our income stream will improve.

Resources expended

Costs during 2021 were mainly insurance and volunteer expenses, and payments for documentation and travel for our clients. Donations from well-wishers were used to help finance Christmas hampers and necessary items for disadvantaged people.

Governance and internal control

The Trustees take very seriously their overall responsibility to ensure the charity has appropriate systems to control and inspect Finances, Insurance, Health and Safety, Hygiene and Safeguarding and all statutory requirements and all volunteers are required to obtain DBS clearance. New Trustees undergo Trustee training provided by our local CVS.

GDPR implementation

The Trustees implement GDPR regulations to the files that contain sensitive data. Accordingly, such files are password protected and access to them is limited to the people who have the login and password. Computer use by registered people is password protected, and files are password protected in two stages. In addition, memory sticks are not used on laptops to prevent copying of data by unauthorised people.

The Future

We look forward to growing and adapting our charity to fulfil our mission and charitable objective, especially given the current hardships, which are expected to worsen during 2022.



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Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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Receipts and Payment Account

Year Ended			Period Ended
31.12.20			31.12.21
£		£	£
	Income:		
5178	Donations		905.63
0	Donations Gift Aided		0.00
25	• Deposit Account Interest		2.10
422	• Collection Boxes		213.48
0	Fundraising		0.00
755	Friends		564.00
1282	Friends Gift Aided		2314.00
60	Sale of Equipment		0.00
599	Gift Aid Refund		600.30
5000	Grants		600.00
<u>£13,321</u>			<u>£5,199.51</u>
	Expenditure:		
	<u>Administration Costs</u>		
60	Post & Phone	10.00	
241	Stationery Printing & Web	196.54	
0	Funding Raising Expenses	0.00	
0	IT Expenses	25.00	
401	Insurance	401.28	
96	Repairs to Equipment	250.00	
97	Equipment	0.00	
71	Sundry Expenses	196.73	
0	Bank Charges	5.00	
520	Mileage	476.74	
<u>£1,486</u>			1561.29
	<u>Homeless Aid</u>		
634	Misc Aid to Individuals	3641.23	
1625	Drop in Centre Rent	0.00	
168	Drop in Centre Running Costs	0.00	
13046	Donation to Other Charities	924.96	
<u>£15,473</u>		0.00	4566.19
<u>£16,959</u>	Total Expenses		<u>£6,127.48</u>
-3638	In year Surplus/Deficit		<u>-927.97</u>
26333	Balances at bank at 1.1.21		22694.60
<u>£22,695</u>			
	Balances at bank & in hand at 31.12.21		<u>£21,766.63</u>
	Bank Current Account	2743.26	
	Premises Account	19023.37	
			<u>£21,766.63</u>

Prepared by P B Gardner Treasurer

P B Gardner 6/6/22

Audited by K B Jones M.A F.C.A

K B Jones

Date

6/6/22