

# GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER

England & Wales · Charity number 1167704

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	<a href="#">09490223</a>
Registered	2016-06-17
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:-3.1 TO PROMOTE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF CHRISTIAN BASED CHARITIES IN THE FURTHERANCE OF THEIR OBJECTS OR ANY ONE OF THEM, MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, BY THE PROVISION OF INFORMATION, ADVICE, SUPPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROVISION; AND3.2 THE RELIEF OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIP, EITHER GENERALLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF GRANTS, GOODS OR SERVICES.THE OBJECTS ARE TO BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE FAITH AND PRACTICE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

**Activities:** Greater Together Manchester aims to provide leadership and support for anti-poverty work across Greater Manchester and Rossendale.

## Classification

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- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Bolton
- Bury
- Manchester City
- Oldham
- Rochdale
- Salford City
- Stockport
- Tameside
- Trafford
- Wigan

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£372,070	£387,199	-	-
2023-12-31	£239,544	£357,921	-	-
2022-12-31	£323,751	£227,056	-	-
2021-12-31	£226,246	£232,022	-	-
2020-12-31	£370,368	£340,871	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Martin William Evans		2022-11-01
Niamh Mae Hardman		2025-06-23
Nike Hale		2024-12-20
Rev Anne Elizabeth Gilbert		2023-09-12
Rev Grace Thomas		2020-05-12
Rev Peter Bennett		2025-12-01
Rev Philip John Cansdale		2025-04-01
The Right Reverend Mark Davies		2019-08-21

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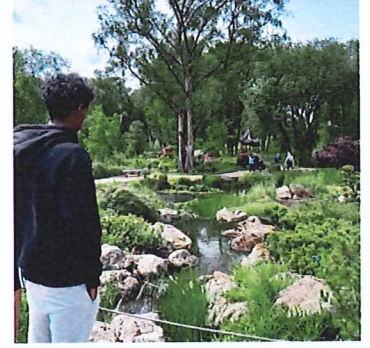
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DECEMBER 2024





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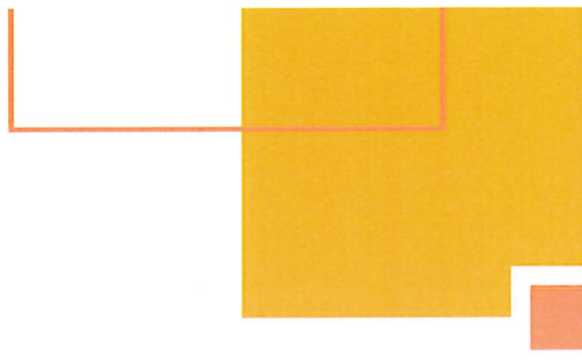
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# COMPANY INFORMATION



## Trustees & Directors

Grace Thomas	Appointed 10.06.2020	Chairperson
Anne Gilbert	Appointed 12.11.2023	Appointed Vice-Chairperson on 01.04.2025
Joanne Watson	Resigned 01.04.2025	Vice-Chairperson
Martin Evans	Appointed 01.11.2022	Treasurer
Helen Platts	Resigned 21.03.2025	
Nike Hale	Appointed 20.12.2024	
Philip Cansdale	Appointed 01.04.2025	
Niamh Hardman	Appointed 23.06.2025	
Eleanor Trimble	Resigned 01.07.2024	

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## Website Address

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London  
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## Company Number

09490223

## Registered Charity Number

1167704

# TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Charitable Company operates from its registered office: St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND. The website address is [www.greatertogethermanchester.org](http://www.greatertogethermanchester.org).

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the charitable company's tenth annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

### **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2015. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 June 2016. The Articles of Association were changed by special resolution in June 2021.

### **COMPANY MEMBERS**

The company members are the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance (MDBF) and the Church Urban Fund (CUF).

### **RECRUITMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

The Directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the company members and are collectively known as 'the Board'. The number of trustees should be as near as possible to nine, with two nominated by Church Urban Fund and two nominated by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance. A further five trustees are then nominated by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee serves a term of five years and, upon expiry of the term, may be re-appointed for a further five years.

Trustees are nominated by invitation given that they have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

On appointment, trustees are briefed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of Trustees. Trustees may also choose to visit projects supported by the charity.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 1.



## **ORGANISATION**

The Board administers the charitable company and meets as necessary, usually once per quarter. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the trustees have delegated management responsibilities within the overall strategy agreed by the Board of Trustees.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees maintain a comprehensive Risk Register, which is reviewed at each board meeting.

## **OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES**

### **OBJECTS**

- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objects or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and
- The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

The aim of the charity is to support churches, people and community groups (regardless of faith or no faith) who want to engage in social action and tackle issues around poverty and deprivation in and across the Diocese of Manchester.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own needs, including responding to poverty. The charity helps build the capacity of groups and projects, helping them transform their communities and transform the lives of the most vulnerable people in their communities. By offering support and guidance we help build confidence, restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to, and contribute towards, a community. In this way and as demonstrated throughout this report, our activities deliver public benefit.

We seek to work with those of any faith and none. The ultimate beneficiaries of our work are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation. We seek to form strategic partnerships with existing groups and organisations who are already engaged with aspects of poverty that are aligned with our core values and purpose, with the understanding that we can achieve far more when working together in partnership than we can apart.

## ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE & FUTURE PLANS

Greater Together Manchester works with a wide range of communities across Greater Manchester to tackle poverty and disadvantage. We work with local, grassroots groups to develop their responses to issues in their community, providing a range of advice and support.

The charity serves a population of 2.1 million over an area of 416 square miles, covering 11 local authorities (Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Rossendale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan) and all of these areas have high levels of poverty and inequality.

Our work is centered on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address local need, including responding to poverty. We help build the capacity of individuals, groups and projects, helping them to transform their communities and the lives of those people who are vulnerable and marginalised.

We also run our own services when required, helping to add much needed capacity into the VCSFE system, and mobilising volunteers to respond to major issues.



Whilst GTM is a charity founded on Christian values, working with organisations and people of all faiths and none is a crucial part of our work and activities. Our partnerships with other charities and the public sector are crucial to our work and we aim to work in partnership wherever possible.

Influencing and systems change have become an increasingly important part of our work as we look to tackle the root causes of poverty and disadvantage, and we look for opportunities to champion the voices of people with lived experience within this work, as well as ensuring we working alongside a wide variety of partners to make meaningful, long-lasting changes.



Since the charity's formation in 2015, our main purposes have been:

- **Kick-starting, growing and supporting social action projects and initiatives** equipping individuals and communities with the skills and confidence to make a real difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people in their local area.
- **Connecting people, faith groups and organisations together** to allow them to share best practice, resources and ideas through collaboration, small meetings, large events and through building mutually supportive and relational networks.
- **Working together with multi-agency partners to influence** local, regional and national policy and strategy.
- **Providing training and information to individuals and organisations** to help equip front-line workers with the skills and knowledge they need to support and sign post vulnerable people more effectively.

# THE CONTEXT OF 2024

In 2024, we continued our work in a deeply challenging environment. Across Greater Manchester, families and individuals were navigating a perfect storm of rising costs, insecure housing, long waits for basic services, and a growing sense of social fragmentation. These pressures didn't just shape people's daily lives, they shaped our work, the way we delivered it, and the demands placed upon our staff and volunteers.

## A YEAR OF DEEPENING NEED

Throughout the year, signs of worsening poverty were stark and undeniable. Homelessness, in all its forms, surged once again. While Greater Manchester had made progress in tackling rough sleeping in previous years, 2024 saw a worrying reversal. Since 2020, the number of households living, often long term, in temporary accommodation in Greater Manchester has risen by 79%. Across GM, in 2024 there were over 5,000 households, including over 7,500 children, living in temporary accommodation.

The rise in use of temporary accommodation is reflective of the ever increasing pressure on the homelessness system. There has been a significant rise in the number of households made homeless via Section 21 notices, many of whom then find they are no longer able to afford properties within the private rental market. Greater Manchester has seen rents rise well above the national average of 3.9%, with some areas seeing an increase of over 12% in the last 12 months. As a result, many households who previously rented from private landlords, are now priced out of the private rented sector and are left with no choice but to approach their local authority for help in securing accommodation.

Unfortunately, for most households Temporary Accommodation is almost never temporary, with households spending years in poor quality accommodation that does not meet their needs. Families also face ongoing uncertainty, with reports of them being moved multiple times with little to no notice.

Wait times for suitable social housing properties are now measured in years, with the longest wait for a property at 27.3 years in Bolton. In 2024, GMCA estimated that Greater Manchester local authorities are spending in excess of £74.6 million each year renting temporary accommodation across the city region, with only 42% of this able to be recovered via Housing Benefit. Despite the high nightly rates being charged, primarily by private landlords, for each room, the standard of most temporary accommodation remains poor.

Living in temporary accommodation is highly destabilising, particularly for those people living in this accommodation long-term. Many types of temporary accommodation are hotels, B&Bs or hostels where a household will be housed in one room and where there is limited access to cooking facilities or laundry facilities. Many households are moved out of area, away from their support network, with children having to travel long distances to access school each day.

As such, the knock on affect for families living in temporary accommodation are all encompassing, impacting on their mental and physical wellbeing. A recent report from our partners at JustLife explains that for "far too many, a stay in temporary accommodation can be a harrowing experience, where existing traumas are exacerbated, and new challenges arise."

Poverty continues to be endemic. The percentage rates of children living in poverty in 2024 are staggering. According to the Joseph Rowntree "UK poverty 2024" report poverty in the UK is deepening as levels of people who are living in very deep poverty, with incomes far below the poverty line are, are increasing.

Those groups most at risk of being in poverty include:

- Larger Families
- Lone parent families
- Minority ethnic groups, in particular Pakistani, Bangladeshi households, as well as Indian, Chinese and Black African Households
- People with disabilities
- People with caring responsibilities
- Part time workers
- People who are self-employed
- People living in rented accommodation

Across Greater Manchester, more than 30% of children are living in poverty, and in some boroughs (Manchester, Oldham and Bolton) this number is more than 40%.



Behind these figures is real consequences: missed meals, cold homes, and fewer opportunities to thrive. Similarly, many working families struggled to make ends meet, despite being in employment. In-work poverty, driven by low wages, insecure contracts, and high housing and energy costs, left thousands unable to cover even the basics.

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) undertakes a regular Resident's Survey, which includes questions about the cost of living. At the start of 2024, 59% of residents felt that the cost of living had increased again over the past month, with more than a third of respondents struggling to afford housing and energy costs.

## DISPLACEMENT, DISCONNECTION, AND DISADVANTAGE

Another group who are facing long stays in temporary accommodation are Asylum Seekers, many of whom are housed in poor quality hotel accommodation across the city-region.

GTM services have seen a significant increase in the number of asylum seekers accessing our services. The large majority are living in hotels across the city-region, with the largest concentrations of people being housed in and around Manchester City Centre.

Asylum seekers are also moved regularly, and many are moved across the country with little to no notice.

In late 2022, the Government pledged to clear the asylum backlog, with additional resources put into the Home Office to speed up decision making. As we move into 2024, we are now experiencing the wider impact of this policy as there was an unprecedented increase in the number of new refugees (those who have recently had a positive decision from the Home Office) experiencing precarious housing or street homelessness.

Greater Manchester, along with other urban areas, continue to be a place that new refugees want to come and live, and so many of the new refugees who are street homeless in Manchester were living elsewhere when they received their refugee status. Unfortunately this means that, unless they are medically vulnerable, they are unlikely to be eligible for statutory support from the local authority.

Misinformation regarding the housing system in the UK is a major issue within this cohort. Whilst people are in the asylum system, there is almost no face-to-face support offered, and as a result people are poorly informed about the realities of the UK housing market and the limited accommodation options available.

Discussions continue within the VCFSE sector about the appropriate time at which to broach this subject with asylum seekers and how we better prepare people for the realities of the housing situation in the UK.

In the meantime, public and voluntary sector services are currently trying to meet the demand for housing support that has skyrocketed across GM.

In July 2024, we saw a wave of far-right provoked disorder sparked by a tragic event in Southport where the attacker was falsely labelled as a Muslim asylum seeker. In Greater Manchester, we saw incidents of aggression and violence, primarily targeted at immigrant communities, including our participants living in hotels in Manchester.

The rise in anti-immigrant rhetoric continues to be of concern, particularly as charities are not immune from being targeted by members of the public.

Mental health, loneliness, and social isolation worsened across many groups.

The waiting lists for mental health support mean that more grassroots, faith and community based groups are supporting people who previously would have been accessing professional mental health support. Our approach has always been to help people "wait well" and maintain their mental health whilst waiting for professional interventions, however for many people they are waiting longer and longer for a service that has fewer and fewer resources.

Older people in particular faced growing isolation, with cuts to local transport, ongoing closures of social and community venues, and underfunded adult social care making connection more difficult than ever. For many, poverty wasn't just about income, it was a poverty of relationships, of identity, of opportunity.



## THE PRESSURE ON THE CHARITY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR

Across the charity and community sector, organisations faced rising demand but dwindling resources. Inflation is pushing up the cost of running services, whilst funding has remained static or declined in real terms. Multi-year grants are scarce, and short-term funding cycles is leaving many charities, including GTM in a constant state of firefighting.

Many charities have been overwhelmed by rising caseloads, and higher levels of demand from people with more complex needs, and GTM has seen this within our services.

While the need for support rose sharply, the pool of available volunteers shrank significantly particularly among younger and working-age adults. As a result, there has been a need to create additional paid roles to fill the gap left by volunteers, however funding staff roles continues to be a challenge. Similarly, Recruitment and retention became harder across the sector, as burnout is rising and wages failed to compete with the public or private sectors.

## STANDING FIRM IN THE STORM

In this climate, the work we did in 2024 was more important, and more difficult, than ever. We operated as both a lifeline and a listening ear, helping people navigate the material hardship they were facing, while also offering spaces for connection, dignity, and hope.

We did this alongside a network of dedicated volunteers, committed partners, and other community organisations who share our belief in a fairer, kinder society. We adapted, we innovated, and we held firm in the face of adversity.

The year reminded us that poverty is not just about lack of money, it is about the fraying of safety nets, the erosion of belonging, and the loss of voice. Our role, now more than ever, is to help rebuild those foundations: with food, with friendship, with advocacy, and with care.



## OUR IMPACT IN 2024

**665**  
individuals  
accessed our  
Lifeskills  
sessions in 2024

**169**  
people trained  
in Trauma  
Awareness  
Level 1

**69**  
people trained as  
Trauma Informed  
Community  
Practitioners

**64** Places  
of Welcome  
open each week  
in Greater  
Manchester

**48**  
active Wayfinder  
Participants  
supported to  
maintain tenancies

**£227,000+**  
saved  
collectively by  
Social Super  
Market members

Representatives  
from **106**  
organisations  
attended 2024  
GMHAN Events

**100%**  
of Wayfinder  
participants felt  
respected,  
understood and cared  
for

## LIFESKILLS

Our Lifeskills programme has grown and developed throughout 2024, and as a result we have been able to reach out and support more individuals who have experienced homelessness or multiple disadvantage.

We continue to deliver a range of weekly activity and wellbeing sessions, including Philosophy, Football, Water-sports, Indoor Tennis, Swim/Gym Sessions and a community meal.

In 2024 we launched a new programme of gardening sessions with JustLife, a charity who support people living in temporary accommodation. These sessions were very well received, and we hope to secure some funding to continue these in 2025.

Our football session is now primarily attended by asylum seekers, many of whom are resident in hotels nearby. This change in demographic has brought with it some challenges around language and culture. However, our staff have worked hard to identify the specific support needs of individuals, provide tailored support and signpost to specialist provision.

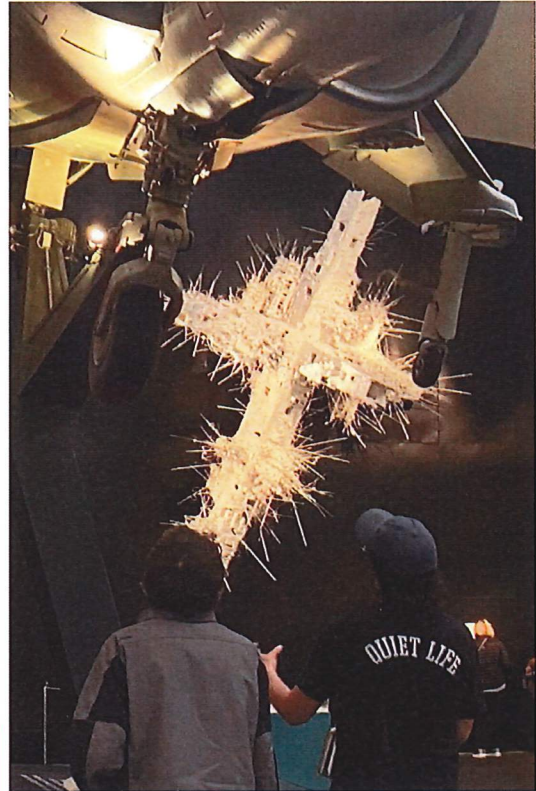
GTM have been able to support individuals to create more stability in their lives - even whilst their housing situation is temporary - assisting with accessing health provision, supporting with benefit claims and liaising with housing providers. We have also built positive working relationships with other organisations, helping pool knowledge and resources to respond to increasing need.

The severe shortage in move on options for refugees, once they have received a positive decision from the Home Office, means that many new refugees are facing street homelessness. As a consequence of this, GTM are now exploring options around emergency winter accommodation for new refugees, and other longer-term projects to accommodate this cohort.

This year we launched a new series of walking and cultural visit sessions, in partnership with the Booth Centre. Visits included the Imperial War Museum North, the Manchester Jewish Museum, the David Hockney Exhibition at Aviva Studios, Heaton Park, National Football Museum, Museum of Science & Industry, People's History Museum, Bowker Value and Blackley Forrest, Chetham's School of Music.

Our participants were also invited to watch the Davis Cup, which took place in Manchester in September.

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with MCRactive, we were able to give some of our football participants tickets to Manchester United and Manchester City matches.



**62%**

of participants  
have experience  
of the asylum  
system

**665**

individuals  
accessed our  
Lifeskills  
sessions in 2024

*“ I would have been sat at home feeling low, but I have come here today to this wonderful place. I will take loads of photos on my phone and can look at them when I feel down ”*

RHS Bridgwater Walk Participant



## WAYFINDER

Our Wayfinder Programme continued to offer 1-2-1 holistic support to people who are or have experienced homelessness.

Wayfinder is our relational homelessness project, working to provide client led support to individuals who have experienced homelessness, temporary or insecure accommodation.

Whilst this programme was initially created as a move-on support programme for the guests in our night shelter programme, the COVID-19 pandemic meant that our night shelters closed and the launch of the programme was delayed.

The pandemic, and the cost of living crisis that followed, brought rapid and drastic change to the homelessness landscape in Greater Manchester, with the A Bed Every Night Programme becoming exclusively single room accommodation combined with a significant increase in the number of people in temporary accommodation. Move on accommodation became more difficult to secure and so the cohort for whom Wayfinder was designed were primarily stuck in various forms of temporary accommodation with no end in sight.

This stagnation in the system has meant that our criteria of supporting people moving on from homelessness in secure accommodation (to help them maintain their tenancies and stop the cycle of homelessness, has had to be tweaked. With support now offered to people living in temporary accommodation, as well as those at risk of homelessness.

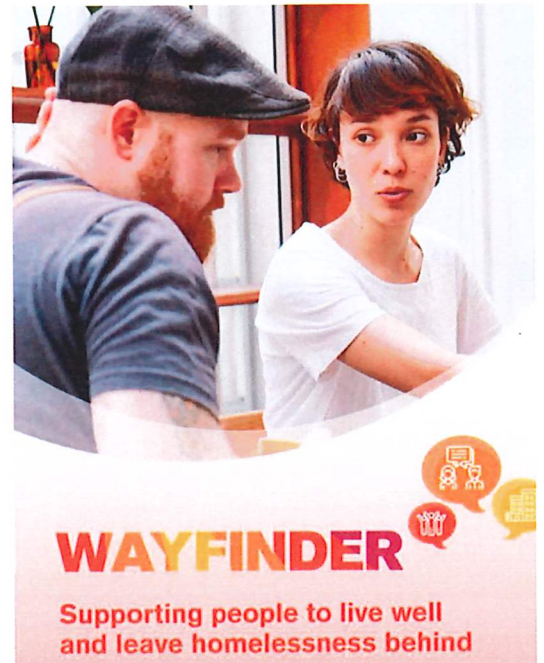
Another change that we have had to make as a result of the changing world post-pandemic is that the number of “low needs” referrals, who would then (according to the original programme specification) be matched with a volunteer mentor was significantly lower than we expected. What we’ve seen is that people with high support needs, who have complex histories and are seen as “in priority need”, are being rehoused, and that these are the individuals who are being referred into Wayfinder. As a result, our staff have had to work with our participants for longer, helping to unravel complex situations that would be beyond the remit of a volunteer mentor.

The other area of growth in demand we’ve seen within the Wayfinder programme is the number of new refugees needing support. The National Accommodation Network (an umbrella organisation for frontline organisations working with refugees and asylum seekers) reported that there has been a 99% increase in refugee homelessness in the UK.

Whilst refugees often have lower support needs (although mental health is an area of concern for this cohort), they often need significant help to navigate systems here in the UK. There is a lot of misinformation about housing and benefits, as well uncertainty around right to work and recruitment practices. As such, this is a clear area of potential growth for the Wayfinder programme and one where volunteers can play a meaningful role.

The significant rise in the number of refugees who are experiencing street homelessness (as a result of getting their status and being evicted from their Home Office provided accommodation) has led GTM to become involved in conversations about how to help fill this gap in provision. Very few of this cohort are owed a duty, as they are not considered to be vulnerable and therefore in priority need, and a significant proportion were living elsewhere in England when they received a decision, meaning that they do not have a “local connection” to a Greater Manchester local authority.

At the end of 2024, GTM was in discussions with Manchester City Council, Mustard Tree and the Boaz Trust to explore both emergency and longer term accommodation options for this cohort and we hope to launch a suitable project in 2025.



**100%**

of participants felt respected, understood and cared for

**67%**

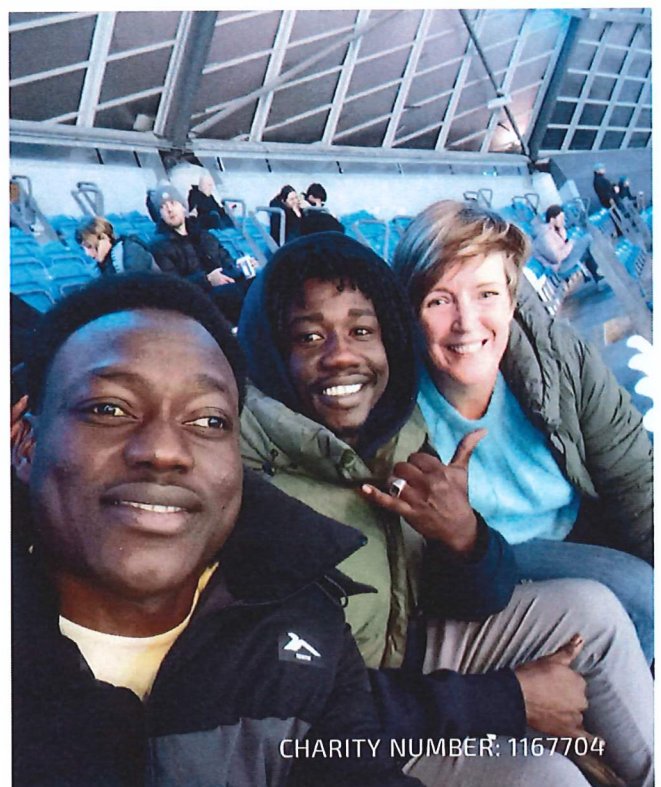
saw improved emotional well-being

**42%**

improved their long-term housing situation

**48**

active participants in the Wayfinder programme



## TRAUMA INFORMED PRACTICE

Throughout 2024 we delivered three types of training focused on upskill grassroots, faith and community leaders in their understanding of trauma, and how to implement a trauma informed approach in their projects and organisations. The training was designed and delivered by our Mental Health Development Worker, who was a trained Art Psychotherapist with a number of years experience of working with grassroots movements in the North.

Our training was offered for free to grassroots leaders, ensuring that finance was not a barrier to engagement and learning. As a result of the quality and delivery of the training, we were also commissioned by a range of VCFSE partners to deliver bespoke training to their staff and volunteers. Acknowledging that many grassroots community and faith leaders often feel isolated, all training participants were also invited to join our Community of Learning, which included an online reflective safe space that offered a chance for participants to discuss issues they were facing locally and provided an opportunity to share new resources and best practices.

Creating and delivering training that was accessible and engaging was a key aim, ensuring that the materials were not overly academic or scientific, but also giving people a good grounding in the physiological and psychological impacts of trauma.

One of the main groups we intended to targeted with our training was clergy and church leaders within the Church of England. In designing this project, we had a number of conversations with clergy, many of whom were struggling with a range of issues linked to trauma - the trauma of working with people who exhibit challenging or chaotic behaviour, the secondhand or vicarious trauma they were experiencing when supporting people who had experienced significant trauma, and the risk of burnout as a result of the intensity of this type of work.

As a result, our training included practical advice on how to build and maintain appropriate boundaries, how to practice self-care and create spaces for reflective and supportive practice.

However, once we launched the training, we found it difficult to get clergy to sign up and engage with the training, and found that the lay (not ordained) leaders were more likely to take up the training offer. Having spoken again to clergy in our networks, we have found that prioritising training that is not mandatory can be a real challenge for clergy who feel they are being pulled in so many different directions and keeping so many different plates spinning.

The Impact Report for our training programme made the following recommendations:

- Trauma Informed Practice should be mandatory across VCFSE organisations, akin to Safeguarding to ensure that trauma-awareness is integrated into everyday practice.
- Creation of more reflective spaces where people engaged in community work can access peer support would help combat feelings of isolation.
- Development of Restorative Practice training, to help participants reconcile difficult past experiences.
- Additional training on setting and maintaining boundaries would be beneficial, particularly for clergy and faith leaders who find it difficult to separate personal and professional relationships in the community.
- Comprehensive training in dynamic risk assessment and risk management for faith and community groups who are working with people with complex needs, so help them handle these challenges safely and effectively.

**169**  
people trained  
in Trauma  
Awareness  
Level 1

**69**  
people trained as  
Trauma Informed  
Community  
Practitioners

**97%**  
of participants  
reported improved  
knowledge &  
understanding of  
trauma

**94%**  
of participants felt  
capable of  
implementing a  
trauma aware  
approach in their  
group or organisation

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, RAMSBOTTOM

The volunteers at St Andrew's Church in Ramsbottom were hosting a afternoon drop in welcome and cafe project. They found that they were coming across more and more people who had complex lives and significant mental health needs. Two of their volunteer leaders attended our Trauma Informed Training (Levels 1 and 2) and joined our Community of Practice for ongoing support. They gave us the following feedback:

*On a practical level, trauma-awareness training encourages us to look beyond surface behaviours. Instead of reacting immediately to what we see, we cultivate curiosity and a willingness to understand why people present themselves in certain ways.*

*This shift in perspective teaches us not to be reactive but proactive, recognising that people's actions often stem from past experiences. It's about creating a compassionate and safe environment for everyone.*

*Trauma informed practice should be integrated into the life of the whole church.*



# ART & WELLBEING PROJECT

Building on the success of our Art Studio project in 2023, in 2024, we delivered an “Art in Action” programme in partnerships with the Booth Centre.

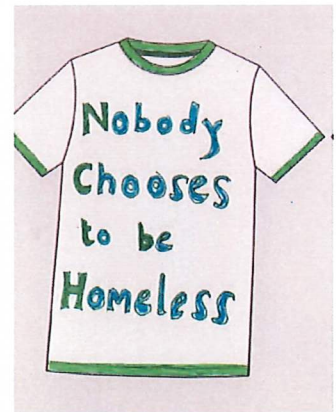
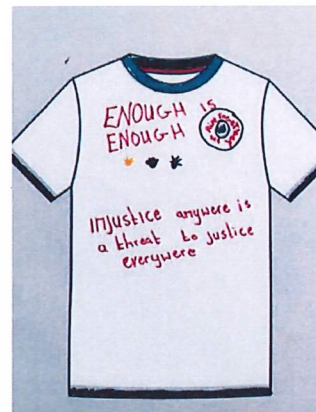
We know that art can give anyone a voice. When the group was asked to create banners and T- shirts related to campaigns, they felt passionate about, the results were deeply moving.

This led to a collective banner-making project inspired by one participant's design, “Worth More Than They Say.” Others added their own designs through stitching, creating a collaborative artwork.

GTM staff also invited additional participants and groups, including JustLife and St. Paul's Church in Withington, to contribute to the banner. The banner is now on permanent display at the Booth Centre with discussions around it being exhibited at The People's History Museum.



“GTM has had phenomenal impact at the Centre, creating wonderfully calm and safe environment where everyone feels supported to express themselves, both creatively and in conversation. 97% of participants, when surveyed, say that they felt increased confidence and social connection after taking part in activities at the Centre, which only emphasises GTM skills at making people feel heard and connected through their art. The banner project is of particular note, as it involved organisations from across Greater Manchester and staff worked tirelessly with people to produce an empowering representation of the communal art of the Booth Centre and GTM.”



# SOCIAL SUPER MARKETS

## CHURCH OF THE APOSTLES, MILES PLATTING



In 2024, our Social Super Market in Miles Platting continued to be a vital support for local residents, offering access to affordable food and household essentials at a time when many households are feeling the pressure of rising living costs.

Throughout the year, the Social Super Market was accessed more than 5,000 times, helping residents make their budgets go further. We estimate that our members collectively saved more than £200,000 over the course of the year—money that could instead be spent on heating, rent, or other essentials.

But the Social Super Market is more than just a place to shop. It's a community hub, a welcoming space where people connect, support one another, and get involved in building a stronger neighbourhood. Our mission is to reduce food waste, tackle food poverty, and bring the community together—and 2024 was a powerful example of that in action.

We hosted a range of events to help strengthen community ties, including a Community Clean-Up Day supported by partners Mitie, Jigsaw Homes, and Manchester City Council. Their time, tools, and teamwork helped us support local people to tidy up the neighbourhood and bring a renewed sense of pride to the area.

Volunteers have also played a huge role this year. As well as our regular volunteers, without whom this project wouldn't be possible, Teams from Virgin Media, Gallagher, Premier Foods, WSP, and others have generously given their time to sort donations, portion food, distribute leaflets, pick litter, decorate for Christmas and lend a hand wherever it was needed. Their contributions have not only supported our operations—they've helped foster a genuine sense of community ownership and solidarity.

Our Social Super Market volunteers were finalists in the 2024 Be Proud Awards, and the team were able to attend the award ceremony and celebrate the amazing achievements of volunteers from all across Manchester.

We are proud of the role the Social Super Market plays in Miles Platting. As we look ahead, we remain committed to deepening our impact, reducing waste, and helping local people thrive.



**Save Money**



**Tackle Food Waste**



**Support your local community**



**90**  
new Social Super Market members in Miles Platting

**76**  
people chose to "Pay it Forward" and cover a free shop for someone in need

**120 - 150**  
households supported each week

### WENDY'S VOLUNTEERING STORY

Wendy\* had been supported by our partners at the Church of the Apostles for many years, providing her with food and other essentials, however she had never been inside the building. Wendy suffered from severe anxiety and depression and was incredibly nervous around other people. In particular, she struggled with noise and crowds.

When the Social Super Market was launched, Wendy finally came into the building. She struggled being around other people and so we worked out when our quietest time was, and encouraged her to come then.

Wendy slowly opened up to us, telling us about her life and the things she was struggling with. She started helping out around the place, making suggestions about how we could improve things.

She built a really great, supportive relationship with our staff and started to volunteer. Initially she preferred to be in the back room, sorting donations and staying out of the busy spaces.

Fast forward two years, and Wendy is now a core member of the team. She is also fantastic with our members, and they really open up to her. She is a staunch advocate for our services, encouraging people to ask for help as early as possible, and emphasising that we can be trusted.

Wendy is one of a number of members of the Social Super Market who have become volunteers, and the personal growth we have seen, particularly in their self-confidence and self-esteem, in these individuals has been remarkable.

## RE:DISH, STOCKPORT

In partnership with Re:dish in Reddish, Stockport, we developed our second Social Super Market project, known as the "Good Stuff" Supermarket. The project opened in June 2024, initially to volunteers and members of Re:dish groups, who helped trial the systems.

Like our existing Social Super Market, the Re:dish project gets the large majority of their food from FareShare Greater Manchester, with additional donations from Parfett's. They also purchase in stock from Parfett's and Bookers when necessary.

The only criteria for membership is that they must have a Reddish or Heaton Norris post code. The project is open Wednesdays and Fridays between 11am and 3pm and is based out of the Re:dish Hub.

The demographic of members at the Re:dish project is distinctly different to that of our original project, with large majority of members being older adults from single person households, with only 30% of their members being from households with children. The Good Stuff project provided a total of 1,290, saving local residents an estimated £27,000 by the end of December 2024.



**50** households supported each week, saving a total of **£27,000** by Dec 2024.

**GOOD STUFF**  
SOCIAL SUPER MARKET

**215**  
members by  
the end of 2024

**33**  
people chose to  
"Pay it  
Forward" and  
cover a free  
shop for  
someone facing  
food crisis

## PLACES OF WELCOME

In 2024, the Places of Welcome network celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, having been launched in Birmingham in 2015. The first Place of Welcome launched in Greater Manchester at Rochdale Parish Church in August 2016, and the network has grown significantly since then.

Places of Welcome continue to have a profound impact both on their communities, and on those people who attend them. Volunteers who run their local Place of Welcome bring their skills, experience and knowledge each week, helping build community in their neighbourhoods.

The findings from the national Place of Welcome snapshot surveys, suggest that there are an average of five volunteers participating each week at Places of Welcome venues, and that each Place of Welcome has an estimated 27 visitors each week. As such, we estimate that the Place of Welcome network mobilises 320 volunteers across Greater Manchester, offering more than 30,000 hours of volunteering time each year.

Whilst we do not currently have funding to develop the Places of Welcome network, we have continued to respond to questions from existing venues, and enquiries from new venues wanting to join the Place of Welcome network.



**64** Places  
of Welcome  
opening each  
week in Greater  
Manchester

Places of Welcome  
mobilises  
**320**  
volunteers across  
Greater Manchester

**1,728**  
people supported  
across the Places of  
Welcome

# GREATER MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS ACTION NETWORK



At the start of January 2024 we launched our new Sprint structure for our task groups, aligning their work with the quarterly network events, creating more synergy across the network.

## Review of the GM Homelessness Prevention Strategy

The GMHAN co-authored the Greater Manchester Homelessness Prevention Strategy in 2020/21, a process that created the GM Jokers - a team of people with lived experience of systemic trauma who were trained to lead and facilitate Legislative Theatre. In 2024, the GMHAN joined forces with the GM Jokers again to review the Prevention Strategy via a three-part series of events held across Greater Manchester that brought together key stakeholders to examine the impact of the strategy, where the plan has been successfully implemented, and where problems within the system still remain.

## Criminal Justice System

In March 2024, the GMHAN delivered its first event, which looked at the criminal justice system and homelessness prevention. This involved bringing together partners from Probation, the Prison Services, and other specialist service providers (many of whom had not been involved in the network before) and creating an interesting and engaging event. The event included workshops that unpicked different aspects of the criminal justice system, and involved people with lived experience of both homelessness and the criminal justice system who were able to tell their stories and highlight the ways in which the system could change to prevent future harm. The event was attended by over 100 people from organisations across Greater Manchester.

## Trauma Informed Policing

Following on from the event on the Criminal Justice system and the discussions and presentations on the day, the task groups focus was on Trauma Informed Policing. The GMHAN facilitated discussions with the Manchester Street Engagement Hub, hosted at Mustard Tree. The Street Engagement Hub is a multi-agency partnership that brings together Greater Manchester Police with a range of cross-sector partners to engage with people who were involved in street-begging. The task groups reached out to police officers, visited the hub and spoke to people with lived experience to evaluate what made the hub and the approach of the police officers involved distinct. The task groups put together a well researched, robust slide deck that they will continue to use to influence policy within GMP, but also in conversations with other boroughs where this work could be replicated.

## Women's Experience of Homelessness

In July, the GMHAN delivered a full network event at Stretford Public Hall looking at women's experience of homelessness. The network recognised that women's experience of homelessness is distinctly different to men, and that they are less likely to be visibly homeless, meaning that their experiences can be overlooked.

The event brought together a range of different stories and perspectives, and created a space where we could discuss changes we can all make to ensure women are better supported. The event included workshops on the Women's Rough Sleeping Census, the impact of child removal on women in housing, the new Gendered Lens Framework from Homeless Link and an exploration of how the sector can better understand the impact of domestic violence on issues relating to housing and homelessness. This event has led to an ongoing piece of work around the Women's Rough Sleeping Census, bringing women who have experienced rough sleeping together with representatives from GMCA and local authorities to explore how the census could be delivered differently, with questions being reworded to be more trauma informed and to consider spaces where women feel safe and supported to have these conversations.

Representatives  
from **106**  
organisations  
attended 2024  
GMHAN Events

## Children & Family Homelessness

The Shared Health Foundation have been involved in the GMHAN for a number of years, and are unique in that their focus is on children and families experiencing homelessness. With the significant rise in the number of families living in temporary accommodation, the GMHAN felt this was a vital topic to address, bringing together a range of experts and partners, highlighting the particular risks and difficulties facing homeless families, but also demonstrating the impact of some of the campaigns that members of the GMHAN, including the Shared Health Foundation, have been a part of and the difference that these campaigns are making to the experiences of families and children.



## Expansion of Lived Experience Involvement

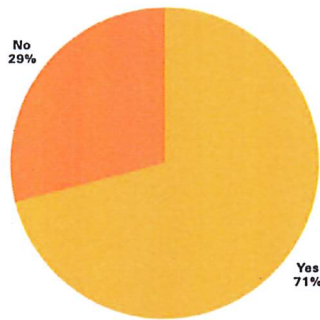
In 2024, we secured funding from the Lloyds Bank Foundation for a new role within the GMHAN Team. This role was co-designed by people with Lived Experience to have a focus on supporting people with lived experience of homelessness to engage with the work of the GMHAN, specifically around issues relating to emergency and temporary accommodation.

Our Lived Experience Coordinator started in August, and immediately set up a new Lived Experience group who meet regularly. As we move in 2025, we are exploring how we ensure that all GMHAN spaces are accessible to people with lived experience, and how we can offer a programme of training and development opportunities for this group.

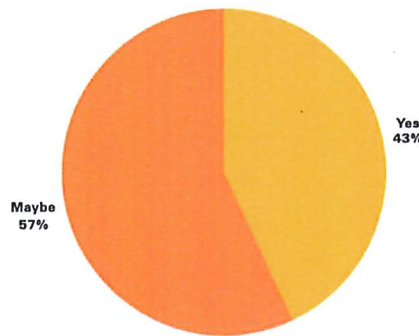


## Feedback from GMHAN Events

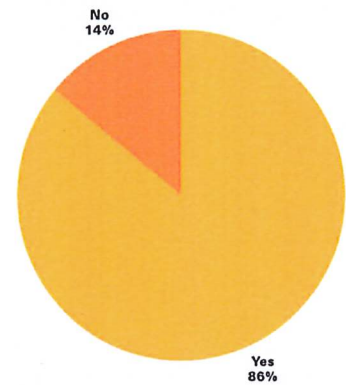
Is this your first time at a GMHAN Network event?



Do you think the new person/people you have met will lead to new future collaboration/worktogether?



Do you feel that you gained new insights or knowledge that will benefit your work and/or benefit the people you support?



THANK YOU TO THE ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE GMHAN COORDINATION GROUP OR ACTION GROUP CO-CHAIRS



Manchester Methodists  
Seeking, serving, sharing Christ



GREATER MANCHESTER MAYOR'S CHARITY



TRAFFORD COUNCIL



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Engage. Grow. Go.

## SOCIAL HOMES FOR MANCHESTER

Following discussions about the need for more social housing in Miles Platting. GTM, along with other partners supported the community to host an event and march to draw attention to the issue.

Speaking with other charity and community leaders, we realised that these conversations were happening in communities all across Manchester and that there was a real appetite for doing something meaningful around increasing the supply of housing for social rent in Manchester.

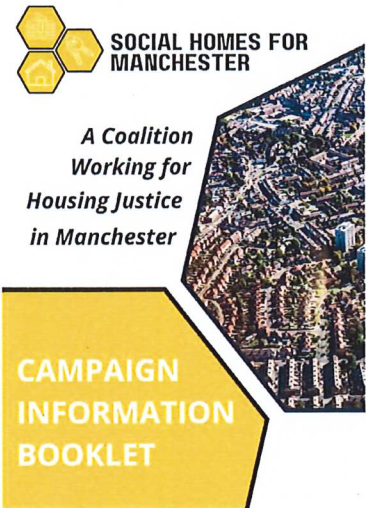


Our partners at CLASS, led by Dr Sophie King, brought a wide range of stakeholders together to explore the launch of a movement for housing justice in Manchester, with the creation of a campaign, a coalition and a commission.

The Social Homes for Manchester Coalition launched in February 2024 as a coalition of community associations, charities, think tanks, academics and social justice organisations focused on accelerating the number of social homes that are created in Manchester by 2030 and ensuring this is done in an environmentally sustainable way.

GTM were able to support the coalition with expertise around homelessness and housing (particularly thanks to our Homeless Services Manager who worked for many years in the social housing sector), as well as with the time and expertise required to design and build a new website (socialhomes4mcr.org.uk) and to create logos and promotional materials.

In May 2024, we launch the first edition of the campaign booklet, which was written by members of the coalition to outline the asks to Manchester City Council and to provide evidence as to why our asks are both necessary and achievable. The asks centred on an increase in the percentage of social homes included in all new housing developments, and ensuring stronger public accountability and scrutiny



The Coalition recognised the need to not only lobby locally, but also look to influence national policy. As such, the Social Housing Commission launched in September 2024, chaired by the Rt Rev'd David Walker, Bishop of Manchester.

The objectives of the commission are:

- To synthesize an evidence base for understanding the causes, character, and potential solutions to the current social and sustainable housing crisis in Manchester and nationally.
- To co-create a set of practical, evidence-based, and financially robust recommendations for how to address the social and sustainable housing crisis in Manchester and nationally.
- To advocate and influence effectively for the adoption and implementation of our recommendations at neighbourhood, city, city-regional, and national scales.
- To take action to ensure communities across the city are better informed about (i) social and sustainable housing and planning policy and finance, and (ii) the role they can play in addressing the crisis.



The Commission is made up of sector experts from Housing Associations and charities, as well as academics from a range of northern universities, and people with lived experience of social housing.

In November 2024, the Commission published its first report, "Why we need more sustainable homes for social rent" which was launched at a Parliamentary Reception at the House of Lords. The report included five urgent policy asks, which were outlined to MPs and Members of the House of Lords. The asks are to reinvest in social housing, to reform planning to prioritise sustainable social rent in affordable housing delivery, to rethink the 'Right to Buy', to retrofit long-term empty homes for sustainable social rent, and to embed community voice and ownership into the planning system.



## BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES

Our work with individual communities and churches across Greater Manchester continues to be an area where we want to secure additional funding and resource. We have developed a new programme that looks at Revitalising Church Based Social Justice projects, helping to build stronger communities, with churches as anchor organisations within those communities, meeting the needs of local people and walking alongside them.

### ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH, MILES PLATTING

The Parish of St Cuthbert's, Miles Platting is the 34<sup>th</sup> most deprived parish in England.

Nearly 40% of children live in poverty, more than 50% of pensioners live in poverty and life expectancy is nearly 10 years less than the wealthiest areas of the Diocese of Manchester. The parish sits within the most deprived ward in Manchester and the most economically inactive. The stats are stark and looking at the data within the context of increasing gentrification and loss of key services, community assets and social housing, you would be forgiven for thinking that the future of Miles Platting is bleak. However, in amongst a community struggling, the role of the church has never been stronger or more essential.

St Cuthbert's was built in the late 1960s, and like many churches and other community buildings built in the 1960s and 1970s, they used new building methods and materials in a drive for efficiency and cost-effectiveness. As a result, St Cuthbert's has not aged as gracefully as older buildings with more robust materials and construction methods.

Despite efforts from the congregation over many years, the building was difficult and expensive to maintain, with water egress both through the walls and roof being the main cause for concern, with questionable rainwater systems and roof detailing contributing to the shortened lifespan of the building.

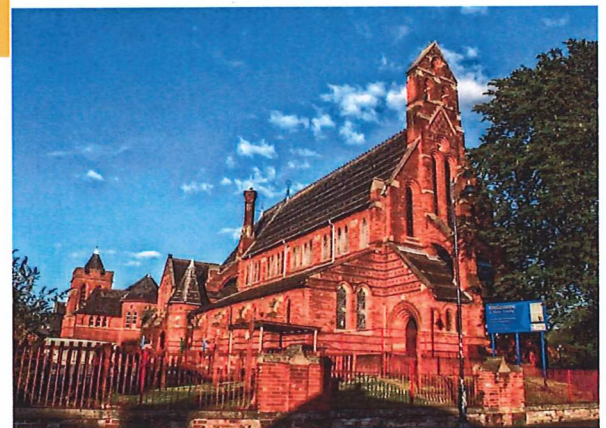
GTM has been supporting the PCC and the Community Association (Miles Platting Community and Age Friendly Network) to develop a plan for the redevelopment of this site, to create a sustainable church and community asset for the future. We've set up a new charity, St Cuthberts Communities Together, with trustees nominated by both the PCC and MPCAN, who will be creating a robust business plan to take this scheme forward, supported by local professionals and experts.

### HOLY TRINITY CHURCH & COMMUNITY CENTRE, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE

GTM was approached by the Area Dean of Oldham and Ashton regarding a complex situation in which the Diocese of Manchester needed to close a number of churches in Ashton-under-Lyne, but one of these church buildings is home to an amazing community project (HTCCC). This project specialises in empowering and building the confidence of women in the local community.

The Diocese was looking for solutions that would allow the project to continue to grow and thrive, whilst also allowing for the closure of the church building.

Following initial meetings with the Area Dean, the Archdeacon, as well as the staff and management committee of the project, we put together a proposal that looked to establish the church project as its own CIO, and remove it from operating as part of the parish. This would mean that the parish no longer held the liability for the project, but also created a separate entity that could take on the long-term responsibility for the building and look to repair and refurbish the Grade 2\* listed building for wider community use.



GTM has written the Articles of Association for the new CIO, that help to maintain the link to the Parish of the Good Shepherd (whilst removing their liability) and has supported existing members of the management committee to put together an initial Board of Trustees with the skills and experience to drive forward this project.

HTCCC has secured three years core funding from the lottery, and we are now working with the Diocesan Registrar to explore options for the future of the building as well as supporting them to seek funding for a new development manager to oversee the development of a three-year strategy and business plan, including diversifying their income streams, and the refurbishment and redevelopment of the building.



# COMMUNITY OUTREACH & SOCIAL JUSTICE

## AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY COURSE AT THE DIOCESE OF MANCHESTER

For a number of years we have delivered an elective course as part of the Diocese of Manchester's Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) Programme. Whilst this work has been unfunded, we continued to find resource to deliver it as we consider it to be an important part of our mission as a charity and to ensure that social justice was seen to be an important part of the mission of the church.

This year we were faced with a dilemma, with our lowest numbers of people signing up to the course, but each individual being incredibly committed to social justice. The Lay Ministry Officer, who coordinates the ALM programme, expressed interest in developing more resources to allow the courses to include more self-study elements and reached out to see if this is something we would be interested in piloting. As such, we re-developed the course to be self-paced course delivered through a combination of existing webinars, along with a study booklet and some visits to existing parish projects.

The aims of the course were:

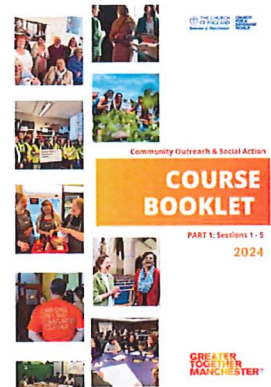
- To give participants an understanding of the major challenges facing communities in the UK today, and how the church can work with other partners to respond appropriately.
- To enable participants to understand why fighting for social justice is a vital part of the Christian faith and the mission of the church.
- To introduce participants to examples of best practice across the Diocese and offer learning opportunities.

The course included a session on 'Responding to Your Own Context' delivered by the Head of Serving from the Diocese of Manchester, who talked our participants about the map and statistical resources available to them and how to use them to inform their mission.

We also delivered our Trauma Informed Places and Spaces session, supporting participants to understand what trauma is, how it impacts on behaviour and how we can create projects and spaces that are trauma informed.

The webinar resources covered topics including 'Know Your Church, Know Your Neighbourhood', a way for churches think about themselves in relation to the local communities they seek to serve, 'Staring and Running a Place of Welcome', which explored hospitality and belonging, 'How to Build Financial Resilience', 'Introduction to Social Enterprise', 'Welcoming & Supporting Refugees', a 'Facilitated Conversations Masterclass' and 'Recruiting, Managing and Retaining Good Volunteers'. Each of these webinars was run by an expert in their relevant areas.

Each session included 'Link Work' that gave participants the opportunity to reflect on the content of the webinar, and consider how it relates to the work and plans for their own parish.



## LEE, COMMUNITY ALM AT TONGE, RHODES AND ALKRINGTON

A few years back we started to get some asylum seekers regularly attending the church, so a plan was put in place to offer them some support and care. I volunteered to get involved, initially as the key holder; opening up, brewing up and locking up, but as time went on I slowly became more involved and started joining in on some of the other activities. One day, my vicar took me to one side and asked if I would consider ALM training. I was initially surprised she asked me but as we looked through the course prospectus together the community course jumped out as it involved many of the new things I was involved in.

There is so much to this course that I can commend. It is incredibly informative, challenging (in a healthy way) and gives some real eye-opening insights in to the difference churches can make in their local community. The course tutors have a wealth of knowledge and experience to share, and the field trips to local church projects highlight some of the brilliant community work already being done around the diocese.

Since finishing the course, I continue my ministry working with asylum seekers and feel much more confident about doing this. I've also been considering how our Church can help with the fallout created by the removal of the Winter Fuel Allowance and the effect that this will have on the elderly and vulnerable in our community. I'm currently researching local authority grants and putting a plan together for the church exploring how we can use our building as a warm and safe space for locals over the Winter months.

I would highly recommend this course to anyone who has a heart to see their church become a place of security, inclusion, healing and sanctuary within their communities. This course will equip you to make a difference, and will give you plenty of ideas, resources and inspiration that you can pinch to use in your own context. You will also meet loads of amazing people!

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's incoming resources for the period ending 31 December 2024 were £372,070.

The charity's expenditure for the period ending 31 December 2024 was £387,199.

The charity moved into 2025 with unrestricted funds of £41,389 which are allocated to our core overheads. Securing long-term core funding continued to be a major challenge.

The charity also has £164,902 of funds restricted for use on the running and development of specific projects and services.

We continue to be grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who provide office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing and reception support as a gift-in-kind.

We are also thankful to the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting for partnering with us on the development of our first Social Super Market and for the access to additional office space.

## Reserve Policy

The trustees are constantly reviewing the charity's objectives and aim to maintain liquid reserves to the equivalent of at least six months (but no more than one year) unrestricted cash expenditure. The unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2024 show £41,389.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Canon Grace Thomas

# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER**

## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Together Manchester ('the company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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20 September 2025

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Restricted 2024	Unrestricted 2024	2024 Total	2023 Total
Notes	£	£	£	£
Donations & Legacies	298,802	30,908	329,710	185,493
Management Fees	-	42,360	42,360	54,051
<b>Total</b>	<b>298,802</b>	<b>73,268</b>	<b>372,070</b>	<b>239,544</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Homeless Services	194,711	-	194,711	171,192
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	48,395	-	48,395	45,016
Mental Health	17,078	-	17,078	22,836
Places of Welcome	2,279	-	2,279	9,432
Social Super Market	60,190	-	60,190	41,693
Core Programme Costs	-	22,186	22,186	13,701
Project Management	-	42,360	42,360	54,051
<b>Total</b>	<b>322,653</b>	<b>64,546</b>	<b>387,199</b>	<b>357,921</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(23,851)</b>	<b>8,722</b>	<b>(15,129)</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	<b>188,753</b>	<b>32,667</b>	<b>221,420</b>	<b>339,797</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>164,902</b>	<b>41,389</b>	<b>206,291</b>	<b>221,420</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Restricted 2024 £	Unrestricted 2024 £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Computer Equipment		3,990	-	3,990	3,273
Less Depreciation on Computer Equipment		(2,165)	-	(2,165)	(970)
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>1,825</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,825</b>	<b>2,303</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	1,000	-	1,000	193
Petty Cash		-	-	-	-
Cash at Bank		162,436	39,678	202,114	217,719
Prepayments		-	2,497	2,497	2,139
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>163,436</b>	<b>42,175</b>	<b>205,611</b>	<b>220,051</b>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(359)	(786)	(1,145)	(934)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>(359)</b>	<b>(786)</b>	<b>(1,145)</b>	<b>(934)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>163,077</b>	<b>41,389</b>	<b>204,466</b>	<b>219,117</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>164,902</b>	<b>41,389</b>	<b>206,291</b>	<b>221,420</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>164,902</b>	<b>41,389</b>	<b>206,291</b>	<b>221,420</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	7			41,389	32,667
Restricted Funds				164,902	188,753
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>206,291</b>	<b>221,420</b>

## BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED

AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:



Grace Thomas (Chair)



Philip Cansdale (Trustee)

The notes on pages 23 - 31 form part of these financial statements.

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the annual report.

#### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses

A total of £0 (2023 - £0) was reimbursed to Trustees as expenses in the year.

#### 3. STAFF COSTS

	2024 Restricted Funds	2024 Unrestricted Funds	2023 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	171,941	52,668	216,312
Pension Contributions	11,510	3,582	14,692
Employer's National Insurance Cost	11,244	4,556	14,663
Total Staff Costs	194,695	60,806	245,667

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Management & Development	1	1
Homeless Services	4	2.8
Social Super Market	1	1
GMHAN	1.5	1
Mental Health	1	-
Places of Welcome	0.5	1
	9	6.8

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

INCOMING RESOURCES	Notes	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	2023 Total £
Donations & Legacies		177,767	7,726	185,493
Management Fees		-	54,051	54,051
<b>Total</b>		<b>177,767</b>	<b>61,777</b>	<b>239,544</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Homeless Services		171,192	-	171,192
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network		45,016	-	45,016
Near Neighbours		-	-	-
Mental Health		22,836	-	22,836
Places of Welcome		9,432	-	9,432
Social Super Market		41,693	-	41,693
Core Programme Costs		-	13,701	13,701
Project Management		-	54,051	54,051
<b>Total</b>		<b>290,169</b>	<b>67,752</b>	<b>357,921</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>(112,402)</b>	<b>(5,975)</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>188,753</b>	<b>32,667</b>	<b>221,420</b>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Debtors & Prepayments	3,497	2,332

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	600	600
Staff Expenses	545	344
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	1,145	934
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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	32,667	8,722	41,389
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	176,506	(53,203)	123,303
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	(12,411)	51,670	39,259
Mental Health	9,880	(11,456)	(1,576)
Places of Welcome	3,013	(2,279)	734
Social Super Market	11,765	(8,583)	3,182
Subtotal	188,753	(23,851)	164,901
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>221,420</b>	<b>(15,129)</b>	<b>206,291</b>
	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	73,268	64,546	8,722
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	141,507	194,711	(53,203)
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	100,065	48,395	51,670
Mental Health	5,622	17,078	(11,456)
Places of Welcome	-	2,279	(2,279)
Social Super Market	51,608	60,190	(8,583)
Subtotal	298,802	332,653	(23,851)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>372,070</b>	<b>387,199</b>	<b>(15,129)</b>

## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023

Comparatives for movement in funds	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	38,642	(5,975)	32,667
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	249,458	(72,951)	176,507
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	5,728	(18,139)	(12,411)
Mental Health	21,756	(11,876)	9,880
Places of Welcome	12,445	(9,432)	3,013
Social Super Market	11,768	(3)	11,765
Subtotal	301,155	(112,401)	188,754
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>	<b>221,420</b>
	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	61,777	67,752	(5,975)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	98,241	171,192	(72,951)
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	26,877	45,016	(18,139)
Mental Health	10,960	22,836	(11,876)
Places of Welcome	-	9,432	(9,432)
Social Super Market	41,690	41,693	(3)
Subtotal	177,768	290,169	(112,401)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>239,544</b>	<b>357,921</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>

## 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Grace Thomas and Mark Davies, Trustees of Greater Together Manchester, are also Trustees of the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance, which provides office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing, and reception support to Greater Together Manchester.

Helen Platts, Trustee of Greater Together Manchester until 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, is the Diocesan Secretary/Chief Operating Officer for the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance and Philip Cansdale, Trustee of Greater Together Manchester from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025, is the Director of Mission and Ministry for the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance.

## 10. VOLUNTEERS

A total of £665 (2023 - £1,212) was reimbursed to volunteers for expenses in the year.

In accordance with FRS102 and the charities SORP (FRS102) the economic contribution of volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2024**

<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>	2024	2023
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>	£	£
General Donations	5,908	7,726
Management Fees	42,360	54,051
Grants	25,000	-
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Barclays Community Football Fund (Sported Foundation)	1,000	-
Church Urban Fund	72,941	34,513
DLUHC (Night Shelter Transformation Fund)	58,568	70,000
GMCVO	3,500	-
Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity	30,000	15,000
Groundwork – Tesco Bags of Help	-	1,000
Lidl Grants	280	800
Lloyds Bank Foundation	49,087	-
Manchester Active	620	-
Manchester City Council (Our Manchester Food Partnership)	5,891	2,984
Manchester City Council (Our Manchester Grants)	8,500	6,000
National Lottery Community Fund – Awards for All	20,000	-
Street Support	-	10,000
Social Super Market Membership Fees	25,944	26,646
Training Income	2,092	987
TUUT Charitable Trust	1,000	-
Restricted Donations	14,379	9,837
Worship Company of Grocers	5,000	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>372,070</b>	<b>239,544</b>

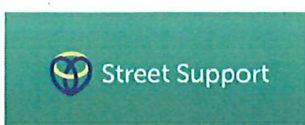
**EXPENDITURE**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>		
Total Staff Costs	255,501	245,667
Travel & Subsistence	6,477	10,263
Insurance	4,211	2,807
Website & IT Costs	2,198	5,355
Events	10,326	3,427
Training	500	2,149
Media, advertising & promotion	1,886	1,440
Printing, Postage & Stationary	1,632	678
Telephone & Internet	5,800	5,055
Staff Equipment	-	32
Other Project Costs – Homeless Services	53,339	47,433
Other Project Costs – Social Super Market	29,522	16,668
Other Project Costs – GMHAN	8,910	5,908
Other Project Costs – Places of Welcome	-	1,302
Other Project Costs – Mental Health	3,006	2,938
Other Project Costs – General	1,713	1,733
Depreciation on Computer Equipment	970	970
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>385,991</b>	<b>353,825</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
Accountancy & Legal Fees	142	3,280
Independent Examination	600	600
Fundraising	216	216
Consultant Fees	250	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>4,096</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>387,199</b>	<b>357,921</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(15,129)</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>

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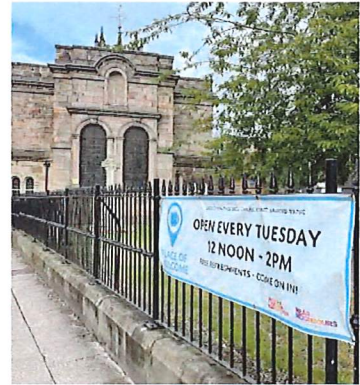
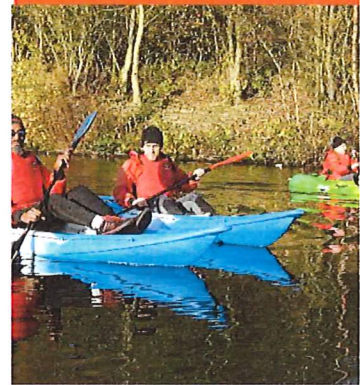
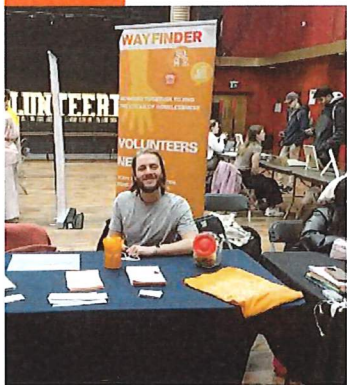
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STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
DECEMBER 2023



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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

Christopher Bracegirdle	Resigned 24.03.2023	Chairperson
Grace Thomas	Appointed 10.06.2020	Appointed Chairperson on 24.03.2023
Martin Evans	Appointed 01.11.2022	Treasurer
Mark Davies	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Helen Platts	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Eleanor Trimble	Resigned 01.07.2024	
Joanna Watson	Appointed 05.04.2022	
Anne Gilbert	Appointed 12.09.2023	

**COMPANY SECRETARY** Lily Axworthy

**KEY MEMBERS OF STAFF**

Lily Axworthy	Chief Executive Officer
Margaret Madden	Homeless Services Manager
Philippa Iwnicki	GMHAN Manager

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**CHARITY NUMBER** 1167704

## **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Charitable Company operates from its registered office: St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND. The website address is [www.greatertogethermanchester.org](http://www.greatertogethermanchester.org).

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the charitable company's ninth annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2015. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 June 2016. The Articles of Association were changed by special resolution in June 2021.

### **COMPANY MEMBERS**

The company members are the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance (MDBF) and the Church Urban Fund (CUF).

### **RECRUITMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

The Directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the company members and are collectively known as 'the Board'. The number of trustees should be as near as possible to nine, with two nominated by Church Urban Fund and two nominated by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance. A further five trustees are then nominated by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee serves a term of five years and, upon expiry of the term, may be re-appointed for a further five years.

Trustees are nominated by invitation given that they have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

On appointment, trustees are briefed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of Trustees. Trustees are encouraged to visit projects supported by the charity.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 2.

### **ORGANISATION**

The Board administers the charitable company and meets as necessary, usually once per quarter. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the trustees have delegated management responsibilities within the overall strategy agreed by the Board of Trustees.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

As with many other charities, GTM faces risks to its operations, finances, and reputation. The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees maintain a comprehensive Risk Register, which is reviewed at least twice per year.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **OBJECTS**

- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objects or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and
- The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

The aim of the charity is to support churches, people and community groups (regardless of faith or no faith) who want to engage in social action and tackle issues around poverty and deprivation in and across the Diocese of Manchester.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own needs, including responding to poverty. The charity helps build the capacity of groups and projects, helping them transform their communities and transform the lives of the most vulnerable people in their communities. By offering support and guidance we help build confidence, restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to, and contribute towards, a community. In this way and as demonstrated throughout this report, our activities deliver public benefit.

We seek to work with those of any faith and none. The ultimate beneficiaries of our work are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age, or sexual orientation. We seek to form strategic partnerships with existing groups and organisations who are already engaged with aspects of poverty that are aligned with our core values and purpose, with the understanding that we can achieve far more when working together in partnership than we can apart.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PLANS**

We work with communities all over Greater Manchester (GM) to tackle poverty and deprivation, and to find ways to support the most vulnerable people in our society. We work with local, grassroots groups to develop their responses to concerns or problems in their community, providing advice, support, infrastructure and support with fundraising.

The charity serves a population of 2.1 million over an area of 416 square miles and covering 11 local authorities (the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities of Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan, as well as Rossendale) – all of which have areas of high deprivation and poverty.

We believe we can offer leadership and support to better help local activities, with a focus on homelessness; food poverty; loneliness and isolation; and other projects that address issues relating to poverty. The charity's

commitment to an asset-based approach includes inspiring people, encouraging action, building capacity and equipping communities to meet their needs and develop their own people-led solutions.

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own wider community needs, including responding to poverty. We help build the capacity of individuals, groups, and projects, helping them to transform their communities and the lives of those that are vulnerable and marginalised.

By offering support and guidance we aim to restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to and contribute towards their community.

We also run our own services when required, helping to provide support and infrastructure to mobilise volunteers from across GM to respond to major issues such as homelessness.

Whilst Greater Together Manchester is a charity founded on Christian values, interfaith engagement and working with organisations of all faiths and none is a crucial part of our work and activities, as well as working with organisations across the third sector, public sector, and the private sector.

Since the charity's formation in 2015, our main purposes have been:

- **Kick-starting, growing and supporting social action projects and initiatives** equipping individuals and communities with the skills and confidence to make a real difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people in their local area.
- **Connecting people, faith groups and organisations together** to allow them to share best practice, resources and ideas through collaboration, small meetings, large events and through building mutually supportive and relational networks.
- **Working together with multi-agency partners to influence** local, regional and national policy and strategy.
- **Providing training and information to individuals and organisations** to help equip front-line workers with the skills and knowledge they need to support and sign post vulnerable people more effectively.

GTM works with communities across Greater Manchester to tackle poverty and deprivation, and to find ways to support the most vulnerable people in our society.

We have a growing reputation as an organisation that is adept at building person-centred, authentic, meaningful and long-lasting relationships between people, communities, faith groups and others, in order to tackle inequality, deprivation and poverty.

## **REVIEW OF 2023**

As we entered 2023, we were in the midst of a profound cost of living crisis. The reach of the crisis was vast, with many of us having to make difficult choices, however those people living in poverty were hit harder than most.

The Office for National Statistics devised a measure of financial vulnerability; these questions related to resident's ability to cope with an "unexpected expense; ability to save; borrowing behaviour; and affordability of energy bills". Analysis by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority suggests that, in 2023, 1 in 3 residents in GM may be considered financially vulnerable, higher than the UK average of 1 in 4.

In 2023, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority published the Greater Manchester Cost-of-Living Dashboard, which brought together data from multiple sources in order to better understand the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on Greater Manchester residents<sup>1</sup>.

The picture in Greater Manchester in 2023:

- Housing
  - o Significant increase in households presenting as homeless, with a 41% increase in Section 21 “no fault” evictions during 2023.
  - o 17.1% of homes in GM are considered “non-decent”.
  - o Over 5,000 households in temporary accommodation across GM.
- Money & Debt
  - o Inflation continued to rise throughout 2023, whilst the median monthly pay (adjusted for inflation) shows that wages in real terms, fell since the end of 2022 for GM residents.
  - o People claiming University Credit continued to slowly rise during 2023, although the number of residents considered to be “economically inactive” continued to fall to circa 22% of the working age population in GM (slightly higher than the national rate of 20.9%)
  - o The number of residents reporting that they are borrowing more or using more credit than usual also rose steadily throughout 2023.
- Food & Energy
  - o The GM Residents’ Survey asked households questions about their food security, for households with children, 49% of households were experiencing low or very low food security, with 27% of households without children experiencing low or very low food security.
  - o The same survey found that more than 60% of residents were finding it difficult or somewhat difficult to afford their energy costs.
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
  - o In the GM Residents’ Survey, when asked how worried they were about the rising costs of living, 69% of respondents said they were either very worried or somewhat worried, and the number of people accessing mental health and wellbeing support in GM has continued to rise throughout 2023.

## **OUR IMPACT IN 2023**

### **Homeless Services**

Homelessness is still a pressing issue for Greater Manchester, with the numbers of people rough sleeping, in insecure accommodation, and housed in temporary accommodation continuing to increase. In January 2023 there were 7,407 people homeless in Manchester alone.

The ‘A Bed Every Night’ initiative has continued, getting street homeless people accommodated whilst they go through the Local Authority housing assessment process.

The Severe Weather Emergency Provision in Manchester ran somewhat differently this Winter and involved less in the way of partnership working, which was a frustration for many charities involved in homeless services.

The quality of accommodation provided, particularly the private rented accommodation provided for Asylum Seekers, is of a very low standard.

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<sup>1</sup>Greater Manchester Cost of Living Dashboard, <https://tinyurl.com/3ufftfsb>

GTM have continued to liaise and feedback regarding our experience through Manchester Homeless Partnership and Greater Manchester Homeless Action Network.

Through our Wayfinder programme we have advocated on behalf of people experiencing poor property condition or difficulties in their temporary accommodation.

Access to a long term or permanent tenancy is very challenging at present with many individuals and families facing prolonged periods in “temporary” accommodation (3+ years). People are often housed far outside of the areas they are familiar with, leading to loneliness and isolation and disconnection from people and services that had previously supported them. For families that are moved from one Local Authority to another there are issues of changing schools, healthcare providers and the hospital they attend. This can cause high levels of stress where trust and support had been established previously.

It has become a new challenge to support people to stay in their temporary accommodation, where they do not want to be, as leaving it will render them intentionally homeless and not eligible for rehousing by the Local Authority.

GTM continues to work in partnership with a range of organisations, charities and churches to deliver a wide range of on-site Lifeskills sessions, including the Booth Centre, JustLife, Supporting People in Need (SPIN), Trussell Trust, Manchester Active, Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL) and Manchester Football Association. We aim to provide a range of different sessions using different venues to appeal to the widest number of people and to be accessible to people living in different areas. Attendees can access a hot meal or snacks depending on the venue for the session.

### **GTM Lifeskills**

The Lifeskills programme has seen attendance numbers increase over the past year. We saw 372 unique individuals attend sessions in 2023.

We are seeing an average of 88 people attend each week, around 3,800 annually.

We are delivering our regular weekly sessions of Philosophy, Football, Water-sports, Indoor Tennis, Swim/Gym sessions and community meal. Through negotiation with the leisure centre management we have been able to offer gym sessions as well as the swimming session on a Sunday evenings.

Indoor Tennis is a new session. We are seeing 20+ people attending each week, with the vast majority being female asylum seekers who are a group we haven't worked with previously.

In addition to the regular sessions, we have delivered a number of short-term programmes, in partnership with other agencies. We completed a very successful 6-week Art Project with the Booth Centre, exploring Manchester, industrial art and architecture and protest art.

We delivered an 8-week programme with SPIN, a charity housing foreign nationals with no recourse to public funds. We worked with a small group of men, cooking a fresh meal each week and chatting with them.

We have also delivered a gardening project at JustLife in Openshaw, working with their clients (who are primarily residents in low quality, unsupported temporary accommodation) to get their garden area tidied up and plant a range of fruit and vegetables for them to harvest later in the year.

Our Lifeskills sessions continue to be well attended, we promote the various sessions with partner agencies and via our social media.

We have seen a marked increase in attendance at our football session, we now have 20+ young male asylum seekers joining us each week. We are working with partners to provide them with adequate boots and kit.

Our sports sessions offer an opportunity for physical activity, exercise and to have fun.

We deliver a community meal at St Paul's, Withington, collaborating with the church and the local Trussell Trust foodbank who deliver one session per month. We have seen numbers there increase to 25 – 30 people per week.

Our philosophy session continues to be one of our most popular, giving those attending an opportunity for contemplation and creativity, and helps people to consider other people's point of view and experience.

### **Wayfinder**

In September 2022, GTM introduced the Wayfinder programme. Wayfinder is a national programme, coordinated by Church Urban Fund, with projects taking place in Nottingham, Leicester, and Manchester.

The programme is funded by the Benefact Trust and the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation.

The three cities deliver the programme very differently based on the needs and opportunities in their city.

In Manchester we directly deliver outreach support to individuals and families with the support coming from the Wayfinder Coordinator and our volunteers. We try to meet the individual needs of the participant. The support provided can widely vary, from supporting people to healthcare appointments, providing emergency food parcels, assisting with benefit applications or sourcing furniture and household items.

Originally intended to provide support to people to sustain their new tenancy, Wayfinder has had to adjust to the current housing situation. Much of the support is currently being delivered to people with complex support needs and living in temporary accommodation, helping them navigate the homelessness/housing assessment process. We do have a smaller number of people moving into new tenancies and we provide support with settling into their tenancies, setting up utilities, claiming benefits, liaising with their landlord, budgeting, negotiating payment plans for debt and accessing appropriate health care.

In 2023, we had 16 fully trained Wayfinder volunteers, who were matched with 11 participants. The Wayfinder co-ordinator has also provided support to around 150+ people outside of the Wayfinder programme, via referrals from our Social Supermarket and churches across in the Diocese.

We have seen a high level of very complex referrals from partner agencies, often made when the person has moved on from the temporary accommodation project. This can make it very difficult for the Wayfinder staff and/or volunteers to build a positive relationship in advance of the move.

There has also been an increase in Wayfinder supporting asylum seeker clients who have been moved, with little or no notice, to substandard accommodation or significantly out of the area. Wayfinder volunteers have continued to support a participant forced to move to Liverpool, losing all support and church connections in Manchester.

### **Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network**

The Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network has gone from strength to strength in 2023. We are thankful to the individuals and organisations who give their time to help deliver the ambitions of the network,

in particular the members of the Coordination Group and the Co-chairs of each of our Task Groups. The GMHAN Network Manager, Philippa Iwnicki, continues to be hosted by GTM and we are grateful to the Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity for funding this vital role.

In 2023 we ran a range of open spaces, full network events and other one-off events. The year opened with an event to celebrate and recognise the win of the ODP022 Best Practice in Participatory Democracy Award in 2022 for their Legislative Theatre work on the GM Homelessness Prevention Strategy and to explore what good co-production looks like. The community-led process was a collaborative effort by the GM Jokers, the GMHAN and was funded and co-designed by the GMCA's homelessness team. The process was led by a cohort of facilitators-in-training, who brought together a wide-range of experience in the arts, organising and leading, and who have been directly impacted by homelessness and housing insecurity.

In June, JCI Manchester invited the GMHAN to collaborate on a networking event to discuss and consider how members of the JCI could work with charities to help tackle homelessness in Greater Manchester.

This year also saw the GMHAN Task Groups take a lead on a network event for the first time, bringing together members of each of the task groups with others to present what they have been working on and inviting wider input into their future plans.

This year, the GMHAN was invited to be a part of a wider initiative – GM Networks Connect – which brings together representatives from across Greater Manchester who are all involved in systems change work in different spheres. Under the banner of creating a greener, fairer and more prosperous Greater Manchester, this event was hosted by Freight Island and attended by over 500 people. The CEO of GTM was invited to give an overview of the GMHAN its achievements and the GMHAN Manager delivered a workshop on how we can build, grow and connect our networks.

In 2023, funding was made available by the GM Integrated Care Partnership and the Home from Hospital Investment Fund to pilot new interventions aimed at improving hospital discharge for people facing homelessness. We had the opportunity to work alongside 10GM (the VCSE Infrastructure agency for Greater Manchester) and their VCSE Hospital Discharge Alliance on the Home from Hospital Discharge Pilot. The GMHAN ran a series of Open Spaces to explore the issues surrounding homelessness and hospital discharge, to shape the approach to ensure the best use of this funding. The GMHAN Manager worked with a panel of experts (including people with lived experience) to assess Expressions of Interest from a wide range of VCSE organisations. As a result of the involvement of the GMHAN, we were able to secure additional match funding for the pilot from the Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity, and the grant was awarded to Petrus Community. This project will see specialist Link Workers placed in two Rochdale hospitals to help people at risk of homelessness navigate the hospital discharge system and provide them with crucial support to ensure safe discharges and appropriate referrals to support networks.

We continued to work closely with Street Support throughout 2023, and this culminated in a joint winter campaign focused on skills-based volunteering, with billboards across Greater Manchester advertising local volunteering opportunities.

We ended the year with a full network event focused on Youth Homelessness in Greater Manchester, which was hosted by St Paul's Church in Withington. This was a sold-out event and saw a significant number of first-time attendees, and it was particularly encouraging to have representatives from local schools and the education sector involved in the delivery of one of the workshops.

## **Social Homes For Manchester Coalition**

In Manchester, more than 15,000 households are on the waiting list for social housing. We are pleased to be involved in founding the Social Homes for Manchester Coalition, working alongside Shelter, CLASS, GM Tenants Union, Mustard Tree, Steady State Manchester and the GM Community Led Homes Hub.

This campaign was catalysed by community leaders in both Miles Platting and Wythenshawe. As part of this coalition, we are thrilled that the Rt Rev'd Prof David Walker has agreed to chair a commission to explore the solutions to the housing crisis in Manchester, working throughout 2024 to bring together a wide range of commissioners from a wide range of professional backgrounds, alongside people with lived experience of the housing system in Manchester.

## Places of Welcome

In 2023, we supported 10 new Places of Welcome to open, bringing our total to 52 Places of Welcome by the end of 2023. Places of Welcome continues to be very popular amongst Church of England parishes, with 45 of our Places of Welcome taking place in C of E churches. This rate is higher than the average across England, where 58% of Places of welcome are in churches.

According to the annual Place of Welcome snapshot survey, the average number of volunteers at each Place of Welcome is 6, and the average number of attendees is 30. This is an increase in both volunteers and attendees in comparison to 2022. Of the venues that responded to the survey, 68% reported at least one new attendee that week, and 93% of venues reported that attendees helped in some way.

### Case Study – St Gabriel's Church, Ashton Under Lyne

*“One lady came through the door for the first time in tears, having been encouraged into trying it by her son following the death of her husband. She was very nervous and shy and needed a volunteer to sit with her for two or three weeks until her tears stopped and her confidence grew. The visitors sitting near her were amazing, going out of their way to welcome her and make friends, chat etc. Gradually she became confident, strong and was so happy. She now joins in with everything we do - exercise classes, the drumming group, choir etc and she laughs and sings with sheer joy. It's amazing to see the transformation and the affect that coming to the sessions has had on her mental and physical health and wellbeing.”*

## Social Super Markets

### Miles Platting

Our pilot Social Super Market continues to be an example of best practice for sustainable food provision in low-income communities. In Miles Platting the project continues to go from strength to strength, bringing people from all walks of life and backgrounds through the church doors as both members and volunteers.

This year, the Social Super Market provided 5,876 shops to members, including 114 new members. In 2023, the average weekly shop for the typical UK household went up to £103 (from £86 in the previous year) and as a result we estimate that we were able to save households up to £79 per week on their household groceries (a total of £4,108 per annum). By reducing households' expenditure on food, this allows local residents to prioritise expenditure on other living costs (e.g., housing costs, utilities, childcare, transport etc.) and also to reduce reliance on borrowing, in particular on short-term, high-cost credit.

We have also saved more than 50 tonnes of food from landfill.

The project's focus on zero-waste included the creation of new recycling opportunities for the local community. Thanks to funding secured by the church from Recycle for Greater Manchester, we were able to

create recycling points for items you cannot recycle via the local authority, including Pringles cartons, Warburtons bread wrappers, batteries, broken toys and much more.

Food supplies via FareShare and Neighbourly have continued to reduce post-pandemic, however we have secured various small grants throughout the year which, when combined with excess from the membership payments, have allowed us to keep stocks topped up through bulk purchasing. In 2024, we will continue to look for additional revenue streams, as well as small grants to allow us to make the most of bulk purchasing, particularly of high value fresh items (e.g. meat) and ambient, long-life products.

### **Reddish**

We are delighted to be working with local church charity, Re:dish, in Reddish, Stockport, to open the second of our Social Super Markets. We are now working together to secure funding for a staff member and project costs and are aiming to open in Spring 2024.

### **Mental Health & Trauma**

Thanks to funding from the Benefact Trust's Brighter Lives Programme, we were able to appoint Rach Horne as our new Mental Health Development Coordinator in 2023. Building upon the work we delivered as part of the Greater Manchester "Developing Trauma Responsive Communities" programme, Rach created a refreshed programme of training including Level 1 Trauma Informed Places and Spaces, and Level Two Trauma Informed Community Practitioner. Rach also qualified to deliver First Aid for Mental Health.

In total, we trained 131 people on a range of different mental health and trauma courses in 2023.

In Summer 2023, we were able to put this experience into practice as we delivered "Express Yourself" a six-week trauma informed art programme at the Booth Centre, culminating in an exhibition of participants art. The course itself, and the exhibition were incredibly successful, and we are now working with the Booth Centre to develop future programmes based on this model.

### **Growing Good**

In March 2023, we hosted a Growing Good Day at St Bride's Church in Old Trafford. The event introduced churches to the Growing Good Toolkit, which has been developed by Church Urban Fund to help churches explore the connection between social action, discipleship, and church growth.

The event was opened by the Rt Rev'd Prof. David Walker, Bishop of Manchester and supported by the Growing, Nurturing and Serving Team from the Diocese of Manchester.

Representatives from more than 20 churches across the Diocese attended, and feedback was very positive.

### **Real Conversations**

Our Real Conversations programme culminated in a Big Conversation event in early January 2023. This programme, funded by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, was delivered as a partnership across England with other members of the Together Network.

Our project focused on Tameside, and we worked alongside Transforming Lives Together to deliver a range of small conversations across the borough.

This programme of work ended in a Big Conversation, hosted at the Shree Bharatiya Mandal Indian Community Centre in Aston-under-Lyne. The event was well attended by participants from the small conversations, as well as local VCSE leaders, local police, and representatives of other service providers in the local area.

## **Volunteer Development**

GTM currently has 34 active volunteers, not including the Wayfinder programme.

Like many other charities, we have had some issues with recruitment throughout the year. Nationally, the number of volunteers giving time to charities have dropped significantly.

We have a need for volunteers during the week, in office hours, with many volunteers unable to volunteer during those hours due to work commitments.

We have an ongoing need for driving volunteers to collect donations for the Social Super Market, which can result in having to turn away donations.

We delivered a very well attended celebration of our volunteers in December and hope to do something similar again this year.

We have had a number of volunteer-led sessions at the Social Super Market – reading club, craft club, gardening club. This is an area we want to invest in as we explore how we can upskill our volunteers to take leadership roles within their communities.

We are also exploring the role of volunteers in supporting our administration and other core operations.

## **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

In 2024 we intend to undertake a full strategic review of the organisation, re-examining our values, our aims and objectives and creating realistic short- and long-term delivery plans for each area of our work.

One major focus in 2024 will be funding, particularly core funding. Like many small charities, this continues to be an area of major concern, and we know securing long-term investment in the core operations of our organisation is vital in order to not only ensure that we exist into the future, but also to ensure that we can be more strategic in our delivery long term.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity's incoming resources for the period ending 31 December 2023 were £239,544.

The charity's expenditure for the period ending 31 December 2023 was £357,921.

The charity moved into 2024 with unrestricted funds of £32,667, which are allocated to our core overheads. Securing long-term core funding continued to be a major challenge in 2023, and we moved into 2024 with plans for a number of major funding bids that will look to secure the core operations of the charity.

The charity also has £188,753 of funds restricted for use on the running and development of specific projects and services.

We continue to be grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who provide office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing and reception support as a gift-in-kind.

We are also thankful to the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting for partnering with us on the development of our first Social Super Market and for the access to additional office space.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees are constantly reviewing the charity's objectives and aim to maintain liquid reserves to the equivalent of at least six months (but no more than one year) unrestricted cash expenditure. The unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2023 show £32,667.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Canon Grace Thomas

Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER****Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Together Manchester ('the company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

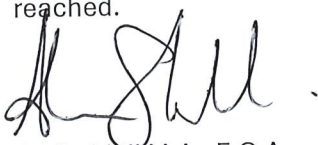
Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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10 September 2024

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR END 31 DECEMBER 2023**

<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		Restricted 2023	Unrestricted 2023	2023 Total	2022 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Donations & Legacies		177,767	7,726	185,493	303,756
Management Fees		-	54,051	54,051	19,995
<b>Total</b>		<b>177,767</b>	<b>61,777</b>	<b>239,544</b>	<b>323,751</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Homeless Services		171,192	-	171,192	82,665
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network		45,016	-	45,016	24,272
Near Neighbours		-	-	-	22,943
Mental Health		22,836	-	22,836	344
Places of Welcome		9,432	-	9,432	6,489
Social Super Market		41,693	-	41,693	38,967
Core Programme Costs		-	13,701	13,701	31,381
Project Management		-	54,051	54,051	19,995
<b>Total</b>		<b>290,169</b>	<b>67,752</b>	<b>357,921</b>	<b>227,056</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>(112,402)</b>	<b>(5,975)</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>	<b>96,695</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>243,102</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>188,753</b>	<b>32,667</b>	<b>221,420</b>	<b>339,797</b>

**BALANCE SHEET****AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	Restricted 2023 £	Unrestricted 2023 £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Computer Equipment		3,273	-	3,273	-
Less Depreciation on Computer Equipment		(970)		(970)	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>2,303</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	-	193	193	2,778
Petty Cash		-	-	-	1,847
Cash at Bank		186,472	31,247	217,719	335,772
Prepayments		312	1,827	2,139	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>186,784</b>	<b>33,267</b>	<b>220,051</b>	<b>340,397</b>
<b>LIABILITIES: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(334)	(600)	(934)	(600)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>		<b>(334)</b>	<b>(600)</b>	<b>(934)</b>	<b>(600)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>186,450</b>	<b>32,667</b>	<b>219,117</b>	<b>339,797</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>188,753</b>	<b>32,667</b>	<b>221,420</b>	<b>339,797</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>188,753</b>	<b>32,667</b>	<b>221,420</b>	<b>339,797</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	7			32,667	38,642
Restricted Funds				188,753	301,155
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>221,420</b>	<b>339,797</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET – CONTINUED**  
**AT 31 DECEMBER 2023**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2023.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Grace Thomas (Trustee – Chair)



Martin Evans (Trustee – Treasurer)

The notes on pages 18 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

# **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

## **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

#### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

#### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

#### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the annual report.

#### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

#### **2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

Trustees' expenses

A total of £- (2022 - £45) was reimbursed to Trustees as expenses in the year.

#### **3. STAFF COSTS**

	2023 Restricted Funds	2023 Unrestricted Funds	2022 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	166,512	49,800	150,608
Pension Contributions	11,306	3,386	10,284
Employer's National Insurance Cost	10,777	3,886	7,184
Total Staff Costs	188,595	57,072	168,076

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Management & Development	1	1
Homeless Services	2.8	2
Near Neighbours	0	0.25
Social Super Market	1	1
GMHAN	1	0.58
Places of Welcome	0.33	0.33
	6.13	5.16

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

### **4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

	Notes	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Unrestricted Funds	2022 Total Funds
		£	£	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>				
Donation and Legacies		298,443	5,313	303,756
Management Fees		-	19,995	19,995
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>298,443</b>	<b>25,308</b>	<b>323,751</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Homeless Services		82,665	-	82,665
Near Neighbours		22,943	-	22,943
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network		24,272	-	24,272
Mental Health		344	-	344
Places of Welcome		6,489	-	6,489
Social Super Market		38,967	-	38,967
Core Programme Costs		-	31,381	31,381
Project Management		-	19,995	19,995
<b>Total</b>		<b>175,680</b>	<b>51,376</b>	<b>227,056</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>122,763</b>	<b>(26,068)</b>	<b>96,695</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		<b>178,392</b>	<b>64,710</b>	<b>243,102</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Debtors & Prepayments	2,332	2,778

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent Examiner's Fee	600	600
Staff Expenses	334	-
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	934	600
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**7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	At 1.1.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.23
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	38,642	(5,975)	32,667
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	249,458	(72,951)	176,507
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	5,728	(18,139)	(12,411)
Mental Health	21,756	(11,876)	9,880
Places of Welcome	12,445	(9,432)	3,013
Social Super Market	11,768	(3)	11,765
Subtotal	301,155	(112,401)	188,754
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>	<b>221,420</b>

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	61,777	67,752	(5,975)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	98,241	171,192	(72,951)
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	26,877	45,016	(18,139)
Mental Health	10,960	22,836	(11,876)
Places of Welcome	-	9,432	(9,432)
Social Super Market	41,690	41,693	(3)
Subtotal	177,768	290,169	(112,401)
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>239,544</b>	<b>357,921</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>

**8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022****Comparatives for movement in funds**

	At 1.1.22	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.22
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	64,710	(26,068)	38,642
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	150,679	98,779	249,458
Near Neighbours	9,794	(9,794)	-
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	-	5,728	5,728
Mental Health	-	21,756	21,756
Places of Welcome	-	12,445	12,445
Social Super Market	17,919	(6,151)	11,768
	178,392	122,763	301,155
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>96,695</b>	<b>339,797</b>

	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	25,308	(51,376)	(26,068)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	181,444	(82,665)	98,779
Near Neighbours	13,149	(22,943)	(9,794)
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	30,000	(24,272)	5,728
Mental Health	22,100	(344)	21,756
Places of Welcome	18,934	(6,489)	12,445
Social Super Market	32,816	(38,967)	(6,151)
Subtotal	298,443	(175,680)	122,763
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>323,751</b>	<b>(227,056)</b>	<b>96,695</b>

## 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The trustees note that the Social Super Market project runs in partnership with the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting, where Eleanor Trimble (Trustee of Greater Together Manchester) is the Rector.

Grace Thomas and Mark Davies, Trustees of Greater Together Manchester, are also Trustees of the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance, which provides office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing, and reception support to Greater Together Manchester.

Helen Platts, Trustee of Greater Together Manchester, is the Diocesan Secretary/Chief Operating Officer for the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance, which provides office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi, printing, and reception support to Greater Together Manchester.

## 10. VOLUNTEERS

A total of £1,212 (2022 - £415) was reimbursed to volunteers for expenses in the year.

In accordance with FRS102 and the charities SORP (FRS102) the economic contribution of volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023****INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>		
General Donations	7,726	614
GMCVO	-	4,699
Management Fees	54,051	19,995
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Benefact Trust	-	18,600
Booth Centre	-	20,000
Church Urban Fund	34,513	43,914
DLUHC (New Faith Deal)	-	3,400
DLUHC (Night Shelter Transformation Fund)	70,000	70,000
Edward Holt Charitable Trust	-	37,088
Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity	15,000	30,000
Groundwork – Tesco Bags of Help	1,000	-
Lidl Grants	800	-
Manchester BME Network	-	1,500
Manchester City Council (Our Manchester Food Partnership)	2,984	-
Manchester City Council (Our Manchester Grants)	6,000	-
Near Neighbours	-	13,149
Street Support	10,000	-
Social Super Market Membership Fees	26,646	28,133
Sports England	-	8,500
Training Income	987	-
Restricted Donations	9,837	8,821
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	<b>239,544</b>	<b>323,751</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Total Staff Costs	245,667	168,076
Travel & Subsistence	10,263	5,126
Insurance	2,807	1,850
Website & Online Costs	5,355	6,203
Events	3,427	478
Training	2,149	344
Media, advertising & promotion	1,440	2,237
Printing, Postage & Stationary	678	401
Telephone & Internet	5,055	2,906
Staff Equipment	32	4,282
Other Project Costs – Homeless Services	47,433	11,175
Other Project Costs – Near Neighbours	-	2,456
Other Project Costs – Social Super Market	16,668	14,592
Other Project Costs – GMHAN	5,908	3,442
Other Project Costs – Places of Welcome	1,302	858
Other Project Costs – Mental Health	2,938	45
Other Project Costs – General	1,733	490
Consultancy Fees	-	529
Depreciation on Computer Equipment	970	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>353,825</b>	<b>255,490</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Trustees' Expenses	-	45
Accountancy & Legal Fees	3,280	705
Independent Examination	600	600
Fundraising	216	216
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,096</b>	<b>1,566</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>357,921</b>	<b>227,056</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(118,377)</b>	<b>96,695</b>

**GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER**

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

**TRUSTEES' REPORT & UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**



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## COMPANY INFORMATION

### TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Christopher Bracegirdle	Resigned 24.03.2023	Chairperson
Grace Thomas	Appointed 10.06.2020	Vice-Chairperson, appointed Chairperson on 24.03.2023
Hilary Caldwell	Resigned 17.07.2022	Treasurer
Martin Evans	Appointed 01.11.2022	Treasurer
Mark Davies	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Helen Platts	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Eleanor Trimble	Appointed 24.03.2020	
Joanna Watson	Appointed 05.04.2022	
Anne Gilbert	Appointed 12.09.2023	

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Lily Axworthy

### MEMBERS OF STAFF

Lily Axworthy	Chief Executive Officer
Margaret Madden	Homeless Services Manager
Natasha Bennell	Lifeskills Programme Coordinator
David Geraghty	Lifeskills Programme Coordinator
Stephanie Henry	Wayfinder Programme Coordinator
Philippa Iwnicki	Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network Manager
Meg Harrison	Place of Welcome Development Worker
Lucy McCoulough	Food Response Project Worker

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### INSURERS

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<b>Company Number</b>	09490223
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	1167704

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Charitable Company operates from its registered office: St John's House, 155-163 The Rock, Bury, BL9 0ND. The website address is [www.greatertogethermanchester.org](http://www.greatertogethermanchester.org).

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the charitable company's seventh annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2015. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 June 2016. The Articles of Association were changed by special resolution in June 2021.

### COMPANY MEMBERS

The company members are the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance (MDBF) and the Church Urban Fund (CUF).

### RECRUITMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

The Directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the company members and are collectively known as 'the Board'. The number of trustees should be as near as possible to nine, with two nominated by Church Urban Fund and two nominated by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance. A further five trustees are then nominated by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee serves a term of five years and, upon expiry of the term, may be re-appointed for a further five years.

Trustees are nominated by invitation given that they have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

On appointment, trustees are briefed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of Trustees. Trustees may also choose to visit projects supported by the charity.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 2.

## **ORGANISATION**

The Board administers the charitable company and meets as necessary, usually once per quarter. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the trustees have delegated management responsibilities within the overall strategy agreed by the Board of Trustees.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees maintain a comprehensive Risk Register, which is reviewed at each board meeting.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **OBJECTS**

- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objects or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and
- The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

The aim of the charity is to support churches, people and community groups (regardless of faith or no faith) who want to engage in social action and tackle issues around poverty and deprivation in and across the Diocese of Manchester.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own needs, including responding to poverty. The charity helps build the capacity of groups and projects, helping them transform their communities and transform the lives of the most vulnerable people in their communities. By offering support and guidance we help build confidence, restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to, and contribute towards, a community. In this way and as demonstrated throughout this report, our activities deliver public benefit.

We seek to work with those of any faith and none. The ultimate beneficiaries of our work are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation. We seek to form strategic partnerships with existing groups and organisations who are already engaged with aspects of poverty that are aligned with our core values and purpose, with the understanding that we can achieve far more when working together in partnership than we can apart.

## ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PLANS

We work with communities all over Greater Manchester to tackle poverty and deprivation, and to find ways to support the most vulnerable people in our society. We work with local, grassroots groups to develop their responses to concerns or problems in their community, providing advice, support, infrastructure and support with fundraising.

The charity serves a population of 2.1 million over an area of 416 square miles and covering 11 local authorities (the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities of Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan, as well as Rossendale) – all of whom have areas of high deprivation and poverty.

We believe we can offer leadership and support to better help local activities, with a focus on homelessness; food poverty; community cohesion; loneliness and isolation; and other projects that address issues relating to poverty. The charity's commitment to an asset-based approach includes inspiring people, encouraging action, building capacity and equipping communities to meet their needs and develop their own people-led solutions.

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own wider community needs, including responding to poverty. We help build the capacity of individuals, groups and projects, helping them to transform their communities and the lives of those that are vulnerable and marginalised.

By offering support and guidance we aim to restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to and contribute towards their community.

We also run our own services when required, helping to provide support and infrastructure to mobilise volunteers from across Greater Manchester to respond to major issues such as homelessness, food poverty and community cohesion.

Whilst Greater Together Manchester is a charity founded on Christian values, interfaith engagement and working with organisations of all faiths and none is a crucial part of our work and activities, as well as working with organisations across the third sector, public sector and the private sector.

Since the charity's formation in 2015, our main purpose has been:

- **Kick-starting, growing and supporting social action projects and initiatives** equipping individuals and communities with the skills and confidence to make a real difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people in their local area
- **Connecting people, faith groups and organisations** together to allow them to share best practice, resources and ideas through collaboration, small meetings, large events and through building mutually supportive and relational networks
- **Working together with multi-agency partners to influence** local, regional and national policy and strategy
- **Providing training and information to individuals and organisations** to help equip front-line workers with the skills and knowledge they need to support and sign post vulnerable people more effectively

GTM works with communities across the Diocese of Manchester to tackle poverty and deprivation, and to find ways to support the most vulnerable people in our society.

We have a growing reputation as an organisation who is adept at building person-centred, authentic, meaningful, and lasting relationships between people, communities, faith groups and others to tackle inequality,

deprivation, and poverty, and to take a local lead on issues such as food insecurity, homelessness and promoting social and community cohesion.

## **GENERAL UPDATE**

### **COST OF LIVING CRISIS**

The people we work with face a range of challenges and many of these have their roots in poverty, both in terms of poverty of resources and the poverty of relationships. We know that levels of poverty are rising, and our work typically takes place in communities where the issues associated with poverty are greatest. As such, the Cost-of-Living Crisis that started in late 2021 and has carried on throughout 2022 has had a huge impact on the communities in which we work. The rising cost of living, combined with a real term fall in income means that many of the people that we look to support are spending nearly all their money on the absolute essentials. As a result, many people face rising debt levels and we have seen an increase in the number of people turning to unregulated credit providers or illegal money lenders to cover essential costs.

The cost-of-living crisis has impacted on many aspects of our organisation - including our staff and volunteers. We are in a privileged position that our office space, including utilities, is provided by the Diocese of Manchester.

The main impact on our organisation has been the dramatic rise in demand for our services, particularly at our Social Super Market, coupled with the drop in donations. The drop in donations, both from individuals and corporations, has been seen in a number of ways. The most significant has been the dramatic decrease in food available via our partner FareShare. Post pandemic FareShare have found the amount of food donated/re-directed to them has fallen significantly, whilst they used to receive a lorry of food up to 5 times a week from one of the major supermarkets, they now only receive one delivery per week. This has had a knock-on effect in terms of the availability of food available via their service, which has had a huge impact on our stock levels and has meant that we have to buy in significantly more food from commercial suppliers. The rising cost of food has also had an impact on our purchasing power; whilst our team are very savvy at finding deals and spending any grant money, we get to purchase additional stock wisely, we have seen the cost of food rise dramatically both wholesale and retail and so we are now able to buy in stock far less often than we would like. We have also found that donations from members of the public (both direct to us and via donation points in shops) have dropped significantly.

Like many charities, we have seen a decrease in the number of people volunteering with us and recruitment of volunteers is much more challenging now. Whilst the pandemic has a part to play in this, we believe that the cost-of-living crisis is also having an impact on this, with people having to return to work or working more hours, and therefore people are unable to commit to volunteering in the same way. We work hard to ensure that people know they can claim all out-of-pocket expenses as volunteers, but people are having to prioritise paid work over volunteering.

### **HOMELESSNESS SERVICES**

Homelessness remains a significant issue for Local Authorities and charities working in the sector in Greater Manchester in 2022. The 'A Bed Every Night' initiative and the various Local Authority's seasonal Severe Weather Emergency Provision for street homeless people continued this year. While the quality of accommodation is a

welcome improvement for those accessing the provision, loneliness, isolation and a lack of belonging continues to affect homeless individuals.

Access to stable accommodation is more challenging than in previous years, with many people facing prolonged periods in “temporary” accommodation, often outside of the areas they are familiar with. The number of households in temporary accommodation is at an extremely high level, with Manchester in particular, seeing some of the highest numbers outside London. In some cases, people are living in temporary accommodation for three years or more. People in temporary accommodation experience difficulty accessing support and services and can feel very isolated.

GTM have continued to work in partnership with a range of organisations, charities and churches to deliver a wide range of on-site Lifeskills sessions, run with GTM staff members and volunteers. We have attempted to offer a number of different sessions at different venues to appeal to the widest number of people and to be accessible to people living in different areas.

### GTM Lifeskills

The Lifeskills programme has gone from strength to strength over the past 12 months. We are currently delivering six separate sessions, with two more about to start and two more in the planning stages. These sessions are open to anyone who is over 18 and has experience of homelessness be that current, recent or in their past.

**LIFESKILLS**

We are delivering Lifeskills sessions on Philosophy, Football, Watersports and Swimming. At three of our four existing sessions participants are also able to access a warm meal and an opportunity to chat to fellow participants, volunteers and staff. At our Football session we also provide refreshments.

GTM staff have worked partner agencies, including the Booth Centre, Manchester Football Association, Manchester Active and Greenwich Leisure Ltd, to ensure a range of activities that appeal to a wide number of potential participants.

We are currently seeing an average of 54 people attending Lifeskills session each week - around 2,500 annually. The people attending have enjoyed having access to activities that they would normally not have access to. Our sports-based sessions give an opportunity for physical activity, exercise and to have fun. Our “Thinking and Talking Together” philosophy session gives the opportunity for contemplation and creativity, and helps people learn to disagree well. While the Volunteer Inclusion Programme for service users to train to become volunteers has ended, we have retained many of our VIP volunteers at our sessions and continue to support our participants to take ownership of the project and develop their skills in volunteering.

### Wayfinder



In September 2022 GTM introduced the Wayfinder programme. Wayfinder is a national programme, coordinated by Church Urban Fund, with projects taking place in Nottingham, Leicester, and Manchester. The programme is funded by the Benefact Trust and the Albert Gubay Charitable Foundation.

Wayfinder is a new approach to providing support to individuals who have experienced homelessness and who are vulnerable to tenancy failure.

It is well documented that many new tenancies fail within the first 12 weeks, this can be due to many issues, including failure to fully move in, failure to establish benefit payments, poor condition of the property, failure to establish rent payments, failure to establish utility supplies, loneliness, isolation and returning to street homelessness. Moving house is an overwhelming experience, particularly for those without an established support system.

Wayfinder is a volunteer-led support programme, tailoring support to the individual's needs. GTM appointed Stephanie Henry as the Wayfinder Coordinator in October 2022. Her role is to recruit and onboard a pool of volunteers, primarily volunteers with a church link, and establish a referral pathway for participants who need support (from day centres, temporary accommodation providers and other agencies) and to match individual volunteers and referrals. Stephanie will oversee and support the matched people and help identify the support needs of the individual.

Wayfinder is not intended to replace statutory support, it is intended to complement any existing support in place. Wayfinder volunteers can offer help with settling into their new community, highlight opportunities for social groups locally, signpost to local GP practices and other healthcare provision, support with organizing and attending appointments, support with responding to correspondence, signpost to low-cost food options, signpost to low-cost furniture and household items.

The aim is for the volunteer and referred person to form a mentoring and befriending type of relationship and for the volunteer and coordinator to help that person to deal with the issues that arise in moving out of their old accommodation and into their new home. We hope to support people to have stable and successful tenancies and to feel connected to their local community. Wayfinder is a three-year funded programme.

## GREATER MANCHESTER HOMELESSNESS ACTION NETWORK

In May, the GMHAN hosted the first in-person event at Methodist Central Hall. The event was a chance to showcase some of the fantastic work happening across Greater Manchester and offered attendees a chance to network with one another. At this event we launched the new GMHAN structure with the creation of three task groups – Learn, Lobby and Deliver. We were joined at the event by the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

We are thrilled to be the host of the GMHAN Manager post on behalf of the network, and we successfully recruited for this position in May 2022.

The GMHAN held a second in-person full network meeting, which looked specifically at improving employment, training and education for people facing homelessness. Workshops were delivered by the Changing Futures GROW team, Back on Track and the Manchester Digital Collective.

The GMHAN (in partnership with the GM Jokers and GMCA) won the IOPD Best Practice in Citizen Participation Award for the work on the GM Homelessness Prevention Strategy with Legislative Theatre, a creative and participatory policy-making process, allowing for the involvement of people with lived experience in policy decisions. We hope to host an event to celebrate this win and to thank all those involved in early 2023.



## PLACES OF WELCOME

Places of Welcome is a network of volunteer-led spaces of hospitality. Our Places of Welcome continued to re-open during the early part of 2022.

In July 2022 we were able to recruit a dedicated part time member of staff to focus on growing and support our Places of Welcome. Between August 2022 and December 2022, we supported 11 new Places of Welcome to open, all of which were in Church of England Churches.



At the end of 2022 we had an additional 19 expressions of interest. As a result of having a dedicated member of staff for our Places of Welcome programme we were also able to begin the process of reviewing all the existing Places of Welcome, visiting them and ensuring that they have everything that they needed to continue to be a place of hope and support in their local community. We are ending 2022 with a total of 50 Places of Welcome operating across our region.

### Real Conversations

As part of a partnership project with other members of the Together Network, we successfully secured some funding from the 'Faith New Deal' programme from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DULHC). This programme was based on the "Real People, Honest Talk" programme that we were involved in delivering as part of our Near Neighbours work in 2020. We delivered our Real Conversations project in partnership with Transforming Lives Together in Chester, who were a fantastic delivery partner and this partnership allowed us to cover a wider geographical area of Tameside.

The project involved running a series of small conversations 5 existing Places of Welcome across Tameside, bringing people from the local community together to talk about their neighbourhood, the good and the bad, and what changes they would like to see. We also offered an opportunity for people to reflect on the role of faith groups in the local community.

The project will culminate in a "Big Conversation" to be held at the Shree Bharatiya Mandal Indian Community Centre in Ashton-Under-Lyne in January 2023.

## SOCIAL SUPER MARKET

We know that households experiencing poverty will often have significantly less variety in their diet, which can have a huge impact on their mental and physical health, as well as their general wellbeing. This narrowing of diet can happen because of a number of reasons, including:

- Risk that fresh food might go off before it is eaten (particularly relevant for single person households)
- Risk that children might not eat new/unfamiliar foods.
- Prohibitive cost of fresh food locally, and/or prohibitive cost of transport to shops that sell affordable fresh ingredients.
- Significantly higher cost of fuel to cook food impacting on the type of food people buy.



The area we launched our pilot Social Super Market project is not only within the Manchester ward with the highest levels of deprivation, but it is also a food desert, which means that there is no access to affordable, fresh food in the local area.

Run in partnership with the Church of the Apostles, Miles Platting, our Social Super Market project provides low-cost groceries and other household essentials to people in the local community.

The Social Super Market was open for its first full year in 2022 and has had a huge impact on the local community.

During 2022, we supported more than 316 unique households, who accessed our project 5,783 times.

We were also able to provide 243 “free shops” to households in crisis. We also provided 55 food parcels to households referred by local partners, including to individuals being discharged from hospital.

The average family expenditure on food in 2021/22 was £86 per week. We estimate that we are currently saving our members approx. £58 per week on their food bills, which totals a saving of £3,016 per year. In 2022, we estimate that our Social Super Market has saved our members more than £953,056.

By reducing households’ expenditure on food, this allows local residents to prioritise expenditure on other living costs (e.g., housing costs, utilities, childcare, transport etc.) By reducing household expenditure on food, we are also able to reduce the reliance on borrowing, in particular on short-term, high-cost credit.

We have also saved approx. 49.2 tonnes of food from landfill.

Alongside providing low-cost food, we have also provided access to low-cost second-hand clothing. We estimate that we have saved approx. 3 tonnes of clothing from landfill and have helped local residents access good quality clothing.

At the Social Super Market many of our key volunteers are local residents, who have been integral to the way in which the project now operates, including how the space looks, how the categories of items are set up. Our volunteers have contributed more than 2,900 volunteer hours, which equates to a economic contribution of £28,727.

In Summer 2022, we also ran a School Uniform Pilot alongside the Social Super Market. We were able to secure a full time, paid intern for eight weeks, thanks to the University of Manchester’s Summer Experience Internship Programme. This pilot project helped more than 30 families access both new and second hand uniform - helping not only to reduce the financial burden on families with children, but also reduce the amount of good quality clothing that gets thrown away at the end of the school year. In addition to this, thanks to a grant from Northwards Housing (included in ‘other restricted donations’ page 23), we were also able to buy new school uniform for a number of children who would otherwise be absent from school as they did not have the appropriate attire.

In addition to the provision of low-cost food, clothing and other household essentials, this project also provides a community hub, with support services offered by local debt agencies, citizen’s advice, and local housing associations.

## NEAR NEIGHBOURS

The Near Neighbours programme brings people together in communities that are religiously and ethnically diverse so that they can get to know each other better, build relationships of trust, and



collaborate together on initiatives that improve their local community they live in.

Due to the tumultuous changes in national government, the funding for the Near Neighbours programme came to an end in March 2022. The trustees would like to take this opportunity to thank the Near Neighbours Coordinator for her hard work and dedication to both GTM and the diverse communities of Greater Manchester.

We are hopeful that the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities will re-start the funding for this programme in the future.

## MENTAL HEALTH & TRAUMA

In 2022, we started delivery as part of the “Developing Trauma Responsive Communities” programme funded by the NHS, GMCA and the Violence Reduction Unit. We were commissioned to develop a range of training options for grassroots and faith-based organisations, supporting them to better understand trauma and its effect on behaviour, but also to apply a trauma-informed approach in their projects and organisations.

## TRAUMA AWARENESS

We began delivery of this training in September 2022 and by the end of 2022 had provided Trauma Awareness training to a range of staff and volunteers from more than 15 organisations voluntary and faith sector in Greater Manchester.

Feedback from attendees of the course has been positive. Prior to the course, 50% of attendees said that their organisation or project did not already use a trauma informed approach, and 41% of attendees said they didn't know. Most people attending the course reported that they knew either “very little” or had “limited knowledge” about trauma. Following the course, 100% of attendees said they felt their knowledge of trauma had improved, and that they felt more confident in helping their group or organisation implement a trauma informed approach.

We were able to extend this project with funding from the Benefact Trust's “Brighter Lives” programme, and we intend to recruit a member of staff to oversee the development of this area of training in 2023.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial Position

The charity's incoming resources for the period ended 31 December 2022 were £323,751.

The charity's expenditure for the period ended 31 December 2022 was £227,056.

The charity moves into 2023 with unrestricted funds of £38,642, which is allocated to our core overheads for 2023. Core funding continues to be a major challenge and we will continue to look to secure additional core funding in 2023.

The charity also has £301,155 of funds restricted for use on the running and development of specific projects and services.

We continue to be grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who provide office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi and phone access, printing, and reception support as a gift in kind.

We are also thankful to the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting for partnering with us on the development of our Social Super Market project.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees are constantly reviewing the charity's activities and aim to maintain liquid reserves to the equivalent of at least six months (but no more than one year) unrestricted cash expenditure. The unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2022 show £38,642.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Grace Thomas

Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Together Manchester ('the company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2022.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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17 September 2023

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Donations & Legacies		298,443	5,313	303,756	210,162
Management Fees		-	19,995	19,995	16,084
<b>Total</b>		<b>298,443</b>	<b>25,308</b>	<b>323,751</b>	<b>226,246</b>

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**Charitable Activities**

Homeless Services		82,665	-	82,665	69,305
Near Neighbours		22,943	-	22,943	71,764
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network		24,272	-	24,272	-
Mental Health		344	-	344	-
Places of Welcome		6,489	-	6,489	196
Social Super Market		38,967	-	38,967	37,502
Core Programme Costs		-	31,381	31,381	37,171
Project Management		-	19,995	19,995	16,084
<b>Total</b>		<b>175,680</b>	<b>51,376</b>	<b>227,056</b>	<b>232,022</b>

<b>NET INCOME</b>		122,763	(26,068)	96,695	(5,776)
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**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

<b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b>		178,392	64,710	243,102	248,878
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>243,102</b>

**BALANCE SHEET****AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2022 Total Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	1,274	1,504	2,778	2,279
Petty Cash		1,847	-	1,847	-
Cash at Bank		298,034	37,738	335,772	256,499
		<b>301,155</b>	<b>39,242</b>	<b>340,397</b>	<b>258,778</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	-	(600)	(600)	(15,676)
Total Creditors		-	(600)	(600)	(15,676)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>243,102</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>243,102</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>301,155</b>	<b>38,642</b>	<b>339,797</b>	<b>243,102</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Fund	7			38,642	64,710
Restricted Funds				301,155	178,392
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>339,797</b>	<b>243,102</b>

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**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED****AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006, and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:



Rev'd Grace Thomas (Trustee – Chair)



Martin Evans (Trustee – Treasurer)

The notes on pages 17-22 form part of these financial statements

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the annual report.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

**Trustees' expenses**

A total of £45 (2021 - £0) was reimbursed to Trustees as expenses in the year.

**3. STAFF COSTS**

	2022 Restricted Funds	2022 Unrestricted Funds	2021 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	110,492	40,116	134,862
Pension Contributions	7,611	2,673	9,636
Employer's National Insurance Cost	2,666	4,517	12,384
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Total Staff Costs	120,769	47,307	156,882

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Management & Development	1	1
Homeless Services	2	2
Near Neighbours	0.25	2
Social Super Market	1	0
GMHAN	0.58	0
Places of Welcome	0.33	0
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	5.16	5
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes	2021 Restricted Funds £	2021 Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Total Funds £
Donations and Legacies		190,542	19,620	210,162
Management Fees		-	16,084	16,084
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>190,542</b>	<b>35,704</b>	<b>226,246</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Homeless Services		69,305	-	69,305
Near Neighbours		71,764	-	71,764
Places of Welcome		-	196	196
Food Response		37,502	-	37,502
Core Programme Costs		-	37,171	37,171
Project Management		-	16,084	16,084
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>178,571</b>	<b>53,451</b>	<b>232,022</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<b>11,971</b>	<b>(17,747)</b>	<b>(5,776)</b>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		166,421	82,457	248,878
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>178,392</b>	<b>64,710</b>	<b>243,102</b>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022 £	2021 £
Debtors & Prepayments	2,778	2,279

**6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2022	2021
	£	£
Accrued Accountancy	-	114
Independent Examiner's Fee	600	528
Payroll Costs	-	30
Project Costs	-	877
Salaries	-	14,127
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	600	15,676
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## 7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2022

	At 1.1.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2022 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	64,710	(26,068)	38,642
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	150,679	98,779	249,458
Near Neighbours	9,794	(9,794)	-
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	-	5,728	5,728
Mental Health	-	21,756	21,756
Places of Welcome	-	12,445	12,445
Social Super Market	17,919	(6,151)	11,768
Subtotal	178,392	122,763	301,155
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>96,695</b>	<b>339,797</b>

	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	25,308	(51,376)	(26,068)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	181,444	(82,665)	98,779
Near Neighbours	13,149	(22,943)	(9,794)
Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network	30,000	(24,272)	5,728
Mental Health	22,100	(344)	21,756
Places of Welcome	18,934	(6,489)	12,445
Social Super Market	32,816	(38,967)	(6,151)
	298,443	(175,680)	122,763
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b>323,751</b>	<b>(227,056)</b>	<b>96,695</b>

## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2021 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	82,457	(17,747)	64,710
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	154,376	(3,697)	150,679
Near Neighbours	12,045	(2,251)	9,794
Food Response	-	17,919	17,919
	<u>166,421</u>	<u>11,971</u>	<u>178,392</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>248,878</u></b>	<b><u>(5,776)</u></b>	<b><u>243,102</u></b>

Net movement in 2021 funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	35,704	(53,451)	(17,747)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	65,608	(69,304)	(3,697)
Near Neighbours	69,513	(71,764)	(2,251)
Food Response	55,422	(37,503)	17,919
	<u>190,542</u>	<u>(178,571)</u>	<u>11,971</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>226,246</u></b>	<b><u>(232,022)</u></b>	<b><u>(5,776)</u></b>

## 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The trustees note that the Social Super Market project runs in partnership with the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting, where Eleanor Trimble (Trustee of Greater Together Manchester) is the Rector.

Grace Thomas and Mark Davies, Trustees of Greater Together Manchester are also Trustees of Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance which provides office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi and phone access, printing, and reception support to Greater Together Manchester.

## 10. VOLUNTEERS

A total of £415 (2021 - £104) was reimbursed to volunteers for expenses in the year.

In accordance with FRS102 and the charities SORP (FRS102) the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

**INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

	2022	2021
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>	£	£
General Donations	614	6,103
GMCVO	4,699	10,000
Just Finance	-	3,517
Management Fees	19,995	16,084
 <b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Awards For All	-	9,978
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	-	2,500
Benefact Trust	18,600	
Booth Centre	20,000	16,719
Church Urban Fund	43,914	-
DLUHC (New Faith Deal)	3,400	-
DLUHC (Night Shelter Transformation Fund)	70,000	-
Edward Holt Charitable Trust	37,088	43,576
Greater Manchester Mayor's Charity	30,000	-
Manchester BME Network	1,500	-
Near Neighbours	13,149	69,513
Social Super Market Membership Fees	28,133	183
The True Colours Community Fund	-	150
The Church of the Apostles, Manchester	-	12,000
The Albert Gubay Foundation	-	19,200
Sports England	8,500	-
Training Income	-	1,141
Restricted Donations	8,821	15,582
 <b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>	 <b>323,751</b>	 <b>226,246</b>

**EXPENDITURE**

<b>CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	2022	2021
	£	£
Total Staff Costs	168,076	156,702
Travel & Subsistence	5,126	2,465
Insurance	1,850	1,975
Website & Online Costs	6,203	5,960
Events	478	826
Training	344	587
Media, advertising & promotion	2,237	653
Printing, Postage & Stationary	401	508
Telephone & Internet	2,906	3,150
Staff Equipment	4,282	2,279
Other Project Costs – Homeless Services	11,175	10,120
Other Project Costs - Near Neighbours	2,456	20,004
Other Project Costs – Social Super Market	14,592	23,490
Other Project Costs – GMHAN	3,442	-
Other Project Costs – Places of Welcome	858	-
Other Project Costs – Mental Health	45	-
Other Project Costs – General	490	674
Consultancy Fees	529	1,216
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>225,490</b>	<b>230,609</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
Trustees' Expenses	45	-
Accountancy & Legal Fees	705	669
Independent Examination	600	528
Fundraising Costs	216	216
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,566</b>	<b>1,413</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>227,056</b>	<b>232,022</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>96,695</b>	<b>(5,776)</b>

**GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER**

England & Wales - Charity number 1167704

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

**TRUSTEES' REPORT & UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**



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## COMPANY INFORMATION

### TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Christopher Bracegirdle	Appointed 30.01.2018	Chairperson
Tracey Rawlins	Resigned 06.12.2021	Vice-Chairperson
Hilary Caldwell	Resigned 17.07.2022	Treasurer
Mark Davies	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Helen Platts	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Eleanor Trimble	Appointed 24.03.2020	
Grace Thomas	Appointed 10.06.2020	Vice-Chairperson from 06.12.2021
Joanna Watson	Appointed 05.04.2022	

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Lily Axworthy

### MEMBERS OF STAFF

Lily Axworthy	Chief Executive Officer
Samra Kanwal	Near Neighbours Coordinator
Craig Savage	Homeless Services Manager
Natasha Bennell	Lifeskills Programme Coordinator
Lucy McCoulough	Food Response Project Worker
Amanda Sandiford	Near Neighbours Project Assistant

### REGISTERED OFFICE

Church House  
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Manchester  
M3 2GH

### WEBSITE ADDRESS

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### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Jane Cooksey  
Jane Cooksey Limited  
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Boarshurst Lane  
Greenfield  
Oldham  
OL3 7ER

### BANKERS

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70-72 Cross Street  
Manchester  
M2 4JG

### INSURERS

Aviva Insurance Limited  
Pithaevlis  
Perth  
Scotland  
PH2 0NH

**Company Number** 09490223

**Registered Charity Number** 1167704

## TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees, who are also the Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Charitable Company operates from its registered office: Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 2GH. The website address is [www.greatertogethermanchester.org](http://www.greatertogethermanchester.org).

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the charitable company's sixth annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### GOVERNING DOCUMENT

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2015. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 June 2016.

### COMPANY MEMBERS

The company members are the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance (MDBF) and the Church Urban Fund (CUF).

### RECRUITMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES

In June 2021, Greater Together Manchester altered its Articles of Association and "disaggregated" from the Church Urban Fund, re-structuring the way in which Director appointments are made, meaning that neither of the members have a controlling interest in the charity and that Greater Together Manchester is not a subsidiary to either member.

The Directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the company members and are collectively known as 'the Board'. The number of trustees should be as near as possible to nine, with two nominated by Church Urban Fund and two nominated by the Manchester Diocesan Board of Finance. A further five trustees are then nominated by the Board of Trustees. Each Trustee serves a term of five years and, upon expiry of the term, may be re-appointed for a further five years.

Trustees are nominated by invitation given that they have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

On appointment, trustees are briefed by the Chief Executive Officer and the Chair of Trustees. Trustees may also choose to visit projects supported by the charity.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 2.

## **ORGANISATION**

The Board administers the charitable company and meets as necessary, usually once per quarter. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by the Chief Executive Officer, to whom the trustees have delegated management responsibilities within the overall strategy agreed by the Board of Trustees.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The trustees maintain a comprehensive Risk Register, which is reviewed at each board meeting.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **OBJECTS**

- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objects or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and
- The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

The aim of the charity is to support churches, people and community groups (regardless of faith or no faith) who want to engage in social action and tackle issues around poverty and deprivation in and across the Diocese of Manchester.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own needs, including responding to poverty. The charity helps build the capacity of groups and projects, helping them transform their communities and transform the lives of the most vulnerable people in their communities. By offering support and guidance we help build confidence, restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to, and contribute towards, a community. In this way and as demonstrated throughout this report, our activities deliver public benefit.

We seek to work with those of any faith and none. The ultimate beneficiaries of our work are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation. We seek to form strategic partnerships with existing groups and organisations who are already engaged with aspects of poverty that are aligned with our core values and purpose, with the understanding that we can achieve far more when working together in partnership than we can apart.

## ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PLANS

We work with communities all over Greater Manchester to tackle poverty and deprivation, and to find ways to support the most vulnerable people in our society. We work with local, grassroots groups to develop their responses to concerns or problems in their community, providing advice, support, infrastructure and support with fundraising.

The charity serves a population of 2.1 million over an area of 416 square miles and covering 11 local authorities (the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities of Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan, as well as Rossendale) – all of whom have areas of high deprivation and poverty.

We believe we can offer leadership and support to better help local activities, with a focus on: homelessness; food poverty; community cohesion; loneliness and isolation; and other projects that address issues of poverty. The charity's commitment to an asset-based approach includes inspiring people, encouraging action, building capacity and equipping communities to meet their needs and develop their own people-led solutions.

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own wider community needs, including responding to poverty. We help build the capacity of individuals, groups and projects, helping them to transform their communities and change lives. By offering support and guidance we aim to restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to and contribute towards their community.

We also run our own services when required, helping to provide support and infrastructure to mobilise volunteers from across GM to respond to major issues such as homelessness, food poverty and community cohesion.

Whilst Greater Together Manchester is a charity founded on Christian values, interfaith engagement and working with organisations of all faiths and none is a crucial part of our work and activities, as well as working with organisations across the third sector, public sector and the private sector.

Since the charity's formation in 2015, our main purpose has been:

- **Kick-starting, growing and supporting social action projects and initiatives** equipping individuals and communities with the skills and confidence to make a real difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people in their local area
- **Connecting people, faith groups and organisations** together to allow them to share best practice, resources and ideas through collaboration, small meetings, large events and through building mutually supportive and relational networks
- **Working together with multi-agency partners to influence** local, regional and national policy and strategy
- **Providing training and information to individuals and organisations** to help equip front-line workers with the skills and knowledge they need to support and sign post vulnerable people more effectively

We embrace our charity mission undertaking our charitable work to strategically build the capacity of people and local communities because we want to see them all flourish, restore their dignity and improve their wellbeing. We want them to enjoy life in all its fullness, with particularly those in poverty and experiencing vulnerabilities and isolation having a better chance of realising their unique gifts and potential.

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN 2021

This annual report refers to a time when we were still in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Greater Manchester, along with the rest of England, started 2021 with a third national lockdown, and a continuation of the uncertainty in regard to the future.

As in 2020, GTM has found its limited resources stretched as demand for support skyrocketed as the social and economic consequences of the pandemic became more and more apparent. The impact of the pandemic was felt by everyone, however not all communities were affected equally. In many of our communities, the pandemic has exacerbated inequalities. Many of our poorest communities, particularly those where people worked in industries most impacted by the lockdowns (hospitality, leisure, and retail), were disproportionately affected by the pandemic.

During the pandemic, the levels of food insecurity across Greater Manchester rose dramatically, with 25% of adults reporting to have struggled to access food they could afford. Whilst the government continued to provide some support via initiatives like the Furlough Scheme, the Universal Credit Uplift of £20 per week and the Household Support Fund, people (particularly low-income households) continued to struggle to afford the basics amidst a time of rising costs of energy, food, and other essentials.

We were met with some positive news as the economy re-opened, unemployment levels stayed below expected levels and, in some sectors (hospitality in particular), labour shortages had driven up pay levels.

However, in 2021, the number of children in our schools receiving free school meals rose significantly, and we start 2022 knowing that 1 in 4 children in Greater Manchester are living in poverty, and in some areas of Greater Manchester the number of children experiencing poverty reaches over 50%. As we enter 2022, households are particularly concerned about the rising cost of energy, with the number of households experiencing fuel poverty rising in all boroughs of Greater Manchester, as well as the impact that rising inflation will have on the cost of everyday essentials.

As we finish 2021, and move into 2022, the government has announced additional restrictions known as 'Plan B' to stop the curb of the omicron variant of COVID-19 in order to protect the NHS during the winter months. We are hopeful that the introduction of Plan B will mean that there will be no need for future lockdowns and that the economy will begin to recover and that our communities can experience some stability in 2022.

## HOMELESSNESS

As expected, our Night Shelter programme did not re-open in 2021. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority, along with the other 10 Greater Manchester Local Authorities, chose to continue providing single room accommodation for both the 'A Bed Every Night' scheme and for Cold Weather provision during the winter of 2021. Whilst this commitment to providing good quality, single room accommodation is to be celebrated, a review of this single room accommodation highlighted the lack of wellbeing provision and, when compared to night shelter accommodation, many residents who had stayed in both types of accommodation felt that they missed the sense of community and support that they experienced in night shelters, with the availability of relational based support from volunteers.

As such, we have continued to work in partnership with the A Bed Every Night and Cold Weather Provision teams to provide on-site, volunteer-led, wellbeing sessions for residents in some of these new accommodation

schemes. These sessions have been run as part of our Lifeskills Programme, and gives guests a chance to relax, spend time together and learn new skills.

### **GTM Lifeskills**

Lockdown highlighted to us the lack of community-based wellbeing provision for people experiencing homelessness, and in particular for those living in single room emergency and temporary accommodation.

The purpose of this new programme is to create a number of welcoming spaces that can also provide holistic and therapeutic wellbeing in the form of:

- Educational training for employment opportunities
- Sports activities for physical health
- Basic life skills for independence and empowerment
- Wellbeing for relaxation and mental health
- Socialisation to recover from the fears of COVID-19 and social distancing
- Training for self-care and care of others
- Volunteering opportunities to improve confidence and self-esteem
- Certification to enhance and expand CV content

In June 2021 we appointed a coordinator who quickly developed and established our Lifeskills Sessions, growing the programme by creating new sessions and building relationships with referrers across the city.

All our guests have experienced homelessness or are currently homeless. Where possible, we include a meal at our sessions, which allows our guests and volunteers to sit and enjoy a meal together. We have seen the benefit of showing hospitality and providing a nutritious meal in promoting the wellbeing of guests and giving them a feeling of belonging as well as the opportunity for much needed socialisation.

During 2021, we provided 352 places on our Lifeskills Programme.

As a result of our sessions, we have seen an improvement in guests' engagement, confidence and sociability, and we continue to support our guests to move on to other community-based services, find housing and employment. We aim to provide a range of engaging activities to give the best opportunity for people to be able to access a session that interests them. We are now looking to secure additional funding to diversify our offer further. Current suggestions from guests are: cooking on a budget, arts and crafts, and an additional games nights.

### **Volunteer Inclusion Programme – “Next Steps”**

In early 2021, we were approached by our partners at The Booth Centre to apply for some funding to build on their Volunteer Inclusion Programme, supporting people who have used our services to take on additional responsibilities, access appropriate training and become more involved in supporting the delivery of the sessions as volunteers.

As of December 2021, we have supported 15 individuals to become “Next Steps” volunteers through the Volunteer Inclusion Programme and they have benefitted from a range of training gaining qualifications in Food Hygiene, Health & Safety and First Aid.

Being a part of the roll out of the Volunteer Inclusion Programme has supported our Lifeskills project to grow and gain traction. As more of our guests become volunteers, they have gained a greater sense of ownership of the project, meaning that they are more inclined to share and advertise our programme and our volunteering opportunities and recommend them to others. Our Next Steps volunteers have also built positive relationships with one another and will work together as a team to achieve their goals. Our volunteers also seem to be

empowered when they can see that their suggestions/ideas/actions are making a positive change to the programme and to the guests.

### **Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network**

We have continued to be involved in a range of strategic responses to homelessness, playing a leading role in the ongoing work of the Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network (GMHAN), a multi-agency partnership that brings together a wide range of organisations to focus on ending homelessness in Greater Manchester.

During 2021, the GMHAN worked with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to write the new Homelessness Prevention Strategy 2021-2026, supporting this document to be co-produced with people with personal experience of homelessness.

We also worked with a small group of partners to apply for some funding to bring on-board a manager post for the GMHAN, hosted by Greater Together Manchester. This funding was confirmed in November 2021 and we look forward to recruiting for this post in 2022.

## **PLACES OF WELCOME**

We started 2021 with all our Places of Welcome closed as a result of the pandemic, however many of the projects continued to offer support remotely either online or over the phone. We have been particularly inspired by the work of the Wythenshawe Team, who have run weekly Spaces of Welcome via Zoom, which has not only involved giving people a safe space to meet and connect but has also involved providing people with activities to take part in throughout the week. Other Places of Welcome have created phone-trees making sure that the most vulnerable people in their communities have contact with someone each week, and many of our Places of Welcome have also found ways to support vulnerable people with access to food and other essentials.

As the country exited lockdown we offered support and help to our Places of Welcome to reopen. We were thrilled that the large majority of our Places of Welcome were planning on reopening as we knew that volunteers in the projects were becoming increasingly concerned around the increasing vulnerability of many of the visitors to Places of Welcome.

As we end 2021, we have secured some funding for a dedicated Place of Welcome post from the Council for Social Aid, to support more Church of England churches to join the Place of Welcome network. We will continue to seek additional funding to expand this area of work in 2022.

## **SOCIAL SUPER MARKET**

During 2021 we worked in partnership with the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting to build on the learning from our emergency food parcel programme and developed a new idea for a Social Super Market.

The first is the 'Social Super Market' pilot at Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting. We have successfully secured funding from the National Lottery Foundation 'Awards for All' programme, as well as from the Albert Gubay Foundation, which has been matched by a contribution from the Church of the Apostles, allow us to continue to employ a Project Worker for this pilot for 18 months.

The project will offer local residents access to low cost, good quality fresh food via a membership scheme, allowing them to significantly reduce their weekly food costs, as well as helping to tackle food waste.

The Social Super Market will be open to anyone, regardless of circumstances. We will encourage people (particularly those from vulnerable households) to engage with other forms of support onsite at the church, e.g. low cost clothing, toys and household goods, access to debt advice via our partners at The Gateway Debt Centre and access to grants for white goods and other furniture.

The project will also offer a range of volunteering opportunities to people in the local community, helping to build confidence, skills and a greater sense of community as we look to draw people from the new properties and the new apartment complexes in the area.

The Social Super Market pilot had a “soft launch” in the first week of December 2021 to local residents that were known to us. In the first week we signed up 55 members, most of whom were thrilled with the new project and by the end of December we had over 103 members signed up.

The feedback we received in the first few weeks was overwhelmingly positive and we are excited to see how this project develops as we move into 2022.

The aim is for the project to be self-sustaining, with membership fees covering the majority (if not all of) the outgoings.

We hope that the learning from this pilot will allow us to support other churches to set up similar projects in areas where food insecurity is a concern, but where a traditional food bank is not meeting the ongoing need.

## **GREATER MANCHESTER FOOD SECURITY ACTION NETWORK**

GTM continued to look strategically at the issue of food poverty, linking together groups and organisations with businesses, policy makers and the public sector.

This idea stems from a recommendation in the GM Food Poverty Action Plan and has been re-invigorated by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham’s, election commitment to create a No Child Goes Hungry campaign.

Working alongside a member of staff at the GMCA, we are part of a multi-agency network that will bring together a wide range of organisations interested in ending food insecurity in Greater Manchester, including churches who have been on the frontline of tackling this issue for many years.

The network will look to create transformational and long-term change, influencing local and national policy as well as creating programmes and initiatives that tackle food insecurity whilst promoting dignity and sustainability.

Our Chief Executive Officer has been asked to Co-Chair one of the task groups and we look forward to working on this issue with a range of other organisations in 2022.

## **NEAR NEIGHBOURS**

In early 2021, Near Neighbours secured an additional grant from MHCLG, which increased our capacity to support grassroots faith and community groups. This “surge” programme was a great success, and we were able to support 117 community organisations with access to funding, training and mentoring.

We entered into Service Level Agreements with two organisations (the Caribbean and African Health Network and Europa) to increase our capacity on the ground and to give us access to groups that we have traditionally struggled to connect with in the past.

The surge funding also allowed us to employ an additional staff member on a short-term contract (ending in August 2021) to assist with the additional administrative work, particularly relating to grants and training.

One major focus of the surge work was promoting messaging around COVID to minority communities, encouraging people to get vaccinated. We were able to link Public Health with several faith centres, and our volunteers supported pop-up vaccination centres in areas with low vaccine take up. Our volunteers also supported health teams with door-knocking in areas where the take up of the vaccine was low, working alongside the CCG to better understand why people were not taking up the offer of a vaccine despite being invited by their GP.

We were also able to run a number of additional free training courses. The two most successful were the Diverting to Digital course (which supported groups to move activities online) and the COVID Cash Recovery Course, a “train the trainer” style course that up-skills churches, charities, community leaders and organisations to provide accurate information, resources, and signposting to help people in their communities recover from money issues that have arisen due to COVID-19.

We were also chosen to pilot a ‘Leadership for Effective Change’ programme in partnership with Citizens UK, which was a great success with 18 grassroots leaders taking part in the full 6-week course. We hope to find some additional funding to offer this again in the future.

In the second half of the year, we supported 12 successful organisations to receive Near Neighbours funding from their main grants programme.

We also held a 10 Year Anniversary Event for Near Neighbours at Manchester Cathedral, which was attended by representatives from all the major faiths as well as groups that have been supported through Near Neighbours.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial Position**

The charity’s incoming resources for the period ended 31 December 2021 were £226,246.

The charity’s expenditure for the period ended 31 December 2021 was £232,022.

The charity moves into 2021 with unrestricted funds of £64,710 with £35,500 of this is allocated to our core overheads for 2022, leaving us with a reserve level of £29,210. We are hoping to secure additional core funding in 2022, allowing us to continue to build our reserve level towards approx. one year’s running costs.

The charity also has £178,392 of funds restricted for use on the running and development of specific projects and services.

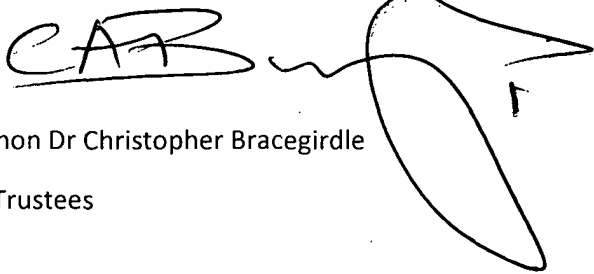
We continue to be grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who continue to provide office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi and phone access, printing and reception support as a gift in kind.

We are also extremely grateful to the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting for partnering with us on the development of our Social Super Market project.

### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees are constantly reviewing the charity’s activities and aim to maintain liquid reserves to the equivalent of at least six months (but no more than one year) unrestricted cash expenditure. The unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2021 show £64,710.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'CAB' followed by a wavy line and a large, stylized loop that ends in a sharp point.

Rev'd Canon Dr Christopher Bracegirdle

Chair of Trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Together Manchester ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Jane Cooksey  
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13 September 2022

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
Donations & Legacies		190,542	19,620	210,162	341,237
Management Fees		-	16,084	16,084	29,131
<b>Total</b>		<b>190,542</b>	<b>35,704</b>	<b>226,246</b>	<b>370,368</b>

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**Charitable Activities**

Homeless Services		69,305	-	69,305	199,514
Near Neighbours		71,764	-	71,764	48,569
Places of Welcome		-	196	196	178
Food Response		37,502	-	37,502	40,153
Core Programme Costs		-	37,171	37,171	23,326
Project Management		-	16,084	16,084	29,131
<b>Total</b>		<b>178,571</b>	<b>53,451</b>	<b>232,022</b>	<b>340,871</b>

**NET INCOME**

11,971 (17,747) (5,776) 29,497

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

<b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b>		166,421	82,457	248,878	219,381
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>178,392</b>	<b>64,710</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>248,878</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT DECEMBER 2021**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2021 Total Funds £	2020 Total Funds £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	1,007	1,272	2,279	1,665
Cash at Bank		188,723	67,776	256,499	248,762
		<b>189,730</b>	<b>69,048</b>	<b>258,778</b>	<b>250,247</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(11,338)	(4,338)	(15,676)	(1,549)
Total Creditors		<b>(11,533)</b>	<b>(4,338)</b>	<b>(15,676)</b>	<b>(1,549)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>178,392</b>	<b>64,710</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>248,878</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>178,392</b>	<b>64,710</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>248,878</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>178,392</b>	<b>64,710</b>	<b>243,102</b>	<b>248,878</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Fund	7			64,710	82,457
Restricted Funds				178,392	166,421
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>243,102</b>	<b>248,878</b>

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED**

**AT DECEMBER 2021**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2021.

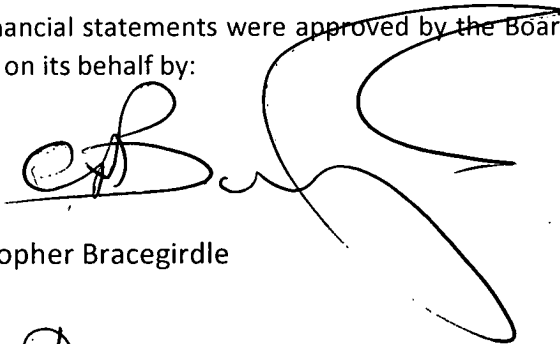
The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for


- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Christopher Bracegirdle



Joanna Watson

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the annual report.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

**Trustees' expenses**

A total of £0 (2020 - £206) was reimbursed to Trustees as expenses in the year.

**3. STAFF COSTS**

	2021 Restricted Funds	2021 Unrestricted Funds	2020 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	95,677	39,185	111,902
Pension Contributions	6,573	2,883	7,575
Employer's National Insurance Cost	8,203	4,181	10,824
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Total Staff Costs	110,453	46,249	130,301

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Management & Development	1	1
Homeless Services	2	2
Near Neighbours	2	1
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes	2020 Restricted Funds £	2020 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Donations and Legacies		281,139	60,098	341,237
Management Fees			29,131	29,131
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>281,139</b>	<b>89,229</b>	<b>370,368</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
Homeless Services		199,514	-	199,514
Near Neighbours		48,569	-	48,569
Places of Welcome		-	178	178
Food Response		18,716	21,437	40,153
Core Programme Costs		-	23,326	23,326
Project Management		-	29,131	29,131
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>266,799</b>	<b>74,072</b>	<b>340,871</b>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		 <b>14,340</b>	 <b>15,157</b>	 <b>29,497</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		152,081	67,300	219,381
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <b>166,421</b>	 <b>82,457</b>	 <b>248,878</b>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020 £	2019 £
Debtors & Prepayments	2,279	1,665

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Pensions	-	630
Payroll Costs	30	28
Accrued Expenses	642	891
Project Costs	877	-
Salaries	14,127	-
	<u>15,676</u>	<u>1,549</u>

## 7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2021

	At 1.1.21	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.2021
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	82,457	(17,747)	64,710
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	154,376	(3,697)	150,679
Near Neighbours	12,045	(2,251)	9,794
COVID Food Response	-	17,920	17,920
Subtotal	<u>166,421</u>	<u>11,972</u>	<u>178,393</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>248,878</u></b>	<b><u>(5,776)</u></b>	<b><u>243,102</u></b>

	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	35,704	(53,451)	(17,747)
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	65,608	(69,304)	(3,697)
Near Neighbours	69,513	(71,764)	(2,251)
Food Response	55,422	(37,502)	17,920
	<u>190,542</u>	<u>(178,571)</u>	<u>11,972</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>226,246</u></b>	<b><u>(232,022)</u></b>	<b><u>(5,776)</u></b>

## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2020 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	67,300	15,157	82,459
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	143,818	22,603	166,421
Near Neighbours	8,263	(8,263)	-
	<u>152,081</u>	<u>14,340</u>	<u>166,421</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>219,381</u>	<u>29,497</u>	<u>248,878</u>

Net movement in 2020 funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	89,229	(74,072)	15,157
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Homeless Services	209,798	(187,195)	22,603
Near Neighbours	52,625	(60,888)	- 8,263
COVID Food Response	18,716	(18,716)	-
	<u>281,139</u>	<u>(266,799)</u>	<u>14,340</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>370,368</u>	<u>(340,871)</u>	<u>29,497</u>

## 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2021.

## 10. VOLUNTEERS

A total of £104 (2020 - £609) was reimbursed to volunteers for expenses in the year.

In accordance with FRS102 and the charities SORP (FRS102) the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021****INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

	2021	2020
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>	£	£
Church Urban Fund	-	5,000
General Donations	6,103	5,051
Manchester City Council - COVID 19 Food Response	-	34,413
GMCVO	10,000	-
GM Mayor's Charity	-	15,635
Just Finance	3,517	
Management Fees	16,084	29,131
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Awards For All	9,978	-
Arnold Clarke Community Fund	2,500	-
Social Super Market Membership	183	-
Manchester City Council – A Bed Every Night	-	154,096
Edward Holt Trust	43,576	48,834
The Booth Centre	16,719	-
Near Neighbours	69,513	52,625
The True Colours Community Fund	150	1,000
The Church of the Apostles, Manchester	12,000	-
The Albert Gubay Foundation	19,200	6,000
We Love MCR – COVID 19 Food Response	-	500
Training Income	1,141	-
Restricted Donations	15,582	18,084
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>226,246</b>	<b>370,368</b>

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2021	2010
	£	£
Total Staff Costs	156,702	130,301
Travel & Subsidence	2,465	2,876
Insurance	1,975	2,196
Website & Online Costs	5,960	1,349
Events	826	3,531
Training	587	3,393
Media, advertising & promotion	653	235
Printing, Postage & Stationary	508	482
Telephone & Internet	3,150	2,740
Staff Equipment	2,279	1,055
Other Project Costs – Homeless Services	10,120	139,058
Other Project Costs - Near Neighbours	20,004	11,352
Other Project Costs – Food Response	23,490	39,360
Other Project Costs – General	674	-
Consultancy Fees	1,216	1,116
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>230,609</b>	<b>339,044</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
Trustees' Expenses	-	206
Accountancy & Legal Fees	1,197	1,225
Fundraising Costs	216	396
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,413</b>	<b>1,827</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>232,022</b>	<b>340,871</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>(5,776)</b>	<b>29,497</b>

**GREATER TOGETHER MANCHESTER**

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT

TRUSTEES' REPORT & UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020



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## COMPANY INFORMATION

### TRUSTEES & DIRECTORS

Christopher Bracegirdle	Appointed 30.01.2018	Chairperson
Tracey Rawlins	Appointed 22.04.2015	Vice-Chairperson
Hilary Caldwell	Appointed 04.10.2019	Treasurer
Mark Davies	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Helen Platts	Appointed 21.08.2019	
Eleanor Trimble	Appointed 24.03.2020	
Grace Thomas	Appointed 10.06.2020	
Douglas Rodger Petch	Resigned 24.03.2020	
Sibylle Eva Nothhelfer-Batten	Resigned 24.03.2020	
Alison Peacock	Resigned 12.05.2020	

### COMPANY SECRETARY

Lily Axworthy

### MEMBERS OF STAFF

Lily Axworthy	Chief Executive Officer
Samra Kanwal	Near Neighbours Coordinator
Craig Savage	Homeless Services Manager
Lucy McCoulough	GTM Night Shelter Administrator

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### Company Number

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### Registered Charity Number

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# TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees, who are also Directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

The Charitable Company operates from its registered office: Church House, 90 Deansgate, Manchester, M3 2GH. The website address is [www.greatertogethermanchester.org](http://www.greatertogethermanchester.org).

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the charitable company's fourth annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020.

## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **GOVERNING DOCUMENT**

The charitable company is a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 14 March 2015. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 17 June 2016.

### **COMPANY MEMBERS**

The company members are the Diocesan Board of Finance (DBF) and the Church Urban Fund (CUF).

### **RECRUITMENT, APPOINTMENT AND TRAINING OF TRUSTEES**

The Directors, who are the trustees, are appointed by the company members and are collectively known as 'the Board'. The number of Trustees should be as near as possible to nine, being five nominated by CUF, being drawn from churches and/or organisations operation in and around the Diocese, and four nominated by the DBF. Each Trustee serves a term of five years and, upon expiry of the term, may be re-appointed for a further five years by either CUF or the DBF.

Trustees are nominated by invitation given that they have the necessary skills and expertise to contribute to the charity's activities and to be able to discharge their obligations as Trustees.

On appointment, trustees are briefed by key staff and the Chair of Trustees. Trustees may also choose to visit projects supported by the charity.

The Trustees who served during the year, together with any changes up to the date of approving this report are listed on page 2.

### **ORGANISATION**

The Board administers the charitable company and meets as necessary, usually once per quarter. The day-to-day operations of the charity are managed by the Development Officer, Chief Executive Officer, to whom the trustees have delegated management responsibilities within the overall strategy agreed by the Board of Trustees.

## **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **OBJECTS**

- To promote the efficiency and effectiveness of Christian based charities in the furtherance of their objects or any one of them, mainly but not exclusively, by the provision of information, advice, support and infrastructure provision; and
- The relief of financial hardship, either generally or individually, through the provision of grants, goods or services.

The aim of the charity is to support churches, people and community groups (regardless of faith or no faith) who want to engage in social action and tackle issues around poverty and deprivation in and across the Diocese of Manchester.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own needs, including responding to poverty. The charity helps build the capacity of groups and projects, helping them transform their communities and transform the lives of the most vulnerable people in their communities. By offering support and guidance we help build confidence, restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to, and contribute towards, a community. In this way and as demonstrated throughout this report, our activities deliver public benefit.

We seek to work with those of any faith and none. The ultimate beneficiaries are not restricted by faith, gender, ethnic origin, disability, age or sexual orientation. We seek to form strategic partnerships with existing groups and organisations who are already engaged with aspects of poverty that are aligned with our core values and purpose, with the understanding that we can achieve far more when working together in partnership than we can apart.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS, PERFORMANCE AND FUTURE PLANS**

We work with communities all over Greater Manchester to tackle poverty and deprivation, and to find ways to support the most vulnerable people in our society. We work with local, grassroots groups to develop their responses to concerns or problems in their community, providing advice, support, infrastructure and support with fundraising.

The charity serves a population of 2.1 million over an area of 416 square miles, and covering 11 local authorities (the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities of Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan, as well as Rossendale) – all of whom have areas of high deprivation and poverty.

We believe we can offer leadership and support to better help local activities, with a focus on: homelessness; food poverty; community cohesion; loneliness and isolation; and other projects that address issues of poverty. The charity's commitment to an asset-based approach includes inspiring people, encouraging action, building capacity and equipping communities to meet their needs and develop their own people-led solutions.

Our support activities are centred on developing and strengthening local communities in their efforts to address their own wider community needs, including responding to poverty. We help build the capacity of individuals, groups and projects, helping them to transform their communities and change lives. By offering support and guidance we aim to restore people's dignity and enable them to belong to and contribute towards their community.

We also run our own services when required, helping to provide support and infrastructure to mobilise volunteers from across GM to respond to major issues such as homelessness, food poverty and community cohesion.

Whilst Greater Together Manchester is a charity founded on Christian values, interfaith engagement and working with organisations of all faiths and none is a crucial part of our work and activities, as well as working with organisations across the third sector, public sector and the private sector.

Since the charity's formation in 2015, our main purpose has been:

- **Kick-starting, growing and supporting social action projects and initiatives** equipping individuals and communities with the skills and confidence to make a real difference to the lives of the most vulnerable people in their local area
- **Connecting people, faith groups and organisations** together to allow them to share best practice, resources and ideas through collaboration, small meetings, large events and through building mutually supportive and relational networks
- **Working together with multi-agency partners to influence** local, regional and national policy and strategy
- **Providing training and information to individuals and organisations** to help equip front-line workers with the skills and knowledge they need to support and sign post vulnerable people more effectively

We embrace our charity mission undertaking our charitable work to strategically build the capacity of people and local communities because we want to see them all flourish, restore their dignity and improve their wellbeing. We want them to enjoy life in all its fullness, with particularly those in poverty and experiencing vulnerabilities and isolation having a better chance of realising their unique gifts and potential.

## COVID-19 PANDEMIC

This annual report has been written whilst we are still in the middle of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Greater Manchester has been in some form of lockdown since March 2020 and as we go into 2021 the future is still very uncertain.

Like many other charities across the UK, GTM has found its work changing significantly, as our limited resources were put under pressure like never before. As a result of the pandemic, our night shelters have closed, with the government stepping up to house rough sleepers in hotels across the city-region. As such, we have shifted our focus to ensuring that those housed in this new accommodation have access to food, clothing, toiletries, and other material essentials, as well as access to support services and wellbeing activities. The one thing that hasn't changed is our approach to supporting people. Despite our changes in how we operate, we continue to be person centred and relational, meeting people where they are, supporting them to make positive changes to their lives and their communities.

Many of our planned events and in person training programmes have either been cancelled or moved online,

and we have had to learn a whole new way of communicating with people in a virtual environment. Our team have had to quickly learn the intricacies of how to run large scale events via Zoom. They have had to adapt to working primarily from home, working, and collaborating with our local and national partners remotely wherever possible.

## **HOMELESSNESS**

During 2020, we have continued to be involved in a range of strategic responses to homelessness, playing a leading role in the ongoing work of the Greater Manchester Homelessness Action Network, a multi-agency partnership that brings together a wide range of organisations to focus on ending homelessness in Greater Manchester. This body has the backing on the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the office of the Mayor of Greater Manchester.

In 2020, we began looking at the issue of families experiencing homelessness and were appointed to a Task and Finish Group to consider how we can better support families in temporary accommodation. We also ran a Greater Manchester Faith Summit, in partnership with the Shared Health Foundation and Methodist Central Hall (Manchester), on the issue of family homelessness, which was attended by 80 representatives from across the faith communities.

Following the outbreak of COVID-19 and the launch of the national government's 'Everyone In' programme we worked closely with colleagues across the sector to support the opening of single room, hotel accommodation with adequate support, including ensuring that all hotels were provided with additional resources (e.g. clothes, toiletries) as well as the provision of 3 meals per day. We also worked with partners to ensure that people living in the hotels had access to activities, advice and support either onsite or remotely – including encouraging people to get involved in the 'LockdownLIVES' docu-series, which was co-created by residents in emergency and temporary accommodation during the pandemic.

### **GTM Night Shelters**

At the start of 2020, we were continuing to run two emergency accommodation night shelters at full capacity (27 beds per night). We continued our rolling night shelter model, partnering with churches across Manchester and Salford, and working alongside support staff at many of the city's day centres. We also continued to run our "static" night shelter thanks to the congregation at St Cuthbert's Church in Manchester who gave us use of their building 7 days per week. During this time we supported 42 guests and our volunteers contributed 6,443 hours, equating to an economic value of £73,450.

Our night shelter service continued as normal throughout January, February, and into early March, supporting our guests in a relational and person centred way. During this time, we continued to work with a wide range of partners including the Booth Centre, Barnabus, Coffee4Craig, LifeShare, Centrepoint, Reach Out to the Community, Manchester City Council and many others.

As information about COVID-19 began to filter through, preparations were made for both shelters to shift to offering 24-hour provision, and for the rolling shelter to remain in a single location allowing our guests to "shelter in place" and to promote the safety of our guests, staff and volunteers.

Following the announcement of the first national lockdown, the shelters remained open for another 3 weeks, thanks to exemplary dedication from staff and volunteers who implemented all the necessary health and safety procedures and protocols, and thanks to our guests who trusted us to keep them, as well as the staff and volunteers, healthy and safe.

During this time our staff worked with a wide range of agencies to move as many of our guests on from our service as possible, as well as securing appropriate, single room accommodation for anyone remaining, (who were then accommodated as part of the national 'Everyone In' programme).

We supported 15 remaining guests to move into a new single room accommodation scheme, arranging COVID-secure transport and ensuring they had everything they needed to move into this new scheme.

**Adam\* was made homeless whilst in his final year of university. He was referred to our night shelter at St Cuthbert's Church and was able to use the evenings with us to complete his part time studies. Whilst staying with us, Adam also secured a part time job as a cleaner. Thanks to the stability the night shelter gave him, along with assistance from our partner day centres and the university, Adam was able to finish his studies, secure a job and move into his own accommodation.**

**Robert\* had a long history of alcohol and drug misuse when he was referred to our rolling shelter. All guests at our shelters have to agree to not use drugs or alcohol whilst in our care. Robert was able to stay clean and sober for the 3 months he was with us. Towards the end of his stay, Robert successfully interviewed for a full time job in a café and received the keys to his own flat at the start of the pandemic.**

*\*names of our guests have been changed to protect their privacy.*

Whilst we are not expecting our night shelter project to re-open in 2021, we are developing new ways to support people experiencing homelessness, using our learning, and applying our understanding of the importance of person centred, relational approaches to help people move on from homelessness and towards a more stable form of home.

### **On-site Wellbeing Support**

In the new single room accommodation scheme, we continued to support our night shelter guests (along with the other residents) by delivering weekly volunteer-led, COVID-safe, socially distanced sessions in the grounds of the new accommodation scheme. These sessions aimed to support the mental and physical wellbeing of the residents. Our volunteers ran these sessions every week, as well as supplying clothing, toiletries, snacks and other essentials. We knew that the transition into single room accommodation, where socialising was discouraged for COVID safety reasons, and where there was no inside communal spaces, would be a big change for our guests, this coupled with the fear and uncertainty of the pandemic made this schedule of COVID-secure activities even more vital.

We delivered these sessions to 335 attendees from April to July 2020 and feedback was excellent.

### **'Everyone In' Meal Provision**

During the early days of the pandemic, it became apparent that food was not being provided to all of the residents of the new 'Everyone In' hotels, and that even if the residents could get to the shops, there were no cooking facilities in many of the hotel rooms.

As an organisation with experience of providing good quality meals to our guests, and with a large pool of volunteers who were eager to help, we joined forces with two other local charities as well as the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting to provide three meals per day for the residents the 'Everyone In' hotels. This included at least one hot meal every day, along with a breakfast and a packed lunch. Our volunteers worked every evening and most weekends, making sandwiches and preparing good quality, nutritious, individually packaged meals for hundreds of people each day. In total, this partnership provided over 114,000 meals between April and October 2020.

## **Clothing Provision**

Following the start of the 'Everyone In' programme, we were getting an increasing number of requests from individuals and organisations for clothing. Many people who had been sleeping rough prior to the pandemic had come inside with one set of clothes and the new hotel provision did not have any way of getting hold of clothing. During this time, most cheap clothing stores were closed, as well as charity shops and so access to low-cost clothing was limited. As such, we established a clothing bank that could supply these new projects with good quality, clean clothing in bulk, as well as responding to requests from individuals in the wider community. Thanks to 100s of hours of work from a small, dedicated team of volunteers, we were able to sort through huge volumes of clothing donations and get them out to where they were needed.

This service was particularly useful when the Home Office established a hotel for 255 Asylum Seekers in South Manchester. Manchester City Council reached out to GTM to ask us to look at how the faith sector could support the material needs of individuals and families housed in this hotel, many of whom were new arrivals in the UK and some of whom didn't even have shoes. As such, we created a system whereby residents of this hotel could complete a form (or a form could be completed by a staff member on their behalf) with which clothing and other essential items they needed, in what sizes and quantities, and we could pack the order up and deliver it to the hotel.

## **GTM Lifeskills**

The pandemic highlighted to us the lack of community-based wellbeing provision for people experiencing homelessness, and in particular for those living in single room emergency and temporary accommodation. From August 2020, our Homeless Services Manager has led on the development of a new programme we have named 'Lifeskills'.

The purpose of this new programme is to create a number of welcoming spaces that can also provide holistic and therapeutic wellbeing in the form of:

- Educational training for employment opportunities
- Sports activities for physical health
- Basic life skills for independence and empowerment
- Wellbeing for relaxation and mental health
- Socialisation to recover from the fears of COVID-19 and social distancing
- Training for self-care and care of others
- Volunteering opportunities to improve confidence and self-esteem
- Certification to enhance and expand CV content

This programme is built on our learning from running the night shelters for the past few years and our success in offering relational support for people experiencing homelessness. This programme has taken those aspects of our night shelter programme that made us unique (in particular our focus on volunteer led hospitality and activities) and has created a new programme that can be accessed by anyone who is or has experienced homelessness. We have created this programme to complement existing services as well as ensuring places of safety, refuge and welcome for those in need of them.

Working with other training organisations as well as volunteer input these sessions will allow guests to tailor a programme that matches their own interests and abilities. We are excited to work with MCRAActive, GLL, Michelle Hay Training, MHFA England and others to deliver this programme. We are currently targeting our existing activities at adults experiencing homelessness but are also keen to develop a programme of activities for families

who are experiencing homelessness and we are involved in a task and finish group looking at provision for this cohort across Greater Manchester.

The pilot of this programme began in December 2020 and we look forward to expanding this in 2021.

## PLACES OF WELCOME

Our Places of Welcome continued to operate as normal in the time prior to the first national lockdown in late March 2020.

As a result of the pandemic, and the national and local lockdown rules in Greater Manchester, our Places of Welcome were not able to operate any in person sessions from March 2020 onwards.

Some of our Places of Welcome set up online services or created systems that saw regular attendees of Places of Welcome phoning each other throughout the week to help reduce feelings of isolation.

**In response to the lockdown in March 2020, the Church of England in Wythenshawe Team knew that they needed to find a way to continue the vital work of their four weekly Places of Welcomes. They moved their physical Places of Welcome online and created “Spaces of Welcome”, an online provision that still embraced the vision and values of Places of Welcome. The Wythenshawe Team were able to secure some additional funding to provide everyone with a mug to decorate as well as a supply of tea, coffee and biscuits.**

**They met on zoom, and linked participants with local training and support to upskill them and access equipment to allow them to take part. The team provided activity kits every few weeks to keep people engaged and connected, the activities included a wellbeing calendar, learning to knit (led by a participant), cooking instructions & ingredients, mini-garden kits, Christmas themed activities, journaling, pizza-making kits, and many others.**

**This new way of working was a lifeline for many of the Place of Welcome participants and visitors, many of whom were vulnerable and had to shield for the first lockdown.**

**The group are continuing to meet online but are looking forward to when they might be able to meet up in person.**

Many of our Places of Welcome continue to find new ways to support vulnerable people in their community and are very much looking forward to the opportunity to re-open in 2021.

## FOOD POVERTY

GTM continued to look strategically at the issue of food poverty, linking together groups and organisations working on the ground to offer better support for people, and helping to connect food banks with advice services.

During the first few weeks of the pandemic, GTM was made aware of a shortage of emergency food providers and so worked alongside partners to set up a brand-new emergency food provision, supporting communities across Manchester. Working alongside Manchester City Council, who were a central point for referrals, we provided food deliveries for 30 households per day, 5 days per week between April and September 2020. The project ran from the Church of the Resurrection in Beswick for the first four months, after which it moved to the Church of the Apostles in Miles Platting. During these 6 months we provided food for 5,591 people across 2,477 households made up of 3,582 adults, 1,870 children and 136 infants.

The funding from Manchester City Council for this project ended in September 2020, however thanks to some additional funding from the Albert Gubay Foundation we were able to allocate some resources to allow us to continue supplying emergency food to local residents. As a result, we provided an additional 1,912 households with emergency food provisions between September and December 2020, as well as providing Christmas Dinners to 192 households. We are now working with Church of the Apostles to establish a sustainable model of low cost and no cost food for the local community and are looking forward to allowing people into the building to choose their food when it is safe to do so.

We are particularly thankful for the support of FareShare Greater Manchester, Princes Group (Manchester), Iceland and Tesco for their continuing support of this project.

We have also worked in partnership with Human Appeal to support the provision of over 1,000 food parcels in Bury, Oldham, Rochdale and Manchester. We used our network of grassroots groups (via our Near Neighbours programme) to work with 13 groups who were able to respond to food needs on the ground and allocate resources quickly and efficiently.

## **NEAR NEIGHBOURS**

We continued to host the Near Neighbours Programme for Greater Manchester during 2020. In 2020, we supported 11 grassroots organisations to access the Near Neighbours Small Grants programme, generating a total of £23,611 for local organisations.

During 2020, our Near Neighbours Coordinator received a recognition certificate from the High Sherriff of Greater Manchester for her work in supporting grassroots groups during the pandemic.

At the start of the pandemic, there was a clear disconnect between community groups working on the ground responding to need and the statutory services. As a result, we set up the Rochdale Borough Community and Faith Engagement Forum. This forum is now officially recognised by Rochdale Borough Council and has nominated two co-chairs from the community. We are now working alongside Rochdale Council to continue to provide administrative support for this forum and Action Together (the local CVS) are using the forum as an advisory group for their organisation.

Following the start of the pandemic, we supported a number of groups to move their activities online, including a virtual Coffee Morning 'Chit, Chat and Chai' where more than 20 women from Bury came together to discuss difficult issues including domestic violence, hate crime, forced marriages, honour-based violence, FGM and Black Lives Matter.

### **Real People, Honest Talk**

Our Near Neighbours Programme started the year with Real People, Honest Talk. This project aims to bring people together to talk about the tough issues around how we live together well. Through Real People, Honest Talk we facilitate open and honest conversation about issues of concern to everyday people in local communities that could otherwise be difficult to talk about.

Real People, Honest Talk is about creating safe spaces in which difficult issues associated with living together well amidst differences in outlook, culture, attitudes and beliefs can be discussed openly and constructively, at city-wide level, and in local communities. Everyone is welcome to join these safe spaces as we discuss issues in local neighbourhoods that people want to address, eat together and get to know each other.

Real People, Honest Talk aims to provide a springboard for further conversations, interactions or collaborative action, strengthening local civil society.

From January to March 2020 we delivered RPHT in South Manchester, working with advice from City council. Our partnerships included, faith centres, grassroots organisations and statutory organisations. We had 61 participants take part from Benchill, Northern Moor, Didsbury and Northenden. The project ended with a 'Big Conversation' where participants presented their ideas and experiences to local officials and policy makers.

## Events

We ran 18 Near Neighbours events during 2020, and quickly adapted to running events online via Zoom following the announcement of the national lockdown. In total over 680 individuals attended our events, from a huge range of cultural and religious backgrounds. We continued working in partnership with local groups and associations, supporting them to build networks and celebrate their communities.

A highlight of the year was our virtual Interfaith Iftar, which we ran in partnership with the Naz Legacy Foundation. The Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, was the guest speaking for the evening and our Near Neighbours Coordinator co-chaired the event with the founder of Youth Interfaith.

## Mentoring and Capacity Building

We mentored and supported 9 project leads across Greater Manchester by providing one hour every fortnight to each group to support with bid writing, confidence building, writing constitutions and safeguarding policies, effective project management, business plans, building partnerships, networking and finance and budgeting.

We have also supported these groups to access an additional £30,300 of funding from local grant funders.

**Women Growing Together (WGT) brings together women of different ethnic and religious backgrounds from across Oldham. The group supports women to come together and take part in activities and social events, creating opportunities to learn about each other's faiths and cultures. WGT helps to challenge stereotypes and prejudice through friendship, knowledge, and fun.**

**Through our Near Neighbours programme, we have coordinated and supported many of WGT events and initiatives. Prior to the pandemic, the group always met in person and when the first lockdown happened, they were unsure as to how they were going to be able to continue their work.**

**Our Near Neighbours Coordinator was able to work with the group to help move them onto an online platform so that they could continue meeting and deliver their vital initiatives. If it wasn't for our support, this group would not have met through the course of the pandemic.**

**Doreen Haigh, Coordinator of WGT said: "The support of Near Neighbours (NN) has been indispensable in helping WGT to achieve our 'friendship first' and community priorities. Our local NN Coordinator has not only been at the forefront of developing ideas and putting them into practice, but also has been vital and pivotal in the smooth and efficient running of our routine Zoom planning meetings as well as our large online special events.**

**In addition to her technical expertise, her awareness of current issues and her network of contacts have ensured that the progress of our work has not been held back during the pandemic."**

## PROJECT SUPPORT & TRAINING

In 2020 we continued to offer support to individual projects as part of our core work and via our Near Neighbours programme. We supported a number of new projects, including a Community Kitchen at St George's Church in Stalybridge, as well as offering continuing support to projects including Re:dish and the Church of England in Wythenshawe.

We have also been involved in the GM Movement for Recovery, bringing together churches and Christian charities to respond to the increasing needs of our communities as a result of the pandemic, and creating a vehicle whereby we can be better coordinated in our response to the changing situation on the ground.

Prior to the pandemic, we ran several face-to-face training sessions including Suicide First Aid, Mental Health First Aid and Spice Awareness Training. Following the national lockdown, we were able to continue delivering Mental Health First Aid Training via zoom, as well as delivering the shorter Mental Health Awareness course. In total we delivered this training to 88 people.

## **FUTURE PLANS**

As we move into 2021, the world is still in the midst of an international pandemic and what the world will look like beyond COVID-19 is not clear. We already know that the impact of the pandemic has not been felt equally by all, and that communities who were struggling prior to the outbreak of COVID-19 are likely to be struggling even more. The pandemic has caused financial stress and uncertainty for a huge number of people, many of whom have never had to reach out for support before, as such the demographics of those needing help is likely to have shifted.

As the pandemic continues, Greater Together Manchester will continue to identify areas of need and respond accordingly. We will also continue to work strategically with our networks and partners on issues such as homelessness and food poverty, helping to influence and shape local and national policy, and create new sustainable solutions.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

### **Financial Position**

The charity's incoming resources for the period ended 31 December 2020 were £370,368.

The charity's expenditure for the period ended 31 December 2020 was £340,871.

The charity moves into 2021 with unrestricted funds of £82,457, which will give a firm base to deliver a full programme of development activities. The charity also has £166,421 of funds restricted for use on the running and development of specific projects and services.

We are extremely grateful to the Diocese of Manchester who continue to provide office space, access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi and phone access, printing and reception support as a gift in kind. We are also incredibly grateful to those members of staff at the Diocese who continue to support us with advice and guidance.

We are also extremely grateful to the Church of the Apostles (Miles Platting), St Cuthbert's Church (Manchester), the Church of the Resurrection (Beswick), and St Christopher's Church (Withington) who have given us a range of spaces within their buildings including, office space and space from which to run our projects. We are particularly grateful to those churches who allowed us use of their buildings during the pandemic, allowing us to respond to the huge increase in need amongst vulnerable people and communities.

**Reserves Policy**

The trustees are constantly reviewing the charity's activities and aim to maintain liquid reserves to the equivalent of at least six months (but no more than one year) unrestricted cash expenditure. The unrestricted reserves as at 31 December 2020 show £82,457.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 September 2021 and signed on its behalf by:



Tracey Rawlins

Vice-Chair of Trustees

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Greater Together Manchester ('the Company')**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of FCCA which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.



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Date: 31 August 2021

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**INCOMING RESOURCES**

	Notes	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2020 Total Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Donations & Legacies		281,139	60,098	341,237	378,360
Management Fees		-	29,131	29,131	26,355
<b>Total</b>		<b>281,139</b>	<b>89,229</b>	<b>370,368</b>	<b>404,715</b>

**RESOURCES EXPENDED**

**Charitable Activities**

GTM Night Shelter		199,514	-	199,514	250,567
Near Neighbours		48,569	-	48,569	60,350
Places of Welcome		-	178	178	766
COVID Food Response		18,716	21,437	40,153	-
Core Programme Costs		-	23,326	23,326	20,884
Project Management		-	29,131	29,131	26,355
<b>Total</b>		<b>266,799</b>	<b>74,072</b>	<b>340,871</b>	<b>358,992</b>

**NET INCOME**

14,340      15,157      29,497      45,793

**RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS**

<b>Total Funds Brought Forward</b>		<b>152,081</b>	<b>67,300</b>	<b>219,381</b>	<b>173,588</b>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>166,421</b>	<b>82,457</b>	<b>248,878</b>	<b>219,381</b>

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AT DECEMBER 2020**

		Restricted	Unrestricted	2020 Total Funds	2019 Total Funds
Notes	£	£	£	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	5	0	1,665	1,665	35,160
Cash at Bank		167,005	81,757	248,762	197,569
		<b>167,005</b>	<b>83,422</b>	<b>250,427</b>	<b>232,729</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(584)	(965)	(1,549)	(13,348)
Total Creditors		<b>(584)</b>	<b>(965)</b>	<b>(1,549)</b>	<b>(13,348)</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>166,421</b>	<b>82,457</b>	<b>248,878</b>	<b>219,381</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<b>166,421</b>	<b>82,457</b>	<b>248,878</b>	<b>219,381</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>166,421</b>	<b>82,457</b>	<b>248,878</b>	<b>219,381</b>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Unrestricted Fund	7			82,457	67,300
Restricted Funds				166,421	152,081
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<b>248,878</b>	<b>219,381</b>

**BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED****AT DECEMBER 2020**

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2020.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

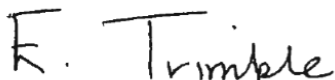
- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to charitable small companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:



T Rawlins



E Trimble

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the annual report.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

**Trustees' expenses**

A total of £206 (2019 - £338) was reimbursed to Trustees as expenses in the year.

**3. STAFF COSTS**

	2020 Restricted Funds	2020 Unrestricted Funds	2019 Total Funds
	£	£	£
Gross Wages & Salaries	37,636	74,266	103,450
Pension Contributions	2,542	5,033	6,833
Employer's National Insurance Cost	3,987	6,837	9,542
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Total Staff Costs	44,165	86,136	119,825

The average number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2020	2019
Management & Development	1	1
GTM Night Shelters	2	2
Near Neighbours	1	1
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No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>	Notes	2019 Restricted Funds £	2019 Unrestricted Funds £	2019 Total Funds £
Donations and Legacies		335,588	42,772	378,360
Management Fees			26,355	26,355
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>335,588</b>	<b>69,127</b>	<b>404,715</b>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>				
<b>Charitable Activities</b>				
GTM Night Shelters		250,567	-	250,567
Near Neighbours		60,350	-	60,350
Places of Welcome		-	766	766
Core Programme Costs		-	20,884	20,884
Project Management		-	26,355	26,355
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>310,917</b>	<b>48,005</b>	<b>358,922</b>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		 <b>24,671</b>	 <b>21,122</b>	 <b>45,793</b>
 <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>				
Total funds brought forward		127,410	46,178	173,588
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <b>152,081</b>	 <b>67,300</b>	 <b>219,381</b>

**5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2020 £	2019 £
Debtors & Prepayments	1,665	35,160

## 6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2020	2019
	£	£
Pensions	630	597
Payroll Costs	28	-
Accrued Expenses	891	2,999
Project Costs	-	9,752
	<u>1,549</u>	<u>13,348</u>

## 7. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER 2020

	At 1.1.20	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.2020
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	67,300	15,157	82,457
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
GTM Night Shelters	143,818	22,603	166,421
Near Neighbours	8,263	-	-
COVID Food Response	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>152,081</u>	<u>14,340</u>	<u>166,421</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>219,381</u>	<u>29,497</u>	<u>248,878</u>

	Incoming resources	Resources Expended	Movement in Funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	89,229	-	74,072
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
GTM Night Shelters	209,798	-	187,195
Near Neighbours	52,625	-	60,888
COVID Food Response	18,716	-	18,716
	<u>281,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>266,799</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>370,368</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>340,871</u>

## 8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS – YEAR ENDING 31 DECMEBER 2020

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.2019 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	46,178	21,122	67,300
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
GTM Night Shelters	121,255	22,563	143,818
Near Neighbours	6,155	2,108	8,263
	<u>127,410</u>	<u>24,671</u>	<u>152,081</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>173,588</u>	<u>45,793</u>	<u>219,381</u>

Net movement in 2019 funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources Expended £	Movement in Funds £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General Fund	69,127	- 48,005	21,122
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
GTM Night Shelters	273,130	- 250,567	22,563
Near Neighbours	62,458	- 60,350	2,108
	<u>335,588</u>	<u>- 310,917</u>	<u>24,671</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>404,715</u>	<u>- 358,922</u>	<u>45,793</u>

## 9. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

## 10. VOLUNTEERS

A total of £609 (2019 - £380) was reimbursed to volunteers for expenses in the year.

In accordance with FRS102 and the charities SORP (FRS102) the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the accounts.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES****FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS**

	2020	2019
<b>Unrestricted Funds:</b>	£	£
Church Urban Fund	5,000	40,000
General Donations	5,051	2,772
Manchester City Council - COVID 19 Food Response	34,413	-
GM Mayor's Charity	15,635	-
Management Fees	29,131	26,355
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Manchester City Council - A Bed Every Night	154,096	233,415
Edward Holt Trust	48,834	41,000
Near Neighbours	52,625	56,172
Tesco 'Bags for Life'	-	5,000
The True Colours Community Fund	1,000	-
The Albert Gubay Foundation	6,000	-
We Love MCR – COVID 19 Food Response	500	-
Restricted Donations	18,084	-
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>	<b>370,368</b>	<b>404,715</b>

**CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	2020	2019
	£	£
Total Staff Costs	130,301	119,825
Travel & Subsidence	2,876	9,304
Insurance	2,196	1,651
Website & Online Costs	1,349	947
Events	3,531	4,537
Training	3,393	3,609
Media, advertising & promotion	235	1,122
Printing, Postage & Stationary	482	136
Telephone & Internet	2,740	1,338
Staff Equipment	1,055	2,467
Other catering costs	-	97
Other Project Costs - GTM Night Shelters	139,058	195,871
Other Project Costs - Near Neighbours	11,352	17,259
Other Project Costs - COVID 19	39,360	-
Consultancy Fees	1,116	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>339,044</b>	<b>358,163</b>
<b>SUPPORT COSTS</b>		
Trustees' Expenses	206	338
Accountancy & Legal Fees	1,225	421
Fundraising Costs	396	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>759</b>
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>	<b>340,871</b>	<b>358,922</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>29,497</b>	<b>45,793</b>