

HIVE

England & Wales · Charity number 1165566

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-02-12

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC IN THE SUDBURY AND DISTRICT AREA OF SUFFOLK BY:A) PROVIDING A SERVICE TO VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN SUPPORTING THEM WITH THEIR HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE NEEDS;B) PROVIDING TRAINING AND LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES TO LOCAL VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY GROUPS;C) PROVIDING INFORMATION SERVICES TO LOCAL GROUPS;D) PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL GROUPS TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER AGENCIES; ANDE) OFFERING FUNDING OR FUNDING ADVICE TO HELP LOCAL GROUPS TO DEVELOP.(THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR' MEANS CHARITIES AND VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS. CHARITIES ARE ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS ARE INDEPENDENT ORGANISATIONS, WHICH ARE ESTABLISHED FOR PURPOSES THAT ADD VALUE TO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE, OR A SIGNIFICANT SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY, AND WHICH ARE NOT PERMITTED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION TO MAKE A PROFIT FOR PRIVATE DISTRIBUTION. VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS DO NOT INCLUDE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR OTHER STATUTORY AUTHORITIES)

Activities: Hive provides information services, resources and network opportunities for voluntary and community sector groups in the Sudbury and District area of Suffolk. It helps new community groups to grow and provides training for trustees, staff and volunteers within local organisations. It now owns a building (a

former URC church) which it hires out to local groups.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£31,866	£24,942	-	-
2024-04-01	£45,245	£41,946	-	-
2023-04-01	£61,306	£56,520	-	-
2022-04-01	£281,137	£297,294	-	-
2021-04-01	£28,653	£409	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dorothy Mary Slatter		2025-11-13
Nesta Lesley Ford-Platt MA		2019-01-18
ROBIN WILLIAM RYDING HODGKINSON		2016-02-23
Richard Anthony Platt Mr		2024-11-12

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Trustees' Report

For the year ending 31 March 2025

Administrative Information

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Registered office: **Hive Community Hub, School Street, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 2HA.**

Trustees

Tony Platt (Chair) (Appointed November 2024)

Shirley Moore (Resigned November 2024)

Lesley Ford-Platt

Robin Hodgkinson (Secretary)

Andrew Welsh (Resigned August 2024)

Robert Spivey (Treasurer) (Resigned August 2024)

Treasurer

Luke Wiseman was appointed as the new Treasurer in January 2025. He is not a trustee.

Structure, Governance & Management

1. Nature of governing document

The activities of Hive are governed by a Constitution approved by the Charity Commission on 12th February 2016.

2. Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees and staff are always on the lookout for potential new trustees who can bring their skills and expertise to assist in the organisation's governance. Potential trustees have access to the chair to discuss their involvement. When recruited, new trustees are inducted through meetings and an induction pack, which not only covers information about the organisation but their roles and responsibilities as trustees. At present the search for new trustees to fill vacant slots is ongoing.

3. Review of the financial position

The accounting year this year runs from April 1st 2024 to 31st March 2025. Total income for this period was £31,866 (including £ 18,345 restricted funding) and expenditure £23,508 (including £6,723 restricted expenditure).

The net result was a surplus on the year of £8,358 thus leaving a fund balance of £38,245, including restricted funding. There was however a net loss of £3,267 on unrestricted funds.

4. Financial Management

Hive finances are managed by a Treasurer who reports to the Trustees at their regular meetings, currently every six weeks.

The Bank account is now held at NatWest PLC. All cheques and internet banking transactions require authorisation by a designated trustee.

The systems of internal control include reports submitted by the Treasurer at the regular Trustee Board meetings. Also, consideration of the financial results and forecasting of possible funding shortfalls are discussed in detail at Trustee meetings.

5. Reserves Policy

At present Hive has no reserves policy. If, however, sufficient surpluses are made in the future, the Trustees would designate a proportion of these as a general reserves fund.

6. Risk analysis and plan

There are a number of areas that the Trustees consider as potential risks. These include the following:

Inability to raise funds for existing activities
Inability to recruit trustees in the future
Lack of interest in the activities and services offered by Hive

With the purchase of the URC Church and Hall, there are also additional risks of managing an old building and ensuring that this is:

- a) fit for purpose
- b) that income from hiring, events and fundraising activities meets the expenditure costs.

The trustees develop and refine a risk register annually.

7. Funding

Funding was received from a variety of sources. These are listed in the Achievements and performance section of this report.

8. Objectives and Activities

Hive's objects are primarily for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Sudbury and District area to:

- a) provide training and learning activities and resources to local voluntary and community groups;
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- e) provide a building and space for local organisations to hire for their activities and services.

Hive has fulfilled its objects in a number of ways:

- Redesigning its website to contain more information about local groups and online resources.
- Developing an e-bulletin sent out to its mailing list of 80 groups, with news of events, service and resources
- Providing quarterly **forum** meetings giving groups the opportunity to discuss local issues and exchange information. Several new groups have found these a very useful way to establish contacts and learn about potential funding

sources. This activity has been suspended for a while, but plans are afoot to re-activate forum meetings in the Autumn 2025.

- Developing a programme of free training courses, in normal times, in subjects as diverse as 1st Aid, Social Media, Trustees' Roles and Responsibilities and Managing Volunteers
- Purchasing the URC church and hall as a venue for local charitable organisations to hire at reasonable rates, less than commercial rates. Commercial hirers are welcome, but they pay higher fees.

9. Meeting the Principles of Public Benefit

Hive meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Principles in a number of ways:

- It has helped new and small groups to establish contacts and learn about current projects and developments through the regular steering group meetings. A regular email newsletter is also sent out
- through providing support to new groups through one-to-one meetings on issues ranging from business planning to setting up as a charity, training courses and online resources
- Through the purchase of the URC Church and Hall and managing this building as a place for hire and for staging events including concerts, meetings and local activities.

10. Achievements & Performance

Having bought the URC Church and Hall in November 2021 and carried out sufficient remedial work to make the building usable again, this year has been one of consolidation, in particular finding funding to install a new boiler and heating system and raising money to fund this and other remedial work including electrical modifications.

During the year the building continued to be used by a number of hirers including Sudbury Choral Society who use the building for regular rehearsals, The Befriending Scheme, various classes including low impact exercise classes, a WI group, U3A Portrait Artists, Newstalk (a recorded newspaper for the blind), and the Jesus Reigns Ministry. Due to the problems with the heating system over the year, hirings were down on the previous year, the main reason being that during the winter the heating in the building had been erratic, with the old boiler only working at less than half capacity, hence the need to purchase a new, improved and reliable heating system.

During the Summer, Hive ran a series of weekly lunchtime concerts organised by Lesley Ford-Platt. This included 11 concerts featuring a mixture of musical styles including folk singers, choral groups, classical instrumentalists and vocalists. In addition, there were a number of evening concerts during the year including a concert by Piano A Deux, The Accidentals and the Djangoliers in the Autumn.

In the year under review, donations and grants for the Community Hub were received from a number of sources, for particular aspects of the venue refurbishment. These fall under a number of categories:

- Raising money for the Mechanical and Electrical Report - £2,000 Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Settlement, £3,000 from the Tudwick Foundation.
- Raising money for the purchase and installation of a new boiler and heating system, which would cost over £35,000. In the year under review, the following donations

were received towards the cost of the new heating system for the Friars Hall area of the building: Cllr Laura Smith Locality Grant (£375), Rotary Club of Sudbury (£220), Suffolk Community Foundation - JA Fund (£4,297), The Belstead Ganzoni Charitable Settlement (£2,000), David and Jane Mann (£5,000), The Tudwick Foundation (£1,500).

- Hive is also grateful to all the musicians who generously gave of their time and talents to take part in the fund-raising concert programme, which raised £1,943 towards the new heating system.
- As a result of these generous donations, the purchase of a new heating system has gone ahead.
- Towards the cost of the bicycle racks: Cllr Philip Faircloth-Mutton Locality Grant (£500). This grant completed the funding required and the bicycle racks have been purchased and installed.
- A Bluthner grand piano has been donated on indefinite loan to Hive to facilitate our regular concert programme. This piano belonged to Michael Tubbs, who was Director of Music at the Royal Shakespeare Company, whose widow has generously loaned it to Hive to help with our fund-raising concerts. The piano was built in 1912 and has been restored to concert pitch since it arrived at the Hive Community Hub in July 2024.
- For the Bluthner piano appeal: Philippa Barker (£250), Pam Hunter (£200), A. Morrison (£100) and a total of £70 in named personal donations; and The Masonic Charitable Foundation - Stour Valley Lodge (£150) to purchase an adjustable piano stool. Another piano stool was kindly donated by Linda and David Lee.

With the resignation of the paid administrator, steps were taken to form a management committee of interested individuals who could take on the day-to-day running of the facility. In early 2025 under the very able leadership of Philip Richardson, this committee was formed, and various people took on responsibilities for the bookings system, the cleaning and the general maintenance of the building. Julie Winger, a committee member took on the bookings, Kathryn and Duncan Becker have helped considerably with the maintenance and cleaning of the building supported by Sandy Maynard and Mike Killoran. The organisation has also been strengthened by the recruitment of Luke Wiseman as our new Treasurer.

11. Future Plans

Future plans include the installation of the new heating system (to be completed by August 2025), work on refurbishment of the building to meet further fire regulations and increase the capacity of people within the building. The new boiler has been fitted with an improved and reliable system. It has been specifically designed to run at a temperature of about 46C - this is the preferred system for users, particularly for children and vulnerable adults. This should lead to an increase in the number of bookings and programmed events and concerts within the building.

I would finally pay tribute to my fellow Trustees, who have discharged their duties and responsibilities as Trustees and Directors with pragmatism and good sense. Thanks should

also go to those trustees who, for a variety of reasons, had to resign from the Board, in particular Shirley Moore who served as Chair for a number of years and helped to ensure a high profile for Hive within the local community. Thanks should also go to Sudbury Rotary Club for their continued support and assistance, not only did they provide Hive with numerous donations, but also helped at Hive events running the bar. Huge thanks should also go to Philip Richardson and his band of helpers for ensuring that maintenance and cleaning duties were undertaken and for taking a number of refurbishment tasks forward.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony Platt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Tony Platt

Date: October 2025

Chairman

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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					
General Funds	10,484	-	-	10,484	14,620
Adminstrator	-	-	-	-	15,000
Maintenance	1,034	-	-	1,034	4000
Refurbishment	-	20,348	-	20,348	10,507
Organ	-	-	-	-	1,118
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,518	20,348	-	31,866	45,245
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Total receipts	11,518	20,348	-	31,866	45,245
A3 Payments					
Salaries and support	4,213	-	-	4,213	6,272
Office Costs	3,945	-	-	3,945	4,503
Premises Costs	8,373	-	-	8,373	16,702
Refurbishment Costs	-	6,723	-	6,723	14,401
Misc	1,688	-	-	1,688	68
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Sub total	18,219	6,723	-	24,942	41,946
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Total payments	18,219	6,723	-	24,942	41,946
Net of receipts/(payments)	-6,701	13,625	-	6,924	3,299
A5 Transfers between funds	4,722	-4,722	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,476	18,591	-	30,067	26,768
Cash funds this year end	9,497	27,494	-	36,991	30,067

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	Bank Balances	9,497	27,494	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	9,497	27,494	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Sundry Debtors	1,729	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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
Hive Building

Fund to which asset belongs
Restricted

Cost (optional)
265,000
-
-
-

Current value (optional)
265,000
-
-
-

B5 Liabilities

Details
Sundry Creditors

Fund to which liability relates
Unrestricted

Amount due (optional)
-
-

When due (optional)
In 30 days

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval




Tony Platt, Chair of Hive
Robin Hodgkinson, Trustee and Secretary

13/11/2025
13/11/2025

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Trustees' Report

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Trustees

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Andrew Welsh

Tony Willson (Resigned January 2024)

Gloria Woods (appointed April 2023, resigned November 2023)

Robert Spivey (Treasurer) (Appointed June 2023)

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3. Review of the financial position

The accounting year this year runs from April 1st 2023 to 31st March 2024. Total income for this period was £45,245 (including £32,464 restricted funding) and expenditure £41,946 (including £24,514 restricted expenditure).

The net result was a surplus on the year of £3,299 thus leaving a fund balance of £30,067, including restricted funding.

4. Financial Management

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- through providing support to new groups through one-to-one meetings on issues ranging from business planning to setting up as a charity, training courses and online resources
- Through the purchase of the URC Church and Hall and managing this building as a place for hire and for staging events.

10. Achievements & Performance

Having bought the URC Church and Hall in November 2021 and carried out sufficient remedial work to make the building usable again, this year has been one of consolidation and building up a reasonable client base.

The significant progress this financial year on the building was to draw up plans for our use of the building and improvements to the infrastructure. These plans were submitted in June 2022. Planning permission and listed building consent was granted in October 2022 by the local planning authority. These plans include replacement of all wooden windows, doors, removing the pews from the ground floor, and forward-facing balcony of the church, re-flooring the uneven surface of the old church and building a porch at the entrance to the old church hall. Our priorities for the future include making the access to all areas for wheelchairs, and to that end we have already installed a step-lift that links the old church and the church hall. We have also taken the opportunity of installing LED lighting in the old church hall, as well as upgrading the old electrical distribution panel to one of a more modern design with circuit breakers rather than fuses. Some of the pews have already been removed.

During the year the building has been used by a number of hirers including Sudbury Choral Society who performed a number of concerts in the Joy Abbot Hall, The Befriending Scheme, various classes including low impact exercise classes, a WI group, Newstalk (a recorded newspaper for the blind), the Bridge Project, Offshoot films (a charity that provides a film making school for disadvantaged children), the annual Sudbury Music Festival and the Jesus Reigns Ministry. New bookings included the University of the Third Age, Weavers Court, Woodpeckers Nursery as well as a number of Community Energy events, including Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Council's Community Climate Action Roadshow in October 2023.

During the Summer, Hive ran a series of weekly lunchtime concerts kindly organised by Roger Green and Lesley Ford-Platt. This included 11 concerts featuring a mixture of musical styles including folk singers, choral groups, classical instrumentalists and vocalists. In addition there were a number of evening concerts during the year featuring organ concerts and including a concert by the Accidentals and the Djangoliers in the Autumn.

Sinead Johnson, Hive's part-time Administrator provided a very efficient service organising bookings, sending out quarterly newsletters, packed with information about Hive and local voluntary and community sector events and information. Two local Forum events were held including a funding session with Nicki Bray of Suffolk Community Foundation and Jatinder Purewai from the National Lottery Community Funding. In March 2023 the Forum welcomed speakers from Abbeyfield Leisure and Community Action Suffolk.

Hive also re-activated the Sudbury and District Volunteer Awards, which was held in June 2023 to coincide with the end of Volunteers Week.

In the year under review, donations for the project were received from:

The Hillier Trust (£10k) and Suffolk Community Fund (£5k) (funding Hive's Part-time Administrator), Locality Grants from Babergh District Councillors: Adrian Osborne (£640) (for bicycle racks), David and Jane Mann (£5,000) towards the cost of the M & E report, Sudbury Rotary Club (£500), Anonymous Donation of £3500 (for ceiling repairs), Sudbury Market Town Partnership (£3,050) and ASDA Foundation (£1,413) for the kitchen refurbishment. Approximately £700 was also raised by Hive Trustee, Andy Welsh and his wife Janet from a coast to coast walk which they completed. a 192 mile walk from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hoods Bay in Yorkshire to take place over 17 days in May 2023.

11. Future Plans

Future plans include raising money to continue the refurbishment of the Hive Community Hub, gaining permission to change the heating for Friars Hall, increasing the number of bookings and programming events and concerts within the building.

I would finally pay tribute to my fellow Trustees, who have discharged their duties and responsibilities as Trustees and Directors with pragmatism and good sense. Thanks should also go to Sudbury Rotary Club for their continued support and assistance.

Shirley Moore



Date: 7th August 2024

Chairman

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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					
General Funds	12,781	1,839	-	14,620	19,800
Adminstrator	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
Maintenance	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Refurbishment		10,507	-	10,507	25,486
Organ	-	1,118	-	1,118	1,019
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,781	32,464	-	45,245	61,305

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Total receipts	12,781	32,464	-	45,245	61,305
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A3 Payments

Salaries and support	-	6,272	-	6,272	5,991
Office Costs	4,503	-	-	4,503	3,121
Premises Costs	12,861	3,841	-	16,702	15,173
Refurbishment Costs	-	14,401	-	14,401	32,235
Misc	68	-	-	68	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	17,432	24,514	-	41,946	56,520

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Total payments	17,432	24,514	-	41,946	56,520
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,651	7,950	-	3,299	4,785
A5 Transfers between funds	5,182	- 5,182	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,945	15,823	-	26,768	21,983
Cash funds this year end	11,476	18,591	-	30,067	26,768

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



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		-	-	-
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	(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	Sundry Debtors	2,510	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-

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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Hive Building	Restricted	265,000	265,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Sundry Creditors	Unrestricted	2,046	In 30 days
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Shirley Moore, Chair of Hive	7 th August 2024
	Robin Hodgkinson, Trustee and Secretary	7 th August 2024

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3. Review of the financial position

The accounting year this year runs from April 1st 2022 to 31st March 2023. Total income for this period was £61,306 and expenditure £56,520.

The net result was a surplus on the year of £4,786 thus leaving a fund balance of £26,674, including restricted funding.

4. Financial Management

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- Developing a programme of free training courses, in normal times, in subjects as diverse as 1st Aid, Social Media, Trustees' Roles and Responsibilities and Managing Volunteers
- Developing one to one support for new groups or existing groups
- Purchasing the URC church and hall as a venue for local charitable organisations to hire at reasonable rates, less than commercial rates. Commercial hirers are welcome, but they pay higher fees.

9. Meeting the Principles of Public Benefit

Hive meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Principles in a number of ways:

- It helps new and small groups to establish contacts and learn about current projects and developments through the regular steering group meetings. A regular email newsletter is also sent out
- through providing support to new groups through one-to-one meetings on issues ranging from business planning to setting up as a charity, training courses and online resources
- Through the purchase of the URC Church and Hall and managing this building as a place for hire and for staging events.

10. Achievements & Performance

Having bought the URC Church and Hall in November 2021 and carried out sufficient remedial work to make the building usable again, this year has been one of consolidation and building up a reasonable client base.

The significant progress this financial year on the building was to draw up plans for our use of the building and improvements to the infrastructure. These plans were submitted in June 2022. Planning permission and listed building consent was granted in October 2022 by the local planning authority. These plans include replacement of all wooden windows, doors, removing the pews from the floor, and forward-facing balcony of the church, re-flooring the uneven surface of the old church and building a porch at the entrance to the old church hall. Our priorities for the future include making the access to all areas for wheelchairs, and to that end we have already installed a step-lift that links the old church and the church hall. We have also taken the opportunity of installing LED lighting in the old church hall, as well as upgrading the old electrical distribution panel to one of a more modern design with circuit breakers rather than fuses. Some of the pews have already been removed and more will be taken out during the next year.

Our finance records for this year shows we are breaking even on running costs versus hire fees and more hirers are keen to hire our larger than average sized rooms.

During the year the building has been used by a number of hirers including Sudbury Choral Society who performed a number of concerts in the Joy Abbot Hall, The Befriending Scheme, various classes including low impact exercise classes, a WI group, Newstalk (a recorded newspaper for the blind), the Bridge Project and Offshoot films (a charity that provides a film school for disadvantaged children).

A part-time Administrator, Anna Miles, was appointed during the year and she was instrumental in re-activating Hive activities. She created Hive Facebook, Instagram and

Twitter pages, re-organised the website and sent out Autumn and Winter newsletters, packed with information about Hive and local voluntary and community sector events and information. Three local Forum events were held including a funding drop-in involving Suffolk Community Foundation, The Lottery and Babergh District Council. Nicki Bray of Suffolk Community Foundation came to another forum meeting which was well attended and talked about relevant funding pots. A number of events and concerts took place in the Joy Abbot Hall including concerts by the Djangoliers and a number of organ concerts organised by Roger Green and an organ sub group. Over £1000 has so far been raised to pay for the upkeep of the organ and the purchase of a de-humidifier. Roger Green also organised a programme of Tuesday Summer lunchtime concerts.

Hive also planned to re-activate the Sudbury and District Volunteer Awards, though the event planned for March was subsequently postponed to June 2023 to coincide with the end of Volunteers Week. Also announced during the year was a planned fundraising coast to coast trek to be undertaken by trustee, Andy Welsh and his wife - a 192 mile walk from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hoods Bay in Yorkshire to take place over 17 days in May 2023.

In the year under review, donations for the project were received from:

The Hillier Trust (£10k) and Suffolk Community Fund (£5k) (funding Hive's Part-time Administrator), Locality Grants from Babergh District Councillors: Adrian Osborne, Jan Osborne, Alison Owen and Trevor Creswell (totalling £3.1k), Suffolk County Councillor: Philip Faircloth-Mutton (£500), Colchester Catalyst (£10k), Andrew Phillips Trust (£250), Fonnereau Road Health Foundation (£5k), Roger Green (£1k), The Maurken Fund £500), David and Jan Mann (£5k) and Misc donations £136.

11. Future Plans

Future plans include raising money to continue the refurbishment of the Hive Community Hub and programming events and concerts within the building. It is hoped that an Organ School will start soon and a small sub group has been set up to take this idea forward. As already mentioned, the Sudbury and District Volunteer Awards ceremony will take place in June and Andy Walsh's Coast to Coast walk in May.

I would finally pay tribute to my fellow Trustees, who have discharged their duties and responsibilities as Trustees and Directors with pragmatism and good sense. I would particularly like to thank Gareth Cole who resigned as a trustee at the end of March for all the work he undertook in overseeing the refurbishment of the building and for being a very efficient Treasurer as well.

Shirley Moore
Chairman

Date:



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Hive

On accounts for the year
ended

31st March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1165566

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/13/2023

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent examiner's
statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust'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.

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:

Martin Mitchell

Date:

2nd May 2023

Name:

Martin Mitchell, MBA FCII

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

Address:

Oak Lodge, Straight Rd.,

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Sudbury Hive Accounts for year-end 31st March 2023

	31-Mar-23	31-Mar-22
Income	£	£
Donations to URC purchase & refurb.	25,486	265,441
Donations for admin support	15,000	
HMRC Gift Aid	5,131	5,887
Letting rooms in Hive Hub	14,669	9,582
Key deposits		60
Cancelled insurance		178
Organ fund	1,019	
Total income	61,306	281,137
Expenditure	£	£
Purchase of URC		265,000
Refurbishment of Hive Hub	26,706	21,344
Running costs of Hive Hub	14,988	7,486
Direct invoices inc. supervision fees	250	
Salaries (inc NI)	3,702	
PAYE	506	
Mobile phone & IT costs (inc VAT)	2,294	130
Running costs of events		
Insurance	2,089	2,705
Course fees	275	
Petty cash	50	
Travel expenses		
Photocopying etc. (inc VAT)		
Refreshments	139	
Membership fees and subscriptions		
Professional fees for Hive Hub	5,520	630
Total expenditure	56,520	297,294
Surplus/(deficit)	4,786	- 16,157
Balance sheet		
Gift Aid received (included above)	5,131	5,887
Other amounts due		
Petty cash in hand	50	
Bank balance	26,624	21,838
Amounts owed		
Net assets	26,674	21,838
All funds		
Hive general fund inc. Petty Cash	12,507	4,828
Organ Fund (restricted)	1,019	
Hive Community Hub	13,148	17,010
Net funds	26,674	21,838

Gareth Cole
(Treasurer) April 21st 2023

Copy of account checked during annual examination by me Martin Mitchell April 2nd 2023.

Martin Mitchell

HIVE

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HIVE

Trustees' Report

For the year ending 31 March 2022

Administrative Information

Hive is a charitable incorporated organisation, registration number 1165566.

Registered office: **Hive Community Hub, School St, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 2HA.**

Trustees

Shirley Moore (Chair)
Lesley Ford-Platt
Robin Hodgkinson (Secretary)
Gareth Cole (Treasurer)
Andrew Welsh

As well as the Trustees, the organisation has a steering group who usually support the Trustee Board in planning activities. Membership of the steering group is open to voluntary and community sector groups in the local area, as well as relevant statutory agencies. Because of Covid, this has not met during the year.

Structure, Governance & Management

1. Nature of governing document

The activities of Hive are governed by a Constitution approved by the Charity Commission on 12th February 2016.

2. Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees and staff are always on the lookout for potential new trustees who can bring their skills and expertise to assist in the organisation's governance. Potential trustees have access to the chair to discuss their involvement. When recruited, new trustees are inducted through meetings and an induction pack, which not only covers information about the organisation but their roles and responsibilities as trustees.

3. Review of the financial position

The accounting year this year runs from April 1st 2021 to 31st March 2022. Total income for this period was £281,137 and expenditure £297,294.

The net result was a deficit on the year of £16,157, leaving a fund balance of £21,838.

4. Financial Management

Hive finances are managed by a Treasurer who reports to the Trustees at their quarterly meetings.

The Bank account is held at Barclays Bank plc. All cheques require two signatories.

The systems of internal control include reports submitted by the Treasurer at the regular Trustee Board meetings. Also, consideration of the financial results and forecasting of possible funding shortfalls are discussed in detail at Trustee meetings.

5. Reserves Policy

At present Hive has no reserves policy. If, however, sufficient surpluses are made in the future, the Trustees would designate a proportion of these as a general reserves fund.

6. Risk analysis and plan

There are a number of areas that the Trustees consider as potential risks. These are as follows:

Inability to raise funds for existing activities.

Inability to recruit future Trustees.

Lack of interest in the activities and services offered by Hive

Issues relating to Lockdown and potential future Lockdowns due to Covid-19.

With the purchase of the URC Church and Hall, there are also additional risks of managing an old building and ensuring that this is:

a) fit for purpose

b) that income from hiring, events and fundraising activities meet the expenditure costs.

7. Funding

Funding was received from a variety of sources. These are listed in the Achievements and performance section of this report.

8. Objectives and Activities

Hive's objects are primarily for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Sudbury and District area to:

a) provide a service to vulnerable adults and children supporting them with their health and social care needs;

b) provide training and learning activities and resources to local voluntary and community groups;

c) provide information services to local groups;

d) provide opportunities for local groups to work in partnership with other agencies; and

e) offer funding or funding advice to help local groups to develop

f) provide a building and space for local organisations to hire for their activities and services.

Hive has fulfilled its objects in a number of ways:

- Redesigning its website to contain more information about local groups and online resources.
- Developing an e-bulletin sent out to its mailing list of 80 groups, with news of events, service and resources
- Providing, in normal times, quarterly steering group meetings giving groups the opportunity to discuss local issues and exchange information. Several new groups

have found these a very useful way to establish contacts and learn about potential funding sources.

- Developing a programme of free training courses, in normal times, in subjects as diverse as 1st Aid, Social Media, Trustees' Roles and Responsibilities and Managing Volunteers
- Developing one to one support for new groups or existing groups
- Purchasing the URC church and hall as a venue for local organisations to hire at reasonable rates.

9. Meeting the Principles of Public Benefit

Hive meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Principles in a number of ways:

- It helps new and small groups to establish contacts and learn about current projects and developments through the regular steering group meetings. A regular email newsletter is also sent out
- through providing support to new groups through one-to-one meetings on issues ranging from business planning to setting up as a charity, training courses and online resources
- Through the purchase of the URC Church and Hall and managing this building as a place for hire and for staging events.

10. Achievements & Performance

Because of the Pandemic and Covid restrictions, it was not possible to undertake our normal activities during the year such as steering group meetings, training courses etc.

Most of the work undertaken during the year was around the purchase and some minor refurbishments to the URC buildings. Although Hive began the process of negotiating to buy the former United Reformed Church (URC) in School Street, Sudbury in 2018, with the building being designated an Asset of Community Value, it was not until 11 March 2021, after persistent approaches to the selling agent and the Eastern Region Synod of the URC, that Hive's offer for the premises was finally accepted. This was mainly due to the tireless work of Lesley Ford-Platt in securing all the necessary funding to allow the purchase to take place

Contracts were exchanged in Autumn 2021 and Hive moved into the building after that. Some refurbishments took place in the hall, such as removing the changing rooms to create more space as well as work outside the building ensuring fire exits were clear, removing or pruning outdoor bushes and foliage and so forth. Tribute must be paid to Gareth Cole, the trustee who took charge of all the building refurbishment plans.

The church building has been renamed the Joy Abbot Hall, named after the donor who provided half the purchase price for the building and who left the money to be processed through Suffolk Community Foundation. One of the smaller meeting rooms has been named the Wheeler Room after Anthony Wheeler, a former Freeman, local historian, benefactor and an Elder of the United Reformed Church. The buildings have now been renamed under the collective name of the Hive Community Hub.

On October 26th there was a formal handing over the keys ceremony with the Synod and Suffolk Community Foundation followed by a short organ recital in the church given by Roger Green. On 20th November there was a formal opening ceremony attended by those

who had made the purchase possible including a number of funders and those who made private donations. This was followed by a public open day where members of the local community could come and look round the building.

Since then, the building has been used by a number of hirers including Sudbury Choral Society who also performed the inaugural concert in the Joy Abbot Hall, The Befriending Scheme, Newstalk (Audio Newspaper for the Blind), Sudbury Dramatic Society and various classes including Bounce Aerobics.

A planning application is being submitted in May 2022 for further refurbishments to the building.

In the year under review, donations and grants for the project were received from individuals and organisations, including, amongst others: the JA Fund, Anderson Design, David Mann, the Hillier Trust, Lord Belstead Charitable Trust, Tudwick Foundation, The Bernard Sunley Foundation, Siemens Healthineers, Garfield Weston Foundation, Suffolk Community Fund, Colchester Catalyst, Co-op Community Cares, Sudbury Freemen's Trust, Babergh District and Suffolk County Councillors and Sudbury Town Council.

11. Future Plans

Future plans include raising money to continue the refurbishment of the Hive Community Hub and programming events and concerts within the building. It is hoped that an Organ School will start soon and a small sub group has been set up to take this idea forward. Hive will begin programming meetings again in the new financial year and an inaugural meeting at the hub involving a variety of funders is planned for May. It is also hoped that we can revive the Sudbury and Districts Volunteers Award Ceremony in the future.

I would finally pay tribute to my fellow Trustees, who have discharged their duties and responsibilities as Trustees and Directors with pragmatism and good sense. I would also like to thank all those who have helped to make the purchase of the URC buildings a reality including advice from architects, builders and electricians and people such as Tony Willson, who has given invaluable advice and practical support.



Shirley Moore
Chairman

Date: 18th October 2022



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Hive		
On accounts for the year ended	31 st March 2022	Charity no (if any)	1165566
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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust'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:** 23rd May 2022

Name: Martin Mitchell, MBA FCII

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

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Polstead Heath, Colchester
CO6 5BB



Sudbury Hive Accounts for year-end 31st March 2022

	31-Mar-22	31-Mar-21
Income	£	£
Donations to URC purchase & refurb.	265,441	28,603
HMRC Gift Aid	5,887	
Letting rooms in Hive Hub	9,582	
Key deposits	60	
Cancelled insurance	178	
Course fees and certification		50
Total income	281,137	28,653
Expenditure	£	£
Purchase of URC	265,000	
Refurbishment of Hive Hub	21,344	
Running costs of Hive Hub	7,486	
Direct invoices		45
Salaries (inc NI)		
Pension		
IT Infrastructure (inc VAT)	130	45
Running costs of events		
Insurance	2,705	319
Course fees		
Other room hire		
Travel expenses		
Photocopying etc. (inc VAT)		
Refreshments		
Membership fees and subscriptions		
Professional fees for URC	630	
Total expenditure	297,294	409
Surplus/(deficit)	- 16,157	28,244
Balance sheet		
Gift Aid received (included above)	5,887	
Other amounts due		
Bank + cash	21,838	37,995
Amounts owed C/F from 2020/21		41
Net assets	21,838	38,036
All funds		
Balance general fund	4,828	5,059
Restricted funds (Hive)	17,010	32,977
Net funds	21,838	38,036

Gareth Cole
(Treasurer) May 10th 2022

These accounts agreed by me during the annual inspection of the books in May 2022

Martin Mitchell, Independent Examiner

HIVE

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Trustees' Report

For the year ending 31 March 2021

Administrative Information

Hive is a charitable incorporated organisation, registration number 1165566.

Registered office: **The Befriending Scheme, 1 The Croft, Sudbury CO10 1HN.**

Trustees

Shirley Moore (Chair)
Lesley Ford-Platt
Robin Hodgkinson (Secretary)
Robert Benton (Resigned December 2020)
Gareth Cole (Treasurer)
Andrew Welsh

As well as the Trustees, the organisation has a steering group who support the Trustee Board in planning activities. Membership of the steering group is open to voluntary and community sector groups in the local area, as well as relevant statutory agencies.

Structure, Governance & Management

1. Nature of governing document

The activities of Hive are governed by a Constitution approved by the Charity Commission on 12th February 2016.

2. Recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees and staff are always on the lookout for potential new trustees who can bring their skills and expertise to assist in the organisation's governance. Potential trustees have access to the chair to discuss their involvement. When recruited, new trustees are inducted through meetings and an induction pack, which not only covers information about the organisation but their roles and responsibilities as trustees.

3. Review of the financial position

The accounting year this year runs from April 1st 2020 to 31st March 2021. Total income for this period was £28,653 and expenditure £409.

The net result was a surplus on the year of £28,244 - leaving a fund balance of £38,036, (£32,977 of which is restricted, relating to the possible purchase of the URC buildings).

4. Financial Management

Hive finances are managed by a Treasurer who reports to the Trustees at their quarterly meetings.

The Bank account is held at Barclays Bank plc. All cheques require two signatories.

The systems of internal control include reports submitted by the Treasurer at the regular Trustee Board meetings. Also, consideration of the financial results and forecasting of possible funding shortfalls are discussed in detail at Trustee meetings.

5. Reserves Policy

At present Hive has no reserves policy. If, however, sufficient surpluses are made in the future, the Trustees would designate a proportion of these as a general reserves fund.

6. Risk analysis and plan

There are a number of areas that the Trustees consider as potential risks. These are as follows:

Inability to raise funds for existing activities.

Inability to recruit future Trustees.

Lack of interest in the activities and services offered by Hive

Issues relating to Lockdown and potential future Lockdowns due to Covid-19.

7. Funding

Funding was received from a variety of sources. These are listed in the Achievements and performance section of this report.

8. Objectives and Activities

Hive's objects are primarily for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Sudbury and District area to:

- a) provide a service to vulnerable adults and children supporting them with their health and social care needs;
- b) provide training and learning activities and resources to local voluntary and community groups;
- c) provide information services to local groups;
- d) provide opportunities for local groups to work in partnership with other agencies; and
- e) offer funding or funding advice to help local groups to develop.

Hive has fulfilled its objects in a number of ways:

- Redesigning its website to contain more information about local groups and online resources.
- Developing an e-bulletin sent out to its mailing list of 80 groups, with news of events, service and resources
- Providing, in normal times, quarterly steering group meetings giving groups the opportunity to discuss local issues and exchange information. Several new groups have found these a very useful way to establish contacts and learn about potential funding sources.
- Developing a programme of free training courses, in normal times, in subjects as diverse as 1st Aid, Social Media, Trustees' Roles and Responsibilities and Managing Volunteers
- Developing one to one support for new groups or existing groups
- Exploring the use of an old church, now closed, to re-open as a community resource centre for the local population

- Exploring opportunities for businesses and companies to get involved with employee volunteering projects.

9. Meeting the Principles of Public Benefit

Hive meets the Charity Commission's Public Benefit Principles in a number of ways:

- It helps new and small groups to establish contacts and learn about current projects and developments through the regular steering group meetings. A regular email newsletter is also sent out
- through providing support to new groups through one-to-one meetings on issues ranging from business planning to setting up as a charity, training courses and online resources.

10. Achievements & Performance

Because of the Pandemic and Covid restrictions, it was not possible to undertake our normal activities during the year such as steering group meetings, training courses etc. Some online newsletters were sent out during the year and Hive helped to co-ordinate the distribution of Christmas Perrywood Planters during December to nominated people and this brought pleasure to many and received good press coverage.

Most of the work undertaken during the year was around attempts to purchase the URC buildings. Although Hive began the process of negotiating to buy the former United Reformed Church (URC) in School Street, Sudbury in 2018, with the building being designated an Asset of Community Value, it was not until 11 March 2021, after persistent approaches to the selling agent and the Eastern Region Synod of the URC, that Hive's offer for the premises was finally accepted.

In the year under review, donations for the project were received from:

The Hillier Trust	£5,000
Anderson Design	1,000
County Councillor Locality Budgets (Jack Owen and Colin Spence)	4,000
The Phillips Fund	1,300

as well as several donations from private individuals, bringing the amount of restricted funding for the project to £32,977.

A grant of £140,107 promised by the Trustees of a private fund managed by the Suffolk Community Foundation will not be available until July of 2021. Other grants promised during the financial year were £10,000 from Sudbury Town Council and £3,000 from The Tudwick Foundation, both of which were conditional on the balance of funding being raised.

11. Future Plans

Future plans include work relating to finding funding to purchase the UR Church and Hall.

I would finally pay tribute to my fellow Trustees, who have discharged their duties and responsibilities as Trustees and Directors with pragmatism and good sense. Particular thanks must go to Lesley Ford-Platt for her tireless work in seeking funding for the purchase of the URC buildings and for her efforts to negotiate the purchase with the Eastern Region Synod of the URC.

Shirley Moore

Shirley Moore
Chairman

Date: 8th September 2021

Sudbury Hive Accounts for year-end 31st March 2021

	31-Mar-21	31-Mar-20
	£	£
Income		
Befriending Scheme		510
Suffolk County Council		
Course fees and certification	50	500
Grants for URC		
Other donations (URC)	28,603	2,503
Total income	28,653	3,512
Expenditure	£	£
Befriending scheme		
Direct invoices	45	193
Salaries (inc NI)		589
Pension		18
Mobile line rental (inc VAT)		206
Mobile Data charge (inc VAT)		129
Rent/Rates IT Infrastructure (inc VAT)	45	1,653
Running costs of events		296
Room Hire		300
Other costs		
Insurance	319	319
Course fees		1,200
Other room hire		
Travel expenses		15
Photocopying etc. (inc VAT)		15
Refreshments		81
Membership fees and subscriptions		
Professional fees for URC		659
Total expenditure	409	5,672
Surplus/(deficit)	28,244	-2,160
Balance sheet		
Gift Aid received (included above)		433
Other amounts due		
Bank + cash	37,995	9,762
Amounts owed C/F from 2019/20	41	131
Net assets	38,036	9,893
All funds		
Balance general fund	5,059	5,519
Restricted funds (Hive)	32,977	4,374
Net funds	38,036	9,893