

**REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 08972576 (England and Wales)**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1159976**

**Report of the Trustees and**  
**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30th April 2023**  
**for**  
**Brixton Soup Kitchen**

Sheen Stickland  
Chartered Accountants  
7 East Pallant  
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**Brixton Soup Kitchen**

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for the Year Ended 30th April 2023**

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## **Brixton Soup Kitchen**

### **Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 30th April 2023**

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30th April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Our charity's purpose is to empower Lambeth residents to help and assist homeless people and those in dire need in their community to understand the implementation of the welfare reform and how as a community they can work together to prevent and relieve poverty. We enable partnerships with the London Borough of Lambeth and primary stakeholders for the prevention or relief of poverty in the Lambeth borough in particular, but not exclusively, by providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

We also work with Lambeth residents, including young people who are NEET, who are currently out of work to gain employment by providing information, guidance and support - including CV writing, interview skills and cover letter development.

Our aims fully reflect the purposes that the charity is set up to further.

### **Ensuring our work delivers our aims**

We review our aims and objectives regularly. This review looks at what we achieved and the outcomes of our work over the previous 12 months. The review looks at key activities and the benefits they have brought to those groups of people we are set up to help. The review also helps us ensure our aim, objectives and activities remained focused on our stated purposes. We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities.

### **The focus of our work**

The main objectives for the year were to forge relationships within our community with the aim of the following:

- increase and sustain the support of the local network of enterprises & individuals
- promote and foster local involvement to prevent and relieve poverty
- receive, collect and distribute food for the centre from local business donations
- receive, collect and distribute various other donations for the centre

The outcomes of the charity's work are the following:

- providing a safe place to gather and enjoy companionship & conversation
- providing hot meals during the week to anyone who visits the centre
- providing a well-stocked food & clothes bank to anyone who visits
- delivering hot meals in regular Outreach forays in the South East
- providing Wednesday Book at Breakfast reading groups
- hosting Thursday Lawyers in the Soup Kitchen
- providing advice on employment & housing
- providing practical assistance & equipment to produce CVs and Cover Letters

### **How our work delivers public benefit**

Equal access to our services is important to the charity, as is a very personal daily involvement of the Directors. The Coldharbour Ward, where the BSK operates, is the most ethnically diverse ward in the borough of Lambeth and the second most populated ward with 16,784 residents. It is the poorest ward in the borough with approximately 8.7% (1,103) of residents unemployed - of these, 495 are classified as long-term unemployed, the highest in the borough. The BSK service welcomes 57% more men than women and 33% of the total service users have a current CV. 72% of the service users are in receipt of benefits and over half of the service users have issues around mental health, drug & alcohol use with many experiencing homelessness.

Our service has access to approximately 350 individuals a week to whom hot food, clothing, toiletries and support is given - this is done via the Coldharbour Lane premises and our Outreach.

Additionally, extensive media coverage allows the dissemination of concrete information about homelessness and encourages public engagement.

### **Coldharbour Lane**

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The building on Coldharbour Lane houses the Brixton Domino & Social Club on the ground floor and the Brixton Soup Kitchen on the first. With thanks to the 'Surprise, Surprise' television show, the kitchen is a fully functioning enterprise with room for a chef & volunteers to prepare and cook food every day. With a donation from the Marks & Spencer 'Spark Something Good' project there is comfortable furniture in the reception and dining areas. Service users sign in and may enjoy a warm, welcoming, relaxed atmosphere and have access to TV and WiFi connection. Hot food is served during the week with donations coming from a variety of local businesses. Core support comes to the BSK from Franco Manca, Nando's, Greggs, LIDL and a steady stream of random donations by way of foodstuffs (mostly frozen) is collected weekly. As custodians of the building the team keep the building clean and safe as well as caring for the large garden, which is used in the warmer months. CitiBank became involved in a total clearing of the garden bringing in industrial diggers and the garden is now safe boasting a large Barbeque. There are plans to create vegetable growing areas in the garden, which will be made accessible to the disabled and the community at large.

#### **Outreach**

With the successful fundraising for an operational van, the Soup Kitchen is able to make Outreach trips to the homeless on London streets every fortnight and plan to do so twice a week as funds allow. Hot food & drink, toiletries and clothes are distributed with the help of volunteers alongside the Directors. Volunteers gather on Sunday mornings to prepare the food & care packages and set out through the night.

Regular Outreach also involves speaking engagements and talks in schools. The BSK has created a close rapport with the Job Centre Plus, the Pinnacle People and Lambeth Probation Service, arranging for individuals to commit on a regular basis, which allows the Kitchen to rely on assistance as well as bolstering a sense of effectiveness in each service user.

The Directors regularly give radio and news source interviews as the Soup Kitchen is an inspirational enterprise demonstrating positive outcomes from their dedicated engagement.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

Trustees will be appointed and approved as active members of the Board of Trustees by the Board of Directors, as required by the Charity Commission. Only one appointment per household will be accepted. Nominations for the specific Committee roles will be voted on at the inaugural annual general meeting of the Brixton Soup Kitchen's Board of Trustees. This is to be held during the month of April.

At present, the Committee has 5 members from a variety of professional backgrounds relevant to the work of the charity. All member of the Management Committee give their time voluntarily and received no benefits from the charity.

Due to the nature of much of the charity's work inevitably focused upon the homeless, those in need and young people, the Directors seek to ensure that the participation in this group are appropriately reflected through the diversity of the trustee body. As a young charity, the directors have also chosen trustees who are gladly able to offer practical skills such as information technology support, marketing & promotional advice. Some skill sets also cover policing and safety from violence.

The annual meeting is held at the operating premises and allows the trustees to experience first-hand the regular workings of the charity.

### Members of the Management Committee

Members of the Management Committee certify that:

- so far as we are aware, there is no relevant audit information of the the company's auditors are unaware; and
- as members of the management committee we have taken all the steps that we ought to have taken in order to make ourselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

### **Organisational structure**

A Director and Centre Manager are on-site daily and oversee the smooth running of the charity. The core team of 10-12 people, comprises a daily volunteer administrator dedicated to oversight of all correspondence and calls coming through the website (average 800 hits a week), a Centre Manager, volunteer chefs and helpers, none of whom currently receive any remuneration (except the centre manager). The extensive UK media coverage and swift word-of-mouth in the area means that many people call or write offering to volunteer their time - the BSK targets strengths to best enhance the work that needs to be done.

### **Operational Outcomes**

The Directors and the organization have received recognition for the work of the Kitchen by way of Awards and media coverage, including; Our Heroes Award (twice), Back 2 Black Inspirational Award BAFTA, Precious Award, Community Recognition Award Greater Heights, Independent On Sunday Happy 100 Award, Evening Standard Progress 1000 Award - Most Influential Londoners. The BSK have made appearances on UK's Surprise, Surprise, ITV News, Victoria Derbyshire Show, SKY News, LBC, BBC News, Chicken Shop C4 and Solomon was a Bar B Q Champ.

A large social media following allows the organisation to remain current with supporters and galvanise the community at any time.

### **Insurance**

Merkel UK Ltd carry the Public Liability Insurance policy for the Soup Kitchen expiring February 2, 2018. There will be a direct link to the extensive Safeguarding Policy to which the Kitchen adheres on the new website currently under development.

Rigorous procedures are in place to ensure compliance with health and safety of staff, volunteers, clients and visitors to the centre. The Directors regularly attend training opportunities to hone their skills in Leadership, Youth Work, Food Hygiene, Health & Safety, First Aid and Fire Marshalling.

The BSK will be acquiring additional insurance to cover Trustees & Directors as well as devising a Data Protection Plan.

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Additional Support**

Due largely to media coverage, the Soup Kitchen has generated the support of MPs, chiefs of industry and legal practitioners who offer advice and some financial support. The donation of the salary for an Administrative Aid during 2016 will allow the Directors to build further on the successes of the charity.

##### **Auditors**

Sheen Stickland was appointed as the charitable company's auditors during the year. This report has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (issued in March 2005) and in accordance with the special provisions of Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small entities. Approved by the Management Committee in January 2018.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Company number**

08972576 (England and Wales)

##### **Registered Charity number**

1159976

##### **Registered office**

297 - 299 Coldharbour Lane  
London  
SW9 8RP

##### **Trustees**

W Goode  
N Gilbert  
C Henry  
S Smith  
J Whyte

##### **Management Committee (board)**

S Smith  
W Goode  
N Gilbert  
J Whyte  
C Henry

##### **Senior Management Team (frontline)**

|            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| S Smith    | Managing Director                     |
| M Lammie   | Centre Manager                        |
| T Alcindor | Advisor (Lawyers in the Soup Kitchen) |

##### **Independent Examiner**

P E H Wright FCA DChA  
Sheen Stickland  
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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Time Line of Notable Activity**

Many of the below activity was delivered off site due to the refurbishment of the centre.

##### April

- Activities during half term with young people- including Easter egg search and work with special needs young people.

##### May

- Supported sister soup kitchens in Peckham and Harrow with a joint outreach project delivering over 1000 hot meals, clothes and hot drinks.

##### June

- Delivered our community give back project which focused on including the most vulnerable in a community cohesion project where they were made to feel like valued members.

##### July

- Corporate volunteers from coca-cola attended the soup kitchen as part of their CSR day.

##### August

- Delivered on our annual back to school drive community give back day and we had over 2000 family come and collect school uniforms and stationery for school.

##### September

- Launched homelessness campaign with foot patrol on a number of major platforms.

##### October

- Founder Mahamed hashi and Solomon smith were named as a nominee and winner of the Muslim news award.

##### November

- We did community fireworks display we're over 200 families came and got a hot meal and treats.
- Organisation nominated for MMBC award.

##### December

- Annual Christmas open day with over 50 volunteers and 200 service users

##### January

- Celebrated the soup kitchens 10-year Anniversary.

##### February

- Met with council around refurb to building and conducted a walkabout of the site.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Principal funding sources**

Private donations are the sole source of income. Effective use of social media and various fundraising campaigns have successfully raised a large portion of the years' income. Many small donations from individuals are the principal source of income to date. Plans to create several more project-led campaigns are scheduled. Sourcing regular, consistent funding is paramount to our future plans.

The supporters of the Soup Kitchen are integral to our organization and we remain in constant contact to assure them of monies appropriately, prudently spent.

##### **Reserves policy**

The BSK is unencumbered by any debt and moves forward from a strong, well-respected position. Since the Kitchen has been established, including the time it has operated as a registered charity, it has relied solely on small public donations predominantly from the local community and receiving no formal funding.

#### **FUTURE PLANS**

Our aim is to build on the successes. Media coverage has been widespread, the management of the kitchen is in place and a successful Outreach format has been established. A renewed Business Plan will focus on aspects of the Soup Kitchen that may be funded long-term with specific campaigns targeting seasonal projects.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.



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**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Advisers**

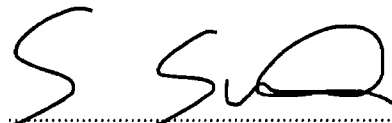
**Bankers**

Santander  
498 Brixton Road  
London  
SW9 8RP

**Insurers**

Markel UK Ltd  
2nd Floor  
Verity House  
Canal Wharf  
Leeds  
LS11 5AS

Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... 7/6/24 ..... and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S Smith', written over a dotted line.

S Smith - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Brixton Soup Kitchen**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Brixton Soup Kitchen ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 30th April 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors 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 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.

**Independent examiner's statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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



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Date: 21/6/24

**Brixton Soup Kitchen****Statement of Financial Activities  
for the Year Ended 30th April 2023**

|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted<br>fund<br>£ | Restricted<br>fund<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>  |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Donations and legacies             | 2     | <u>149,280</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>149,280</u>              | <u>129,606</u>              |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>              |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>       | 3     |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Charitable activities              |       | 139,455                   | -                       | 139,455                     | 194,801                     |
| Other                              | 5     | <u>7,761</u>              | <u>-</u>                | <u>7,761</u>                | <u>8,111</u>                |
| <b>Total</b>                       |       | <u>147,216</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>147,216</u>              | <u>202,912</u>              |
| <b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>    |       | 2,064                     | -                       | 2,064                       | (73,306)                    |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>     |       |                           |                         |                             |                             |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 22,478                    | -                       | 22,478                      | 95,784                      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> |       | <u><u>24,542</u></u>      | <u><u>-</u></u>         | <u><u>24,542</u></u>        | <u><u>22,478</u></u>        |

The notes form part of these financial statements