



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 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1165260

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the year ended **31 March 2024**.

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: J A Griggs

Date: 29 November 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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Hope Street Centre

1165260

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01-Apr-23

To

31-Mar-24

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					
Grants	-	33,413	-	33,413	30,750
Donations	1,641	-	-	1,641	14,700
Room Hire	43,544	-	-	43,544	24,510
Refunds	19,979	-	-	19,979	-
Coffee Shop Takings	22,862	-	-	22,862	-
Sumup Income	2,435	-	-	2,435	-
Other Income	1,005	-	-	1,005	460
Loans received	-	-	-	-	25,000
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,466	33,413	-	124,879	95,420
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,466	33,413	-	124,879	95,420
A3 Payments					
Coffee Shop Online Food	-	5,732	-	5,732	-
Coffee Shop Other Food	-	303	-	303	-
Coffee Shop Other	-	1,205	-	1,205	-
Accountants Fees	2,358	-	-	2,358	450
Stationery/Equipment	-	1,419	-	1,419	1,773
Office Expenses	-	795	-	795	-
Training Costs	-	240	-	240	-
Making Tummies Happier	-	3,653	-	3,653	-
Activities and Events	-	4,537	-	4,537	-
Contractors	-	3,695	-	3,695	2,212
Subscriptions	-	127	-	127	224
Staff Wages	54,915	8,564	-	63,479	26,499
Pension Contribution	1,501	-	-	1,501	452
Licence	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Insurance	-	841	-	841	-
Other Expenditure	16,641	-	-	16,641	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	275
Travel expenses and mileage	-	-	-	-	3,005
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	1,791
Grant acquisition fees	-	-	-	-	2,500
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	1,950
Room Hire Refund	-	-	-	-	450
Events and refreshments	-	-	-	-	7,399
Loan repayments	-	-	-	-	25,033
Sub total	85,415	31,111	-	116,525	74,012
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	85,415	31,111	-	116,525	74,012
Net of receipts/(payments)	6,051	2,302	-	8,354	21,408
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,383	11,846	-	35,229	-
Cash funds this year end	29,434	14,148	-	43,583	21,408

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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	29,434	14,148	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,434	14,148	-
	(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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Television	Unrestricted	1,099	-
	Shelving units	Unrestricted		-
	Fridge	Unrestricted	402	-
	4 fans	Unrestricted		-
	4 lamps	Unrestricted		-
	Office furniture	Unrestricted	638	-
	4 flipcharts	Unrestricted	239	-
	Nintendo Wii	Unrestricted		-
	3 laptops	Unrestricted	400	
	Xbox One	Unrestricted		
	Television	Unrestricted	184	
	HP printer	Unrestricted		
	2 mobile phones	Unrestricted		
	Sum Up machine	Unrestricted		
	Griddle	Unrestricted		
	2 urns	Unrestricted		
	Microwave	Unrestricted		
				-
	B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
Lynne LeMasonry	Lynne LeMasonry	27/11/2024	
Heather Morgan	Heather Morgan	27/11/2024	



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2023		31	March	2024

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	Stewart Kitching		Whole period	Fellow trustees
5	Rev Bonni-Belle Pickard	Chair	Whole period	Fellow trustees
6	John Ellis		Whole period	Fellow trustees
7	Derek Goodger		Appointed 22 May 2023	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

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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)

<p>The Centre experienced a loss of income in 2022/23 compared to 2021/22 and consequently 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 into the forthcoming year and beyond.</p> <p>During the year to 31 March 2024 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 which were well attended.</p> <p>The Centre was also able to continue with some external activities such as bowling and archery with provision of transport and support to ensure activities were inclusive and allowed people who would not otherwise have access to those activities to enjoy them in a safe and relaxed environment.</p> <p>The Centre took over running the community café within the Centre building. The charity was grateful to receive funding towards the cost of this as it provides a valuable social space for the local community. The Centre also continued with the 'Making Tummies Happier' project, which provided food for children from families struggling with the cost of living in a safe, fun, and socially inclusive environment, until funding was exhausted in July 2023.</p> <p>The Centre's smooth running depends on the contributions of several volunteers who help out on the coffee shop, Blue Tree Social Group and with trips and outings. The Centre is also grateful for the guidance from volunteer trustees.</p> <p>The trustees considered all the activities of the Centre having regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>
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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policy on grantmaking; • policy programme related investment; • contribution made by volunteers. 	
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Following the trustees review of the Charity's operations, the Centre was able to continue operating and providing social activities, albeit on a reduced scale. Despite the difficulties it faced as a result of the downturn at the end of 2022 and into 2023, the actions taken by the trustees meant that the Centre continued to be 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 but has made good progress towards it. The trustees continue to review the Charity's finances to work towards establishing suitable reserves and are confident that the charity will achieve this in a reasonable timescale.

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, the Henry Smith Charity, Awards for All and the United Reformed Church.

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)	Lynne LeMasonry	Heather Morgan
Full name(s)	Lynne LeMasonry	Heather Morgan
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
Date	27 November 2024	