

***The Bridge Recovery Community (CIO)  
Annual Trustees Report and Accounts  
for the year ended 31 May 2024***

***Charity Number: 1167634***

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## Charity Information

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## Trustees Report

### Charity Purpose and Registration

The purpose of the Charity is stated in its foundation document as:

“To facilitate recovery from addiction in all its forms for the public good, by providing low cost meeting space for people attending 12 step fellowship recovery groups; and the provision of a safe and recreational space for social, volunteering and community fellowship activities”.

The Charity is a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (“CIO”) with the following charitable objects:

“The object of the CIO is to promote, for the benefit of the public and society as a whole, social inclusion and relieve the needs of those who are dependent upon, addicted to, recovering from or affected by drugs, alcohol or other similar substances, in particular (without limitation) around the Richmond upon Thames area, primarily (but not exclusively) through the provision of appropriate low cost meeting space for such people attending 12 step fellowship recovery groups, a safe space for social, volunteering and community fellowship activities and facilities for recreation and other leisure-time occupation in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom they are intended.”

### Operations

#### Room Rentals:

The Bridge Recovery Community’s (“The Bridge”) main activity is to provide low cost meeting space for 12-step fellowship recovery groups. Eight different 12 Step fellowships held 19 weekly meetings between them at The Bridge. This meant that in the course of a year around 988 meetings take place.

When the Bridge isn’t being used for 12 Step meetings, it is often available for recovery related workshops events and activities, for example the meditation group on a Saturday morning and The London Polish Intergroup who meet on a Sunday once every two months.

The Charity raises funds from three other principle sources:

Friends - regular contributors to the Charity, mainly (but not exclusively) from members of the groups using the facilities

Events – events such as quiz nights and film nights are organised by an Events Committee consisting of certain trustees and additional members from the groups using the facilities

Anonymous Donor – the Charity has received a number of donations from a Charities Aid Foundation Donor who has asked to remain anonymous. These donations make good

any shortfall in the financial resources of the charity and are expected to be available in the future.

We are very grateful to all those who contribute to The Bridge, either financially or as volunteers, as they help to keep The Bridge running for the benefit of the local recovery community.

We are also very grateful to our many volunteers, who undertake a number of tasks to support The Bridge. These include running social and fundraising events, taking part in maintenance project working groups, a variety of administrative tasks and assisting the Manager/Caretaker with regular maintenance of The Bridge.

The part-time Manager/Caretaker runs and maintains The Bridge day to day. His costs are charged to the Charity on a monthly basis.

The Charity undertakes occasional improvement projects for the benefit of users of the facilities. The projects to be undertaken in the year are approved by the Trustees at the time of setting the annual budget.

The Trustees meet regularly and hold an annual Strategy Meeting where the longer term development of the Charity is discussed and agreed. In making decisions about current activities and future direction, the Trustees have due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

## Trustees

The Trustees during the year were as follows:

- Kenneth Crosland (Chair)
- Oliver Jennings (Treasurer)
- Julia Bell
- Robert Bell (resigned 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023)
- Michael Bielanski
- Daniel Dove
- Chris Fegan
- Lindsey Miller
- Steve Milton
- Michael Pilling (resigned 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023)
- Timothy Williams

Independent Examiners Report

Report to the trustees/members of The Bridge Recovery Community (CIO number 1167634) on accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 set out on pages 6 to 8.

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity (“the Trust”) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

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: 

Signed by:



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Date: 31 March 2025 | 04:16 PDT

Name: Kim Suter

Relevant Professional Qualifications or Body (if any): FCCA

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## Statement of Receipts and Payments, for the year ended 31 May 2024

		Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2023	Unrestricted Funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024	Total funds (to the nearest £) to 31st May 2024
<b>Receipts</b>				
Friends		14,763	12,450	12,450
Other donations		1,103	4,100	4,100
Group Rents		13,841	16,958	16,958
Commercial Rents		4,730	4,209	4,209
Gift Aid	Note 2	6,410	-	-
Events income		(115)	981	981
Additional Contribution	Note 3	9,000	-	-
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>49,732</b>	<b>38,697</b>	<b>38,697</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Manager		21,712	21,817	21,817
Rents out		7,600	6,154	6,154
Electricity		4,292	5,074	5,074
Repairs and Renewals		1,286	4,153	4,153
Insurance		240	249	249
Other costs		1,835	3,305	3,305
Waste		491	-	-
<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>37,456</b>	<b>40,751</b>	<b>40,751</b>
<b>Receipts net of Payments</b>		<b>12,276</b>	<b>(2,054)</b>	<b>(2,054)</b>
<b>Cash Funds</b>		<b>40,222</b>	<b>37,218</b>	<b>37,218</b>

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted for non-corporate small charities.

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Total funds	Unrestricted Funds	Unrestricted Funds
	(to the nearest £)	(to the nearest £)	(to the nearest £)
	to 31st May 2023	to 31st May 2024	to 31st May 2024
Cash Funds	40,222	37,218	37,218

The Charity has no other monetary assets, investments or liabilities.


Assets retained for the Charity’s own use consist of fixtures and fittings used within the premises, the principal items being:

- Flooring and under-floor heating
- Exterior decking
- Seating
- Laptop computer
- Kitchen equipment
- Leaf blower
- Sound and lighting equipment (used for events)

These items have all been expensed in the year of purchase within “repairs and renewals”.

Signed by on behalf of all the trustees

Signed by:

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Kenneth Crosland (Chair of Trustees)

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Oliver Jennings (Treasurer)

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

### **1. Reserves Policy**

The following outlines the reserves policy of the Bridge.

The Charity currently has no restrictions on its funds, and the trustees have therefore formulated a reserves policy which is appropriate to sustaining the Charity's activities without retaining excessive funds.

The income of the Charity consists mainly of regular rental payments and donations which are fairly predictable in the short to medium term. However the longer term viability of the Charity is currently dependent on the continued willingness of a Charities Aid Foundation ("CAR") donor (who wishes to remain anonymous) to provide support, or on the ability of the Trustees to secure an alternative should such support be withdrawn. Although such an event is considered unlikely, in the opinion of the Trustees it would take approximately 3-4 months to wind up the Charity's activities in an orderly manner, and adequate reserves should be retained to cover this eventuality. Our reserves policy is therefore to allow unrestricted cash reserves to reduce to approximately 4 months expenditure (currently around £12,000) before seeking additional funding from the CAF donor.

### **2. Gift Aid**

Gift Aid monies of £981 (2023: £6,410) were received from HMRC during the year. These related to current year donations paid through online donation platforms.

### **3. Donations from Charities Aid Foundation donor**

In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 no donation was received from the anonymous Charities Aid Foundation donor compared to a donation of £9,000 for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023.