UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
TRANSFORMING PLYMOUTH TOGETHER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31ST DECEMBER 2023

CHARITY NUMBER: 1166026

COMPANY NUMBER: 09716832

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE COMPANY, ITS TRUSTEE AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Company registered number

09716832

Charity registered number

1166026

Registered Office

c/o St Mark's Church, 1 Sanctuary Close, Plymouth, Devon PL2 1EN

Trustees

Christopher Forster	Trustee	appointed on 1st September 2022
Christopher Forster	Secretary	appointed on 1st November 2023
Ayshea Cross	Secretary	appointed on 1st April 2022
Ayshea Cross	Secretary	resigned on 31st October 2023
Bishop Nick McKinnel	Chair	retired on 31st August 2022
Bishop James Grier	Chair	appointed on 1st September 2022
Archdeacon Nick Shutt	Trustee	appointed on 1st January 2019
Archdeacon Nick Shutt	Trustee	Resigned on 1st January 2023
Father David Way	Trustee	appointed on 1st August 2018
Claire Turbutt	Trustee	appointed on 8th August 2018
		resigned August 2021
Mark Woodhouse	Trustee	appointed in September 2021
Tina Touhy	Trustee	appointed on 4th February 2016
Darrin Halifax	Trustee	appointed on 5th August 2015
Lydia Perris	Trustee	appointed in November 2021
	Trustee	Resigned in August 2023
Rev Lawrence Braschi	Trustee	appointed March 2020
Archdeacon Jane	Trustee	appointed August 2023

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees (who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act) present their annual report together with the financial statements of Transforming Plymouth Together (the company) for the year ending 31st December 2023. The Trustee confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the company with the current statuory requirements, the requirements of the company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), Accounting and Reporting by Charities, preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2001.

Structure, governance and management

Transforming Plymouth Together is an independent network project working with Church Urban Fund, as a Core Member, partnering with the Diocese of Exeter and the churches of Plymouth.

It is a registered charity and are limited by Guarantee

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Transforming Plymouth Together was set up as a direct church response to the "Plymouth Fairness Commission Report" that was launched in 2014, employing Chris Forster as its Development Worker from 2015.

In March 2021, Transforming Plymouth Together altered its Articles of Association in line with other Joint Ventures and 'Disaggregated' from Church Urban Fund. This means that we now have three Trustees from Church Urban Fund, three from the Diocese and three Trustee's appointed from within the Trustee group. This changes the overall control and now makes Transforming Plymouth Together no longer a subsidiary to the Church Urban Fund.

The Trustees of Transforming Plymouth Together are made up of church and community leaders in Plymouth along with a representative from the Church Urban Fund.

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TRUSTEE'S REPORT continued

Charity Activity and Focus for 2023

2022 has been another significant year for Transforming Plymouth Together (TPT) as Chris Forster, who led the charity for over 6 years, retired at the end of March. He has joined the Board of Trustees, enabling TPT to hold on to his considerable knowledge and experience. Coincidently just a few weeks after Chris retired, the Support Worker, Dawn Long, also left to be with her much missed family in South Africa. These changes resulted in a new TPT Team with Ayshea Cross now acting as Strategic Lead Officer, John Williams as Project Support, Sarah Goode as Office Support and Dave Manners continuing as IT and Comms Support. A bigger team is very welcome as TPT navigate the social landscape ahead with the UK now entering a recession, the cost-of-living increase, and Coronavirus still affecting many households. Looking back on the past year, TPT's work has fallen into 5 distinct areas.

Tackling Poverty

TPT supplied twelve months of membership to FareShare SW for multiple churches enabling food clubs, food banks and *Feast of Fun* activities to provide meals to children at risk of holiday hunger. Over 2,000 meals were provided by churches during Easter and in the summer more than 1,000 children were fed as part of TPT's *Feast of Fun-Days* , with bouncy castles, face painting and sporting activities also available in many of the churches. TPT also teamed up with Plymouth Scrapstore to provide family activity packs to add to the fun at home during the school holidays. In the lead up to Christmas TPT led on *Winter Wrapped Up* in collaboration with around a dozen Plymouth churches, Argyle Community Trust, Food is Fun CIC, Plymouth Energy Community and Plymouth City Council. Families received a Christmas hamper, a slow cooker and book of low cost and energy recipes. TPT are part of the Council led *Cost of Living Crisis Taskforce* with other VCSE groups and organisations offering support to lower income and culnerable households.

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Building Stronger Communities

As part of *Unify,* TPT employed Community Connectors to increase connectivity within locations identified with low levels of integration within diverse communities. Ending just before Easter, the culmination of this collaborative project was designing events across the city to promote a wide range of community groups. These were each successful with two of the events now planned as annual community activities in the future. TPT also partnered with Churches Together in Plymouth this year to offer 20 churches micro-funding and resources as part of our new *onnecting Churches and Communities* project. This idea fits within, and was funded by, the 'Belong in Plymouth - a city where no one feels forgotten' network. Each church with a successful application started or enhanced an activity to build stronger links with and improve their immediate neighbourhoods. In recognising a geographical area of the city where TPT was less active, we have now joined the Stakeholders Committee at the *Rees Wellbeing Hub* in Plympton. This allows us to encourage and equip nearby churches who we have not yet connected fully with to support the excellent work already happening through this community. In time we hope TPT can take a step back as one more of the local churches become part of the committee instead.

Improving Health and Wellbeing

TPT actively worked with the national warm welcome spaces campaign. We supported and encouraged churches to register and open their buildings to people who might be struggle with their energy costs or are experiencing loneliness and social isolation. Over 30 churches have already committed to getting involved and TPT have successfully sought funding to further support this provision into 2023. Recognising that there are physical and mental barriers for some people to offer a warm space. TPT launched a successful Crowdfunder appeal, enabling our charity to purchase and distribute over 700 winter warm packs to individuals through churches, charities and wellbeing hubs. TPT once again held a dementia friendly Christmas service in the city. Supported by Memory Matters and the Plymouth Dementia Action Alliance, TPT's *Relaxed Christmas Carol Service* featured local leaders, a primary school choir and refreshments and a space to move around or relax was offered afterwards. In addition, each person was given a handmade 'twiddle muff' to keep and use during the service to aid concentration and focus.

Seeking Social Justice

TPT were commissioned by the Government Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to lead on the national *Faith New Deal* project, involving Plymouth and eight other Together Network organisations to run *Real Conversations.* Each regional partner facilitated multiple small conversations to identify key matters relevant to a variety of community groups. This project will continue next year with larger conversations being held between communities, service providers and people traditionally viewed as having power across the city.

Promoting Church Social Action

TPT began a church social action audit to better understand what community support is being provided by the

city churches. This will ultimately be added to an online map on our website that anybody can visit to find out what is available in their area. We hope that this will further highlight the value and provision of community support within the city. Again, we are working closely with Churches Together in Plymouth to both map and promote the great work happening. TPT took part in the 2022 City Transformation Conference at the end of November to share details of the Connecting Churches and Communities Project. This follows similar talks at St Pancras Church, the Plymouth Synod, with the Mother's Union and as part of the Interfaith Celebration Event. TPT were also invited to recognise Interfaith Week with the Lord Mayor and leaders representing many faiths at a formal event at the council office. It has been very positive to connect with other leaders and local politicians in this way and has further strengthened TPT's visibility and value within the city.

Focus for 2024

TPT will continue to seek to encourage and equip Plymouth's churches to not only respond to poverty and inequality, but also to look for sustainable ways to support their communites. Looking for ways, where possible, to prevent and end poverty and inequality in households across the city will also be a significant focus for the coming year.

TPT remain grateful to all funders, donors and partners for their generous support in helping our charity facilitate the significant impact churches have on Plymouth residents throughout the years.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above on XXXXXXXXX 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Bishop James Grier

Director

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustee of Transforming Plymouth Together

I report on the finanial statements of the company for the year ending 31st December 2023 charity number 1166026, as set out on pages 8 to 13

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("The Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed,

It is my respnsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT continued

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the acounts to be reached.

…… Date

Ms Teresa Blackler Msc MCMI

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
(Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Incoming Resources Income and endowments from:	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
External Income	2	19,538	38,341	57,879
EDBF (Dioecese of Exeter)	3	-	-	-
CUF Income	3	-	-	-
Total Income		19,538	38,341	57,879
Resources Expended				
Expenditure on:				
Staff costs	4	55,902	1,646	57,548
Programme costs (costs directly related to activities)	5	3,350	46,565	49,915
Travel and subsistence		558	60	618
Accountancy fees		993	-	993
Bank Charges		88		88
Other costs	6	5,292	1,234	6,526
Total resources expended		66,183	49,505	115,688
Net movement in funds for the year net income/(expenditure) for the year		-46,645	-11,164	-57,809
Total funds at 1st January 2023		91,338	117,534	208,872
Total funds at 31st December 2023		44,693	106,370	151,063

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2023

	2023	2022

	Note	£	£	£	£
Current Assets					
Cash at Bank		169,166		228,083	
Cash in Hand		-		-	
Credit Union Investment		-		-	
Debtors		-		-	
		169,166		228,083	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	2,327		3,435	
Net current assets/(liabilities)			166,839		224,648
Total net assets			166,839		224,648
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	8		88,132		125,352
Unrestricted funds	8		78,707		99,296
Total funds			166,839		224,648

For the financial year in question the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

No members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and for the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on and signed on the behalf of all the trustees

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Bishop James Grier
Director

The notes on pages 10 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Finanial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) issued on 16th July 2014, and with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland and with the Charities Act 2011.

1.2 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee. The members of the company are the Trustee named on page 1. In the event of the company being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the company.

1.3 Fund Accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustee in furtherance of the general objectives to the charity and which have been designated for other purposes

Restricted funds are used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donors.

1.4 Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme, contributions payable under the scheme are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year to which they relate.

1.5 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability

Donations are included when receivable unless they are incapable of financial measurement at the date of approval of the financial statement.

1.6 Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

2 Restricted Income

	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Fund 2022 £
City Food	650	650
Devonport Food Club	5,304	5,304
Warm Packs	5,540	5,540
JFF	345	345
Feast of Fun	26,303	26,303
Respect	199	199
	38,341	38,341

3 Income Resources from Charitable Activity

	Unrestriced Funds 2023 £	Total Fund 2023 £
Grants received from the Church Urban Fund	-	-

Grants received from the EDBF (Diocese of Exeter)	-	-
	0	0

4 Resources Expended

Staff Costs	2023 £	2022 £
Salaries and Wages	54,433	83,940
Employer's NIC Contributions	1,503	8,212
Pension Contributions	1,892	3,834
	57,828	95,986

There was no employee whose emoluments as defined for taxation purposes amounted to over £60,000

5 Programme Costs Directly Related Activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Publicity	-	3,534
Development Work	33,280	138,650
Development Work attributed to the Feast of Fun	-	-
Resources	16,635	91
Training	530	562
Contingency	-	-
	50,445	142,837

6 Other Costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Professional Fees	3,753	6,580
Administration Costs	235	346
Mobile Telephone	639	1,407
Insurance	157	157

Repairs and Renewals	-	898
Memberships and Subscriptions	642	847
Sundries	1,100	1,253
	6,526	11,488

7 Creditors and Accruals

	2023	2022
	£	£
Staff Costs	1,947	3,056
Accountancy Fee	380	380
	2,327	3,436

8 Statement of Funds

	Balance 1.1.23	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Balance 31.12.23
Unrestricted Funds	125,352	19,538	66,183	78,707
Restricted Funds	99,296	38,341	49,505	88,132
	224,648	57,879	115,688	166,839

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