



# **THE BLESSED HUB**

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

**07 April 2021 - 06 April 2022**

The Blessed Hub

Registered Charity no. 1161903

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## Trustees' Annual Report

### Reference and Administration Details

The Blessed Hub ("TBH" Former name, "The Homeless Hub") was formally registered in England & Wales on May 29th 2015.

After having run regular monthly homeless meet and feeds since 2010. Working with numerous charities and establishing our own food bank in 2013, we've distributed thousands of hot foods, drink, clothing and more in Manchester City Centre and door-to-door.

**Name.** The Blessed Hub (TBH)

**Address.** The Blessed Hub, Unit 7, Midland St, Manchester, M12 6LB.

**Legal status:** Registered charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)

**Charity no.** 1161903

**Trustees:** The trustees who have served during this period are:

1. Mubashir Anwar (Chair)
2. Zaigham Khan (Vice-Chair)
3. Peter Phillips
4. Khadam Hussain Rafique

### Structure, Governance and Management

#### Organisational Structure

The Homeless Hub is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation ("CIO") with a written constitution witnessed and approved May 29th 2015.

The CIO is managed by a Board of Trustees, who act as the administrative and managerial body. The current board consists of four first named trustees who are responsible for setting and reviewing policies, finances and strategic direction. The Trustees during this period have also been the day to day management and operational body of the charity.

With no current staffing, the Trustee Board, partners and volunteers organise and deliver services together.

## **How are Trustees selected?**

Apart from the first charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed for a term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. They are appointed through residence, occupation, employment or otherwise have specialist knowledge of the area of benefit or who are able by virtue of their personal or professional qualifications to make contribution to the pursuit of the objectives or management of the charity.

Any new trustee appointments would involve attendance to Volunteer Induction, which covers the history of THH, the aims, the main policies, guidelines and working practices. They then work in activities in order to see how things work in practice, to meet people who use the services, staff and volunteers. Each Trustee receives an induction pack, which includes information about their legal responsibilities as provided in the Charity Commission booklet. They receive the charity constitution, financial statements, annual report, budget and recent management papers or meeting minutes. They are also given information about their role as a Trustee and what is expected of them as well as information about other Trustees and introduced to them.

## **Risk Assessment**

The trustees have a risk management strategy which comprises an annual review of the principal risks and uncertainties that the charity faces; the establishment of policies systems and procedures to mitigate those risks identified and, the implementation of procedures designed to minimise or manage any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

This work has identified that financial sustainability is the major financial risk. This is managed by regular review of the charity's accounts together with financial review of fundraising efforts against any pre-determined targets. Attention has also been focused on non-financial risks arising from fire, health and safety of staff, users, volunteers and food hygiene. These risks are managed by ensuring that robust policies and procedures are in place and regular awareness training for staff/volunteers working in these operational areas.



## Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in the TBH governing constitution:

*1 - The relief or prevention of financial hardship, primarily among 'homeless people' in Manchester and elsewhere in the UK, by the provision of grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.*

*2 - The advancement of education for the public benefit concerning the nature, causes and effects of homelessness, poverty and distress through undertaking and supporting research into factors that contribute to poverty and the most appropriate ways to mitigate these.*

## What Is Our Vision and Mission?

Our Mission is to bring positive change into the lives of people who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk and realise a better future through: *Authenticity. Transparency. Impact.*

We believe we are living in a time where no one should be struggling to meet their basic needs. Yet we find there are such people. So it's our responsibility to do something, however small, about the problems we see, however large. That's why we started The Homeless Hub – to leverage technology and the power of human relationships to fight poverty.

*Our Vision is for everyone to have a secure and stable home.*

## Our Values

We believe in **serving the community with inclusivity.**

We believe in the courage of **innovation and creativity.**

We believe in **the power of human relationships and collaboration.**

We believe in **focusing on the basics.**



We believe in **truth, honesty and transparency.**  
We believe in **empowering and inspiring our community.**  
We believe in **valuing differences.**

## What do we do to meet these objects and values?

At the time of registration, we set out to do the following:

- **Regular Homeless Meet & Feeds / Food bank**
  - The collection and distribution of food, clothing, and essential items such as hygiene, grooming and other equipment or tools.
  - Providing emergency food supplies to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- **Crowdfunding**
  - Provide charities and donors in the community with a *new, simple, and direct* way to make an impact on homelessness.
  - fundraising for the beneficiaries, making available the monies to bodies whose aims being charitable are the relief of such hardship and distress we seek to relieve. Each of which can redeem the monies for the fulfilment of basic needs directly for the beneficiary. This will be achieved by working together with different bodies who work directly with the beneficiaries intended to benefit.
- **Research (made into content online)**
  - The production of educational guides or research to educate the public concerning the nature, causes and effects of homelessness, human suffering, poverty and distress as aforesaid. These made free and accessible to the public through our online mediums. For example: “How to help those sleeping rough”, “The do’s and don’ts of helping those sleeping rough”, and “How to help someone who has just become homeless”.
  - Organising public events to further awareness amongst the public providing information or services available to local people through online mediums

**Our key intended action:** We provide charities and donors in the community with a new, simple, and direct way to make an impact on homelessness.

## Achievements and Performance

### Background & Achievements To Date

- **10th October 2010** — Our first experience in meeting and feeding the homeless (rough sleepers, those at risk and those living in or below the poverty line).
- **June 2012** — For six months we worked with The Mustard Tree on weekly Friday evening soup runs.
- **Dec 2012** — Our first Christmas Day street run. During this 6 month period we served over 500 meals. After this we began regular monthly homeless meet and feeds.
- **June 2013** — By June 2013, we had delivered over 500 food packages to doors and served over 1000 packages of hot fresh foods. During June 2013, we started the Manchester Food Bank UK. Through the food bank we offered a three-tier service of emergency food supplies (24 hour on-demand), agency drop-offs (monthly) and street homeless meets and feeds (monthly). Up to 600+ parcels were distributed. Over 1000 fresh food supplies in the streets feeding over 600 homeless rough sleepers. The Booth Centre, Lifeshare, Saheli, MCUK, and Rainbow Haven were amongst those regularly supplied to.
- **Dec 2013** — Hosted our second Christmas Day feed with Lifeshare.
- **Dec 2014** — We began monthly themed homeless meet and feeds starting with a New Years Eve Delights event. Began researching and developing plans to further the work we do.
- **May 2015** — Registered The Homeless Hub as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the Charity Commission. Began developing our new concepts.
- **February 2016** — Accepted a lease to secure a new home! This has been donated to us by Tariq Ghani, Managing Director of Olympic Foods Ltd.
- **April 2015 to April 2016** —
  - Continued homeless meet and feeds up and transitioned to weekly brunch feeds. The themes included:
    - Underwear Drive
    - Easter Delights

- Treat or Bake a Cake
  - 3rd Annual Street Feed
  - Care Packs
  - Staying Dry
  - No Tricks, only Treats
  - Staying Warm
  - Boxing Day Treats
  - Keeping Warm
  - Saturday Morning Brunch
  - Sunday Morning Brunch
- Marked Ramadan collaborating with organising charities at an Annual Street Iftar and Homeless Feed which featured in the Manchester Evening News.
- Partnered with the University of Manchester's Medical Society to deliver street feeding events.
- We supported four individuals through our crowdfunding concept to help achieve immediate goals including preventing homelessness.
- Began renovating building — Thanks to Manor Interior we were able to source new carpeting, painting and lighting.
- **April 2016 to April 2017 —**
  - We continued Sunday morning brunches as well as evening feed and meets with homeless throughout April 2016.
  - In June 2016, we shifted towards Sunday only brunches. We also participated in the 4th Annual Street Iftar with local charities.
  - In December 2016, we hosted an evening with religious, parliamentary, council, local businesses and charities in a social meeting about our plans moving into 2017. Guests included Afzal Khan and Revd. Father Falak Sher of Church of England Diocese.
  - We continued working on the premises renovations and developing partnerships in view of opening a new night shelter.
- **April 2017 to April 2018 —**
  - We partnered up with Barnabus, BOAZ Trust, iEPR, and The Blessed Hub to host an Iftar dinner with the homeless, refugees and asylum seekers at The Homeless Hub premises.
  - The Homeless Hub helped and supplied items to those who need it with SKT Welfare in London, Grenfell tower victims.
  - Hosted Sunday Brunch Socials for the homeless from the premises every Sunday.
  - The Homeless Hub partnered with the Tai Chi school to deliver Tai Chi/Qigong classes for the community, as well as the homeless at the hub.
  - The Tai Chi school hosted fundraisers and regular classes.



- The Homeless Hub had planning permission approved for a change of use for the premises: 24/7/365 night shelter.
- The Llyods Bank Group came to join us for corporate outings in order to get the premises ready for shelter purposes.
- Over severe weather period, Zaynabs Foundation and The Homeless Hub in Partnership with MCR Property group and Rafay Musarat Foundation were at provided 200+ packs of food and essentials to the homeless.
- **April 2018 to April 2019 —**
  - DIY at the premises with the team from Llyods Bank.
  - Tai Chi Fundraiser
  - Getting the premises ready with building works: painting, plastering, carpets, furniture etc
  - 29th October we opened the 24/7 night shelter, 20 bed per night partnering with the Mayor's Bed Every Night Scheme and Riverside Housing.
  - We helped 16 people successfully move on within the short period we were running the shelter. 15 did not stay and 8 had to be asked to leave. During the entire period, we had several volunteers supply food.
  - The shelter had to come to an end at the end of the year 2019.
  - Lease came to an end in February 2019 and left the building in April.
  - Released a public statement regarding closure.
- **April 2019 to April 2020 —**
  - Dealing with credit and debts
  - Helped local elderly people move into new accommodation
- **April 2020 to April 2021 —**
  - Pivot dormant phase
  - Gave out COVID support
- **April 2021 to April 2022 —**
  - Continued to support local people
  - Pivot dormant phase

The Trustees regularly monitor and review the Charity's success in meeting its key objectives.

The Trustees can confirm, in the light of the Charities Act 2006 guidance, that its aims fully meet the public benefit test and that all its activities have been and continue to be undertaken in pursuit of this aim.

## **Financial Review**

The Trustees prepare plans and financial forecasts for the following two years to ensure adequate funding is available to achieve the aims of TBH.

During the year ended 06 April 2021 - 07 April 2022 total income amounted to £553.23 and total expenditure amounted to £0 (rounded to the nearest £).

TBH focused mainly on looking into new opportunities to develop but managed to support local people through volunteering.

We do not have any funds in deficit.

## **Reserves Policy**

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency repairs and other expenditure. The policy of the trustees is that sufficient of the Charity's reserves shall be retained so that, in the event of emergency or liability, funds are available to meet costs.

## **Plans for the future**

Over the next 12 months TBH intends to continue to look into opportunities.

## **Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Mubashir Anwar  
Trustee & Chair

Wednesday 8th March 2023



The Blessed Hub

No 1161903

**Receipts and payments accounts****CC16a**

For the period from

Apr-21

To

Apr-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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations (monthly and one-offs)	553	-	-	553	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553</b>	
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553</b>	
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>553</b>	
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,382</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>-</b>

**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>	Cash at Bank	3,936	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>3,936</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Restricted funds to nearest £</b>	<b>Endowment funds to nearest £</b>

B2 Other monetary assets

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

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


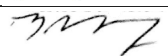
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

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

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
	MUBASHIR ANWAR	8-Mar-23
	ZAIGHAM KHAN	8-Mar-23