

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	1 st	July	2023		30th	June

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Art with a Heart		
Other names charity is known by	AWAH		
Registered charity number (if any)	1159034		
Charity's principal address	123 George Street		
	Altrincham		
Postcode	WA14 1RN		

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	Karen Wroe	Project Director / Chair		
2	Keith Oulton	Treasurer		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by Trustee Management

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Art with a Heart (AWAH) is a not-for-profit organisation with a base location in the town centre. Our aims are to educate, develop and support the local community across Trafford and the rest of Greater Manchester.

- We educate and inspire the community in Arts and Heritage, through the delivery of a series of events and activities in the Arts and Heritage Centre and outreach programme.
- We develop and enhance the skills of young people through our volunteer programme, Duke of Edinburgh activities and project activities.
- We support adults through our volunteer programme and workshops and community projects.

Our guiding principles are collaboration, complementing and creativity.

As detailed in the AWAH Trustees documentation, the day to day running of the Centre is performed by the Project Director, who in turn updates the Trustees at the trustee meeting.

The Project Director will at times delegate certain activities, including exhibitions, workshops and displays to a volunteer as part of their skills development. The volunteer is mentored by the Project Director during this time to optimise the skills transfer and to ensure that AWAH guiding principles are adhered to.

AWAH Policies and Procedures are available in the Centre, and form part of the induction process for all volunteers. Hardcopies are available in the HR folder, which also contains the Volunteer Handbook, and include:

1. Health and Safety
2. Equal Opportunities
3. Working with Vulnerable Adults and Children
4. Employment policy

A risk assessment is performed by the Project Director for each of the AWAH activities, both in the Centre and Outreach. These Risk Assessments are stored online and in the folder at the Centre.

AWAH continually develops and collaborates with several organisations to enable them to deliver the various activities. These typically are ad hoc We have also established a link between Rotary to deliver arts focus on some of their community projects – therefore increasing the reach of the arts and the engagement by the local community.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purpose of Art with a Heart is the advancement of Arts, Heritage and culture through the provision of events, exhibitions and displays in the Centre and at off-site locations. This is making the arts and heritage more accessible to a wider audience.

In addition, we aim to develop the skills of young people through our volunteer programme, therefore enhancing their future opportunities while improving their 'soft' skills.

The objects of the CIO are:

1. To advance the arts and heritage in Altrincham, by the provision of an arts and heritage centre and the provision of events, exhibitions and displays.
2. To help young people aged 16 to 24, especially but not exclusively through leisure time activities, to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Activities undertaken by AWAH in support of these objects for the public benefit includes:

1. Free creativity area available to the public during the Centre's opening hours, including materials.
2. Free permanent Heritage Area displaying local artefacts, photographs, historical books, copies of Maps of the local area dated from the 1750s to 1950s, donated items from the local community and historians and items on permanent loan from STAG and the Transport Museum.
3. Regular workshops organised in the Centre available as a drop-in activity. These are generally free to encourage a wider participation. These are typically created and developed by the volunteers to develop their skills, and therefore enhance their employment opportunities.
4. Free alternative artforms workshops including Crochet and Chat and Mosaic and Mingle supporting mental health, reduced social isolation and improved awareness of alternative art forms.
5. Free regular events, inclusive and accessible to all, irrespective of gender, age, race, religion, sexual orientation or disability held in the centre.
6. Outreach activities including workshops, public art painting by

resident artist as part of autism awareness week, business window displays, organising and participating in public art trails, empty unit displays and involvement in Festivals and celebrations in support of Arts and Heritage, including Easter, Halloween and other religious festivals, e.g. Diwali.

7. Engage with local schools to develop their arts activities and their engagement in the local community and groups.
8. Volunteering opportunities to further skills development and employability of young people, including Duke of Edinburgh, School Student work experience and regular volunteering.
9. Volunteering opportunities for adults.
10. Volunteering opportunities for individuals with learning difficulties and those on the autistic spectrum.
11. Volunteering opportunities and free activities to support the 'Over Fifties', therefore improving their health and well-being, including reducing social isolation and improved community cohesion. This also encourages intergenerational activities between all our volunteers.
12. Maintain an online presence to promote and raise the awareness of the Arts across Greater Manchester, including the Altrincham Area and the workshops, events and the volunteering opportunities available in AWAH.
13. Collaborate with other groups, organisations and businesses to help raise the awareness of the Arts and Heritage in the area, including, local businesses, such as Randall's Jewellery Dunelm and Optieye Care, Tesco in Altrincham and Stanley Square in Sale, community organisations such as the local Rotary Clubs, in particular Bridgewater Trafford Rotary, Sale Town in Bloom and Breath Champs
14. As detailed in the constitution, no charity trustee or connected person may:
 - a. buy or receive any goods or services from AWAH on terms preferential to those applicable to members of the public.
 - b. sell goods, services, or any interest in land to AWAH.
 - c. be employed by or receive any remuneration from AWAH.
 - d. receive any other financial benefit from the AWAH.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

The number of young volunteers engaging in Arts and AWAH increased because of DofE volunteering and skills development.

The diversity of the organisation has increased because of Hong Kongers attending the Crochet and Chat sessions becoming volunteers and engaging on the crochet outreach activities, such as twiddlemuffs for dementia and post box and bollard toppers in Sale and Altrincham.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Main achievements in 2022/2023 reporting year were:

1. Continue to develop and enhance the facilities of the Arts and Heritage Centre, resulting in
 - a. A dedicated Gallery space for regularly updated arts and heritage displays. Exhibitions included an Art display of Resident Artist, Peony Tse, who replaced Daniel Adler.
 - b. A permanent Heritage area, displaying all the Heritage artefacts, maps and books to be freely enjoyed by the members of the public.
 - c. A permanent Creative Area, freely accessible to the members of the public during the Centre's normal hours of operation as well as organising and running free arts and heritage workshops outside these times for local schools and organisations.
 - d. A Creative space for the volunteers on the autistic spectrum.
 - e. Mosaic space for the Mosaic and Mingle workshops. Workshops are run on a Thursday afternoon. These are free activities with the attendees only purchasing the tiles and bases used – glue, grout and tuition is free
 - f. Crochet space for the Crochet and Chat activities. The crochet and chat sessions typically run on Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons, with drop-in sessions and all abilities welcome. It's a free activity with people learning new skills, enhancing their skills working on their individual projects or community projects such as the crochet twiddle muffs for dementia or the crochet items for the postbox toppers and bollard covers. During the school holidays these workshops are expanded to include teaching children and their parents to crochet during the school holidays
2. Continued to support young volunteers with their Duke of Edinburgh activities, with the aim of skills development through the Arts.
3. Increased the diversity of the volunteers, including ethnicity and disabilities.
4. Organised, delivered and hosted free regular Art Workshops, Art Exhibitions and Heritage Displays in support of our objects with the support of the volunteers.
5. Continued collaboration with a business to create artistic displays in their premises across Greater Manchester.
6. Continued to deliver and expand on the outreach activities including:
 - a. Providing the artistic focus on the charity events – Paint Altrincham Blue, Paint Altrincham Pink, Paint Sale Pink, Paint Stretford and Urmston Pink and Sale Town in Bloom
 - b. Organising and running regular 'Crochet and Chat', free to attend workshops in the centre to encourage the public to experience and participate in alternative artforms, with the outputs going on display in Urmston, Sale and Altrincham

as part of the Paint the Town Pink activities.

- c. Running a mosaic workshop in Stanley Square Sale to create mosaic art tiles for an art trail for Sale Town in Bloom
- d. Making Crochet postbox toppers, tree wraps and bollard covers that are on permanent display. These are updated regularly in and around Altrincham

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

All monies generated is reinvested in AWAH through the provision of the events, exhibitions and outreach activities and in supporting the skills development of young adults.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Not applicable

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Principle source of funding is donations.

Section F

Other optional information

Our success is based upon our core values:

- ✓ **Trust** – We are reliable, dependable and steadfast; we always deliver
- ✓ **Respect** – We appreciate and are conscious of any individual's capacities in the Arts and Heritage
- ✓ **Inclusive** – We embrace all sections of the community
- ✓ **Passion** – We are focussed, positive, active and passionate about Arts and Heritage events and activities that we deliver
- ✓ **Originality** – We are committed to developing innovative Arts and Heritage programmes for the benefit of the community
- ✓ **Determined** – We strive for quality, achievement and success in all that we do

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Karen Wroe	
Full name(s)	Karen Wroe	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	25/08/2025	



Charity Name Art with a Heart		No (if any)	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2023	To	Period end date 30/06/2024

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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					
Artwork Sales	248	-	-	248	-
Raffle	1	-	-	1	-
Donations small	35	-	-	35	-
Workshoo	100	-	-	100	-
Donation	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Shop Sales	232	-	-	232	-
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Oher	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	616	-	-	616	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	616	-	-	616	-
A3 Payments					
Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	267	-	-	267	-
Bank Charges	90	-	-	90	-
Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Materials	1 409	-	-	1 409	-
Event mealls/ Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance and subscriptions	291	-	-	291	-
Gift shop payments	-	-	-	-	-
Printing	46	-	-	46	-
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Misc	-	-	-	-	-
Donations and prizes	-	-	-	-	-
Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Artist Payments	297	-	-	297	-
Sub total	2 400	-	-	2 400	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2 400	-	-	2 400	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1 784	-	-	- 1 784	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6 735	-	-	6 735	-
Cash funds this year end	4 951	-	-	4 951	-

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	Bank	7 465	-	-
	Cash	6	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7 471	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Antique Dining Table and Chairs	unrestricted	-	-
	3 Pedestals	unrestricted	-	-
	10 Office Chairs	unrestricted	-	-
	1 Desk L Shape	unrestricted	-	-
	2 Rectangular Desks	unrestricted	-	-
	2 Filing Cabinets	unrestricted	-	-
	1 computer desktop and screen	unrestricted	-	-
	Tea urn	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	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	
		Keith Oulton		