



CARE UK Charity

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**Report and Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 May 2024**

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Trustees Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 May 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Administrative and contact details

The registered office of CARE UK Charity is: The Annexe, Walton Lodge
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Our website address is: www.careukcharity.org.uk/

The Trustees who have served during the period covered by this report and to date were:

Alison Collins
Diane Hubbard
Christopher Ross
Helen Speed
John Stott
Mohammad Abdul Waheed

Structure and Governance

The charity was first established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under a constitution on 31 January 2016. Charitable status was recognised by the Charity Commission on 24 May 2016.

The constitution was amended on 21 September 2019 when the name of the charity was changed from “Charity and Recycling Enterprise UK” to “CARE UK Charity”.

The day-to-day administration of CARE UK Charity is carried out by a small management team along with our highly committed team of staff and volunteers.

We are extremely grateful to our volunteers and supporters without whose generous donations of time and practical support we would be unable to achieve our objectives.

The Trustees acknowledge their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of CARE UK are:

- To prevent and relieve poverty and hardship and protect the vulnerable in such parts of the world as the Trustees shall determine by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need and/or charities, or other organisations, working to prevent or relieve poverty.
- The relief of those in need suffering hardship across the world providing such persons with goods which they could not otherwise afford.
- Such charitable purposes for the public benefit as are exclusively charitable according to the Laws of England and Wales as the Trustees may from time to time determine.

Achievements and Performance

Mission

Our principal mission remains the same – to collect items that are no longer wanted whether they be clothes, furniture, household items etc and pass these on to people in need. Where items cannot be used in this way, we sell them in our shops in order to raise funds to purchase aid.

Retail activity

During the year we used our shops to raise funds for our work and to serve as donation stations. The year was a challenging one, as has been the case for many retailers on the High Street in the United Kingdom.

In Spring 2023 we received notice to vacate the properties in Cockhedge Centre in Warrington that we were using as the landlord wanted to redevelop the site and part of the Centre was to be demolished. We vacated the properties in July 2023 and were able to secure a property in Riverside Retail Park in Warrington which we use as our Home Store and More and as a donation station and base for our operations. In November 2023 we leased a unit in Runcorn Shopping City and in January 2024 we opened a shop to raise funds to support our work.

Overseas aid.

When the charity started we were able send containers of aid to organisations overseas supporting refugees. However, our ability to do this is no longer possible due to a combination of factors.

However, during the year we were pleased to be able to collect donations of aid to be sent to Ukraine. Our practical donations were given to Steve Holland from The Children of Ukraine Project who travelled to Ukraine to deliver the much needed aid to innocent children caught up in the war.

Homes Team

Our Homes Team continued to help and support those in need in our community who were referred to us by Social Services, the Probation Service and other charities. This formed a major part of our offering to the community. The number of referrals continued to increase demonstrating the need that exists in our community. We were able to provide furniture and household goods to help individuals and families who have been provided with accommodation but had little or no material possessions.

Our mission is to ensure that no one in our community goes without the essential items they need to live with dignity and comfort. By providing furniture, clothing, and household essentials, we aim to create lasting change where it matters most.

Our support extends to those facing bed poverty, the cost-of-living crisis, victims of domestic abuse and those with mental health struggles. Whether through our partnerships or community outreach, we work to build hope for a brighter tomorrow.

Refugees

Refugees continue to be housed in local hotels, and we provided practical support mainly the provision of clothing and hygiene products responding to requests from the agencies working with the refugees and asylum seekers.

Our service to the refugees continued to include Pop Up Dignity Shops, where refugees are given vouchers so that they can choose clothes and hygiene goods for themselves and advocacy support to improve services within the settings in which they are housed.

Foodbank

During the COVID pandemic we established a foodbank to provide weekly food parcels to support families whose income had dropped significantly because of lockdown and was particularly focused on those families who were excluded from national support schemes, such as sole traders. In June 2023 we decided that the local Food Bank in Warrington was better equipped to offer this service to the remaining clients and a plan was developed to transfer the service to them.

Volunteers and employees

Our charity very much depends upon our amazing team of volunteers who continued to give generously of their time and energies, to further our work. They helped us to collect and sort donations and distribute this aid with the support of our committed and hard working staff who faced and rose to many challenges during the year.

Although we continued to have a core body of volunteers to sort donations and work in the stores, maintaining sufficient volunteers requires ongoing attention and action.

Our mission statement is: "providing essentials to improve the lives of others" and we continue to strive to use our resources to achieve our mission

Financial Review

The following statements set out the financial position of CARE UK Charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

The closure of our two retail stores in Cockhedge Centre, Warrington in July 2023 presented our retail operation with a major challenge. A great deal of time and energy was expended in setting up our new depot and shop in Riverside Retail Park which opened in July 2023.

For six months of the year, we operated only one shop but were delighted to open our shop in Runcorn Shopping City in January 2024. Our retail sales were therefore down considerably compared to the previous year but we finished the year with both shops generating profits to fund our ongoing charitable work. Our retail activities yielded a net profit for the year of £37,313.

Unfortunately, our donations and other charitable income were down on the previous year which was quite likely caused by the challenging economic climate as people have less disposable income to donate to support good causes. Also, the amounts paid to us by recycling companies for clothing that we could neither use nor sell continued to fall due to falling textile prices.

However, the requests to support those in need rose significantly during the year and we strove to make the best use of our resources to support as many individuals as we could.

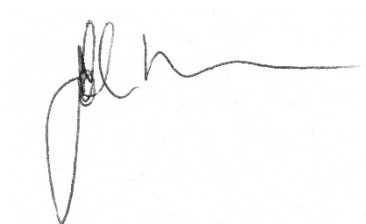
The net result was that we sustained a deficit on our general fund of £70,118 for the year. Thankfully we had built up reserves in previous years and were able to cover this deficit from our accumulated reserves.

Our general reserves at the year end amounted to £111,172.

The Trustees have adopted a Reserves Policy to maintain reserves equal to approximately three months of the running costs of the organisation to ensure the charity can withstand any unforeseen financial challenges. This is currently deemed to be approximately £100,000. The Trustees want to ensure that our surplus funds are put to good use in helping those in need.

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and financial statements for the year to 31 May 2024.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A Stott', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John A Stott
Treasurer and Trustee
24 March 2025

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Independent Examiners Report for the year ended 31 May 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of CARE UK Charity for the year ended 31 May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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 responsibility 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.

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.

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 giving me any cause to believe that in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Jonathan Rigby FCA
Rigby Lennon & Co

25 March 2025

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Profit and loss account for retail activity for year ended 31 May 2024

	Year ended 31 May 2024	Year ended 31 May 2023
	£	£
Income		
Shop sales	336,848	400,276
Total income	<u>336,848</u>	<u>400,276</u>
Expenses		
Property expenses	64,539	46,122
Wages and pensions	206,685	192,635
Vehicle and transport costs	8,401	14,906
Finance charges	3,442	4,195
General expenses	16,468	12,208
Depreciation	-	3,918
Total expenses	<u>299,535</u>	<u>273,984</u>
Net profit from retail activity	<u><u>37,313</u></u>	<u><u>126,292</u></u>

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Income and Expenditure account for the year ended 31 May 2024

	Year ended 31 May 2024		Year ended 31 May 2023	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Profit from retail activity	37,313	-	126,292	-
Donations from individuals	23,166	-	29,799	-
Donations from groups and organisations	4,452	-	13,642	-
Legacies	12,572	-	-	-
Gift Aid claimed	6,950	-	1,323	-
Fundraising activities	5,670	-	8,475	-
Recycling of goods	10,764	-	16,783	-
Other income	146	-	1,876	-
Bank interest	2,172	-	586	-
Total income	103,205	-	198,776	-
Expenditure				
Overseas aid	550	-	7,141	-
Donations to aid organisations overseas	1,000	-	4,750	28,602
Support for refugees and families in UK	28,780	-	63,547	-
Homes team costs	44,421	-	44,578	-
Food Bank	182	-	3,936	-
Flood relief	-	-	-	11,999
Vehicle and transport expenses	6,221	-	9,778	-
Premises costs	-	-	613	-
Wages and pensions	83,566	-	69,012	-
General expenses	5,703	-	7,328	204
Depreciation (Note 1)	2,900	-	3,942	-
Total expenditure	173,323	-	214,625	40,805
Net surplus / (deficit) for the period	(70,118)	-	(15,849)	(40,805)
Accumulated surplus brought forward	181,290	4,048	197,139	44,853
Transfer to Restricted Funds	-	-		
Net reserves at 31 May 2024	111,172	4,048	181,290	4,048

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Balance sheet at 31 May 2024

	Balance at 31 May 2024	Balance at 31 May 2023
	£	£
FIXED ASSETS		
Motor vehicles (Note 1)	3,625	6,525
CURRENT ASSETS		
Trade debtors	1,127	4,002
Prepayments	4,266	1,208
Other debtors	2,486	335
Bank current accounts	16,462	15,090
Bank deposit accounts	130,764	223,733
PayPal account	2,518	1,355
Cash in hand	1912	1,033
VAT repayable	5,210	1,605
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TOTAL ASSETS	168,370	254,886
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CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals	3,150	19,548
Long term loan	50,000	50,000
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	53,150	69,548
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TOTAL NET ASSETS AT 31 MAY 2024	115,220	185,338
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Represented by:		
Unrestricted Funds	111,172	181,290
Restricted Funds	4,048	4,048
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TOTAL NET RESERVES AT 31 MAY 2024	115,220	185,338
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Notes to the accounts for year ended 31 May 2024

1. Fixed Assets

	Motor vehicles
	£
COST	
As at 1 June 2023	16,600
Additions during the year	-
Disposals during the year	-
As at 31 May 2024	<u>16,600</u>
DEPRECIATION	
As at 1 June 2023	10,075
Charge for the year	2,900
Disposals during the year	-
As at 31 May 2024	<u>12,975</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
As at 1 June 2023	<u>6,525</u>
As at 31 May 2024	<u>3,625</u>

Depreciation on motor vehicles is provided at an annual rate of 25% on a straight-line basis to write off the asset over its estimated useful life.

Depreciation on fixtures and fittings is provided over their anticipated useful life.

2. Trustee remuneration

During the year, no Trustee received any remuneration. No members of the Board of Trustees received reimbursement of travel or subsistence expenses during the year.

3. Related party transactions

During the year there were no related party transactions.