



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	The Hope Street Centre		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1165260		
Charity's principal address	The Hope Street Centre		
	Rose Street Car park		
	Sheerness, Kent		
	Postcode	ME12 1AJ	

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	Heather Morgan		Whole period	Fellow trustees
2	Janet Beake		Whole period	Fellow trustees
3	Lynne LeMasonry		Whole period	Fellow trustees
4	Diana Wiles		Resigned 05/07/22	
5	Harry Aldridge		Resigned 05/07/22	
6	Stewart Kitchener		Whole period	Fellow trustees
7	Rev Bonni-Belle			
8	Pickard	Chair	Appointed 05/07/22	Fellow trustees
9	John Ellis		Appointed 05/07/22	Fellow trustees
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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
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by existing trustees

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.

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Section C Objectives and activities

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

The object of the CIO is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into 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 Centre experienced a loss of income in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22 The trustees conducted a robust review of the centre’s activities and costs to ensure it was able to meet its social commitments and remain a going concern.

During the year to 31 March 2023 the Centre continued to hire rooms and facilities to community groups at accessible rates. This facilitated the continued provision of socially inclusive clubs and activities for the local community.

The Centre was also able to provide external activities such as bowling and archery with provision of transport and support to ensure activities were inclusive and allow people who would not otherwise have access to those activities to enjoy them in a safe and relaxed environment.

Funding was also provided for the ‘Making Tummies Happier’ project, which provide food for children from families struggling with the cost of living in a safe, fun, and socially inclusive environment.

The trustees considered all the activities of the Centre having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

Following the trustees review of the Charty's operations, the Centre was able to continue operating and providing social activities, albeit on a reduced scale. Despite the difficulties it faced, the Centre was able to provide socially inclusive activities for many people in the local community, and also provide facilities for local clubs and meetings that might otherwise have had to cease due to the higher costs of facilities elsewhere.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The CIO's policy is to maintain reserves at a level equivalent to 6-12 months of operational expenditure, enabling the charity to continue meeting its objectives. The Charity has not met this target yet and the trustees continue to review the Charity's finances to work towards establishing suitable reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

Section F

Other optional information

Funding support acknowledgement

This year we have been supported by the Kent Community Foundation, Sheerness Town Council, Colyer Ferguson, Groundwork UK and the Henry Smith Charity.

We acknowledge and thank all our funders for their support through this financial year. Their help enabled the Centre to continue to function as we recover from the impact of the Covid pandemic.

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	L LeMasonry	
Full name(s)	Lynne LeMasonry	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	23/02/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Hope Street Centre

1165260

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
4/1/2022

To

Period end date
3/31/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grant income	-	30,750	-	30,750	31,571
Donations	14,700	-	-	14,700	20,642
Room hire income	24,510	-	-	24,510	8,950
Loans repayment monies received	25,000	-	-	25,000	35,000
Other Income	460	-	-	460	35,342
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	64,670	30,750	-	95,420	131,505
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	64,670	30,750	-	95,420	131,505
A3 Payments					
Staff wages	26,499	-	-	26,499	107,202
Employers pension contributions	452	-	-	452	786
Cleaning and maintenance	-	2,212	-	2,212	-
Telephone	-	275	-	275	575
Travel expenses and mileage	-	3,005	-	3,005	6,821
Sundry expenses	-	1,791	-	1,791	170
Grant acquisition fees	-	2,500	-	2,500	6,691
Stationery and minor equipment	-	1,761	-	1,761	1,014
Room hire	-	1,950	-	1,950	-
Consultancy fees	-	-	-	-	2,600
Accountancy fees	450	-	-	450	702
Room hire refund	-	450	-	450	-
Subscriptions	-	236	-	236	338
Events and refreshments	-	7,399	-	7,399	3,097
Loan repayments	25,033	-	-	25,033	444
Building work	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	52,433	21,579	-	74,012	130,440
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Computer equipment	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	52,433	21,579	-	74,012	130,440
Net of receipts/(payments)	12,237	9,171	-	21,408	1,065
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,146	2,675	-	13,821	-
Cash funds this year end	23,383	11,846	-	35,229	1,065

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	Cash at bank	23,383	11,846	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	23,383	11,846	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
	Television	Unrestricted	1,099	-
	Freezer	Unrestricted	1,320	-
	Fridge x 2	Unrestricted	804	-
	Dishwasher	Unrestricted	399	-
	Laptops x 3	Unrestricted	1,036	-
	Tables and chairs	Unrestricted	638	-
	Flipchart tripod	Unrestricted	239	-
	Folding table	Unrestricted	606	-
	4 Dell laptops	Unrestricted	400	-
	54 stacking chairs	Unrestricted	782	-
	3 televisions	Unrestricted	550	-
	Dell printer	Unrestricted	240	-
	Office furniture	Unrestricted	80	-
	16 Dell laptops	Unrestricted	3,839	-
	4 countertop fridges	Unrestricted	538	-
	Dell Insiron Touchscreen	Unrestricted	265	-
	Sony Bravia Smart TV	Unrestricted	299	-
	Samsung Galaxy S20	Unrestricted	624	-
	HP Laserjet printer	Unrestricted	226	-
	B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	L LeMasonry	Lynne LeMasonry	2/23/2024	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
The Hope Street Centre

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1165260

Set out on pages

1 to 2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees, 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 Charity'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:

Date:

26/02/2024

Name:

J A Griggs

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

FCA

Address:

Levicks Chartered Accountants

61 London Road, Maidstone, Kent. ME16 8TX

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.