

Trustees' Annual Report

For the period ended April 5th 2022

A. Reference and Administrative details:

Name of charity:	Cornergate Foundation
Charity number:	1165264
Registered address:	Cedar House, Featherbed Lane, Hemel Hempstead HP3 9DJ
Trustees:	Eamonn O'Reilly (chair) Annette Hobbs Jon Sweeney Caroline Young Helen Fellows (Treasurer)
Chief Executive Officer:	Kim Hobbs

B. Structure, Governance and Management

Cornergate Foundation is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed under the provisions of our constitution dated 11th November 2015.

Trustees have been appointed from the local community having consideration for the needs of the organisation and the skill sets required to sustain and develop the work of the charity. Trustees have the authority to appoint, retain or dispense with other trustees under the terms of the constitution. There were no changes to the team of Trustees during this year.

Governance of the charity is by regular trustees meetings, covering such matters as legal, regulatory, risk, strategy and financial. Operational matters, including the implementation of trustees decisions are primarily driven by the CEO with assistance from trustees or others.

C. Objectives and Activities

Objects:

"Cornergate Foundation exists for the public benefit, promoting the social inclusion of people in need, including those who have been in prison (or who have a criminal conviction) or who suffer, or have suffered addictions or mental health conditions, illness or other hardships, by the provision of funds, advocacy, goods or services of any kind, including accommodation or open space, whether supported or otherwise.

Such services may be provided in the United Kingdom or such other parts of the world as the Trustees may, from time to time, think fit."

We confirm that the trustees have had due regard to guidance published by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Activities in 2021/22 include:

- Befriending / Mentoring - this continues as a core activity having developed this service into a highly effective programme of support for ex-offenders seeking to restart their lives after prison and to seek a new direction away from crime. This service restarted after the restrictions placed upon us under COVID and we now receive regular referrals from local probation teams. Outcomes from this service frequently include:
 - gaining employment,
 - successfully re-connecting with family and children,
 - regaining good mental health and dispensing with medication (under independent medical supervision),
 - recovering from addiction,
 - establishing financial independence from parents.

This service remains on a small scale due to limited volunteers. We are constantly recruiting for both prison and community roles.

- the launch of *Debate Club* - a new educational and social programme at HMP The Mount. This programme began in July 2021 and has been extended twice since the initial period. Debate Club provides a fun environment where prisoners can learn to articulate ideas and opinions and enter into debate with colleagues. It teaches how to formulate ideas, negotiation, research, tests listening skills and how to handle potential confrontation. An initially simple idea has become a real hit with prisoners and is well attended each week.
- piloting a self-development course for prisoners and ex-offenders called '*You-Hear-Me*'. On conclusion of the pilot we promptly decided to extend it with more sessions and rename it '*RESET*'. We were delighted with feedback from prisoners attending, albeit arrangements for and hence the success of, post release follow up was not as good as we hoped. We look forward to a second pilot in 2023 and perhaps planned roll-out (subject to funding)
- group activities and events. These restarted after COVID including the men's group and also a new addiction recovery support group based at a church in Watford. This new group is not a Twelve Step fellowship but offers friendship support in an overtly Christian environment, in keeping with our Christian basis. This is *emphatically not* an alternative to Twelve-Step fellowships - which we enthusiastically support and encourage addicts to attend as well.

- Advocacy - on an individual basis supporting application for housing, training or other education, job-hunting or at court or dealings with the police.

Strategic partnerships:

Cornergate aims to serve the local community by helping ex-offenders to restart their lives after prison, making communities safer for all. We seek partnerships with statutory agencies including the police, probation and the prison and were therefore pleased to achieve a commercial arrangement for the first time with HMP The Mount. We have since achieved registration under the Criminal Justice System Dynamic Purchasing System in order to smooth future commercial arrangements.

D. Achievements and Performance

See above 'Activities'. In summary we have:

- successfully piloted a prisoner rehabilitation, now called *RESET*
- launched *Debate Club* at *HMP The Mount* and a new weekly addiction recovery event at a local church.
- re-established regular referrals with Watford probation
- through connections made at *Debate Club*, have received referrals from the local prison.
- achieved registration on CJS DPS purchasing system which will be significant for smooth payment from statutory funding sources.

We have commenced referrals with many new clients and re-established connections with several that broke off during lockdowns necessitated by the pandemic. Outcomes include employment for some, re-establishing relationships with family and in particular with children, financial independence including tackling debt, support to tackle addiction and finally but just as importantly, mental wellbeing and confidence.

E. Financial Review

Income and Expenditure

For the year ended 5th April 2022 total income was £20,268 including restricted funds of £1,200 whilst expenditure was £14,868 overall. The trustees continue to monitor expenditure to ensure our long term sustainability.

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds - ie those which have not been designated for a specific use - should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised.

Future Plans

Since the close of the year a number of opportunities have presented themselves as our experience and reputation has grown. We anticipate further work through the prison, probation and the local police as well as the local churches. Through the latter we are receiving a small number of referrals alongside opportunities to present our message of hope and rehabilitation.

F. Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Signature

.....E O'Reilly.....

Full name

.....KAMONN O'REILLY.....

Position

.....CHAIR OF TRUSTEES.....

Date

.....12/12/22.....



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

CORNERGATE FOUNDATION

1165264

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

4/6/21

To

4/5/22

Section A Receipts and payments

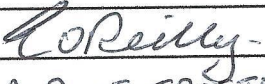
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
INCOME	- 0		-	-	-
GIFTS	8,682		-	8,682	9,475
REGULAR DONATIONS	4,655	1,200	-	5,855	5,640
PROJECT FUNDING	5,723	-	-	5,723	3,000
GIFT AID	- 0	-	-	-	-
BANK INTEREST	8	-	-	8	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,068	1,200	-	20,268	18,115
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total receipts	19,068	1,200	- 0	20,268	18,115
A3 Payments					
DESIGN/PUBLICITY	199	-	-	199	318
FEES/LEGAL/DONATIONS	268	-	-	268	141
GOODS/SUPPLIES	2,160	-	-	2,160	148
PRISON/COMMUNITY SUPPORT	9,223	-	-	9,223	9,037
TRAVEL/EXPENSES	1,483	1,200	-	2,683	2,775
TRAINING/CONFERENCES	- 0	-	-	-	-
PROF FEES/INSURANCE	335	-	-	335	335
HMRC PAYMENT	- 0	-	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,668	1,200	-	14,868	12,754
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	-
Sub total	- 0	- 0	- 0	-	- 0
Total payments	13,668	1,200	- 0	14,868	12,754
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,400	-	-	5,400	5,361
A5 Transfers between funds	- 0	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,996	-	-	25,996	20,635
Cash funds this year end	31,396	-	-	31,396	25,996

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Restricted funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	METRO CURRENT A/C	7,386		
	METRO DEPOSIT A/C	24,010	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,396	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

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	METRO DEPOSIT A/C	24,010	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	31,396	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Cost (optional)
	PROJECTOR		531	531
	LAPTOP		1,899	1,899
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	Amount due (optional)
			-	00 January 1900
			-	00 January 1900
			-	00 January 1900
			-	00 January 1900

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	 CHAIR OF TRUSTEES	RAYMOND O'REILLY	12/12/22