

LITTLE EDI FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1169242

Details

Other names	LITTLE EDI FOUNDATION
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-09-19
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE: THE RELIEF OF POVERTY, ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF PERSONS LIVING IN THE GILAU AND POIENI REGION OF ROMANIA BY THE PROVISION OF ITEMS, GRANTS AND SERVICES.

Activities: Supplying and distributing food parcels, hygiene packs, and school supplies for disadvantaged and vulnerable children and their families across Essex. An annual summer scheme for children in our project and regular activities to engage parents. Creating learning/development opportunities for disadvantaged and disengaged 13-18 year olds in Essex to engage in social action through volunteering.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£74,493	£70,553	-	-
2024-04-05	£47,377	£84,235	-	-
2023-04-05	£96,554	£59,550	-	-
2022-04-05	£55,250	£41,100	-	-
2021-04-05	£25,358	£22,271	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
THERESA ANN GRIGGS	Chair	2016-09-20
Arati Hirani		2026-01-26
David Chase		2026-01-26
Sarah Bonamy		2022-01-27
Sheryl Perry		2022-09-04

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ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR – TESS GRIGGS

Foreword: A Year of Growing Together

As we look back on the past twelve months and look ahead, I am struck by a single, powerful truth: a child's potential should never be defined by the weight of the challenges they carry.

This year, we have seen that weight grow heavier for many. With the rising cost of living, families in our community have faced impossible choices between heating their homes and feeding their children. At the Little Edi Foundation, we refused to let those families walk that path alone.

Because of your unwavering support, we have transformed our space into a true sanctuary.

This year, we:

- **Strengthened our local impact** by expanding our food bank to offer more choice, including fresh and frozen food, ensuring no child goes to school hungry
- **Provided essential dignity** through everyday practicalities, from school uniforms and stationery to a free-to-use laundry facility for families in need.
- **Created moments of pure joy**, taking children on trips to the seaside, the zoo, and the pantomime—reminding them that they deserve to dream and play, regardless of their circumstances.

We are more than just a charity; we are a community forged through "unbreakable relationships" with local schools, businesses, and volunteers. Our recent recognition as an award-winning non-profit in 2025 is not just a trophy on a shelf; it is a testament to the collective heartbeat of everyone who believes that every child in Essex deserves an equal start.

We aim for "even better and bigger things". We do this not for the reports or the statistics, but for the child who puts on a new school uniform and feels like they finally belong.

Thank you for being the reason we can say "yes" when a family needs us most. We truly cannot do what we do without you.

With deepest gratitude,

T. Griggs



About Us

About the Little Edi Foundation

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The Little Edi Foundation responds to community needs across Essex, prioritising supporting families who are most vulnerable. Referred families receive a home visit from one of our team who assess their financial and emotional support needs. As can be seen from this report, support is delivered via a number of ways, including food boxes, support groups, courses, and trips. In addition, we have a Youth Forum, which provides volunteering opportunities for young people, including those who are disengaged, which enables them to learn key skills and build their confidence.



Our New Centre

At the end of 2024, it became apparent to everyone that The Hub was no longer working for us a charity, as our space was just too small. Whilst it offered some shared outside space, meeting rooms and a kitchen we could hire, our dedicated space was so full of food and other items that packing boxes was logistically difficult and hosting people was tricky. We therefore started a search for a new space.

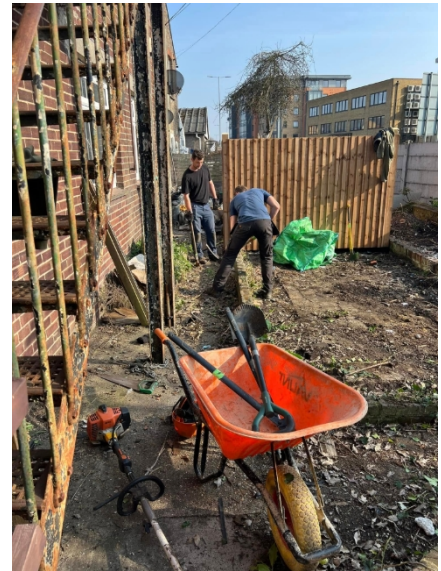
In addition to having more storage space, we were keen to find somewhere we could offer a safe place, a food bank, courses, a garden, a washing machine and ironing board, a clothing room, a library for children and parents, rooms to use for a variety of activities and a space to have a drink with staff who are ready to listen.

We are delighted to confirm we found a new space in Chelmsford city centre and took possession in February 2025.

Although we knew the space we found could offer all these things, it was a former office so needed a lot of work to make it the welcoming place we envisaged. We put a plea out on Facebook for help and were overwhelmed by the support we received from individual and local businesses.

There are too many jobs to mention, but to name a few we had helpers painting, putting new electrical sockets in, building furniture, installing a kitchen and white goods, building racks, and clearing the garden.

We have called our new premises the 'Little Edi Centre' and at the time of this report, we had just had a fantastic open day when we invited the Deputy Mayor, local MP, and our supporters to come and take a look. We very much look forward to developing the space and welcoming many families to the Centre.





Fundraising

This year we secured grants and/or donations to fund our work, including from the following organisations:

- Chelmsford Ladies Circle
- Chelmsford Lions Club
- Co-op
- Direct Commercial Limited (local family-run business that sponsors activities including of the summer and autumn schemes, van hire, and school uniform)
- Essex County Council
- John Lewis Charitable Fund
- Just Giving
- MATES FC
- Morrisons
- Riverside Chelmsford Ice Skating Club
- St Mary's Lodge in Braintree

We have also received support and donations from local individuals, schools, churches, and businesses, for which we are very grateful.

A particular highlight in the year was to watch 18 people run (or waddle!) the Maldon mud race to raise funds. Everyone said it was the hardest challenge they had ever done and they finished extremely muddy!



Thanks to the U9 Magpies at Galleywood FC for running a marathon to raise funds.





To raise funds, 10 intrepid Chelmsford City FC fans undertook an arduous 250-mile hike from the top of The Great Orme, Llandudno to Chippenham for the final away game of the season. Some of our children also enjoyed a complimentary trip to watch Chelmsford City FC at the stadium in Melbourne.

We have been invited on several occasions to Morrisons (Regiment Way and Beaulieu in Chelmsford) to talk to customers about food poverty and raise awareness of the work our charity does. We were overwhelmed by the amount of pre-packed bags of essential food items customers bought.



New City Voices sang all afternoon in Higher Chelmer Shopping Centre to raise funds, and it was lovely to see the local community enjoying the event.

From October 2024, members of three local Co-op supermarkets and one local Co-op funeral home could donate to our charity when they made purchases.

In January 2025, we found out we had been chosen as charity of the year for Barratt Homes Eastern Division, and we look forward to spending time with their team over the next year.



Community Projects

Poverty continues to have a profound impact on the children and young people in our communities across Essex and as they are at the heart of the organisation, our Community Projects aim to improve their health, social, and mental well-being. We recognise we need to support them as a group of families rather than just individuals, to give them a sense of community.

To respond to community members urgently in need of our support we have been:

- Conducting home visits to talk to the parents so we can fully understand that support they need.
- Regularly supplying and distributing fresh and dry food parcels and hygiene packs (and providing emergency supplies where needed).
- Helping families with their utility bills to ensure they have heating and electricity.
- Providing school uniform including garments with school logos, Clark's school shoes, school bags and supplies for children returning to school.
- Providing support at Christmas time including providing presents, parties, and delivering turkey hampers full of everything necessary to make a Christmas dinner and some extras.
- Organising "community based" projects to bring them all together as families.

Coffee Mornings

We have continued to hold our coffee mornings once a month in a local church hall. This event remains an important part of our projects, as it gives us a chance to engage with our families and children. We are able to listen to them and give support, advice, and guidance.

Before the event, we order fresh fruit and vegetables so every family in the project can take some home with them. Families also have the opportunity to browse the donated clothes, books, food, and toiletries, and children are occupied by the art and craft activities set up around tables.

Where possible, we try and hold a coffee morning during school half terms as we know they are expensive and so we offer a free morning for parents to talk to one another and a chance for children to play in a safe environment.

After School club

Our after-school club continued to be very popular. We invited the most vulnerable children in our project to come to a local church hall every Wednesday during term time from 4:30pm-6pm. The children enjoyed a wide range of activities, such as crafts, petting animals, playing games, and a picnic in the garden. They were also offered a healthy dinner during each session. A couple of highlights included time aboard the Little Legs Bus, which has ball pools, slides, cargo nets and squeeze through rollers and a trip to a local bowling alley.



Baby and Toddler Group

Due to the success of our baby and toddler group, we continued to hold sessions every Wednesday in a local church hall and invite children in our project aged 0-4 years old to attend. Refreshments are always provided with a range of activities to stimulate the children.

Fun Day Out

In January, we took a group of children to Marsh Farm who thoroughly enjoyed learning about the animals and spending time in the playground. Members of our Youth Forum came and made sure the children had a great day out.



Easter

Over 80 children enjoyed hunting for eggs around a local church garden while their parents relaxed with a hot drink provided by members of the Youth Forum. A staggering 197 eggs were kindly donated by two local supermarkets and one organisation.

Colouring competitions and decorating Easter baskets kept all the children busy for the morning.



Summer Scheme

This year we had 3 fantastic days out with the children in our project.

Those children aged between 4 and 8 years old were taken, together with members of our Youth Forum, Volunteers, and our Project Leaders, by coach to Colchester Zoo. Here the children enjoyed a fun day looking at the animals and enjoying the activities. Every child enjoyed a picnic and a drink, as their family had been given a supermarket voucher to buy the items.

The second day out was to Walton on the Naze. Two coaches of excited children and their families enjoyed picnics, a play in the park, and then time on the beach. Children loved splashing in the sea, collecting shells, and building sandcastles. Again, we gave every family of a child going on the trip a supermarket voucher so they could buy lunch and a drink.

Our last day out was to a local park where families could enjoy a picnic whilst members of the Youth Forum and volunteers kept the children entertained with games.



October half term

The children had two wonderful days at a local school where they enjoyed a range of activities including learning about exotic animals, art and crafts, cake decorating with spooky colouring, a scavenger hunt with their own microscopic pots, a Halloween party with an entertainer, bubble machine and games. This was all done with their face painted by some of our volunteers.

Members of the Youth Forum attended to “buddy up” to a younger child and offer them support throughout the day.

All children received a party bag to take home containing a colouring book and pens.



Harvest Festival

We had a fantastic response to our Harvest Festival appeal and received donations from many individuals, local schools, and organisations.



As a charity we understand that winter - and especially Christmas time - can be a challenging time of year for our families, both financially and emotionally. We try to take away as much of this burden as we can.

Below are several initiatives we ran over the winter period:

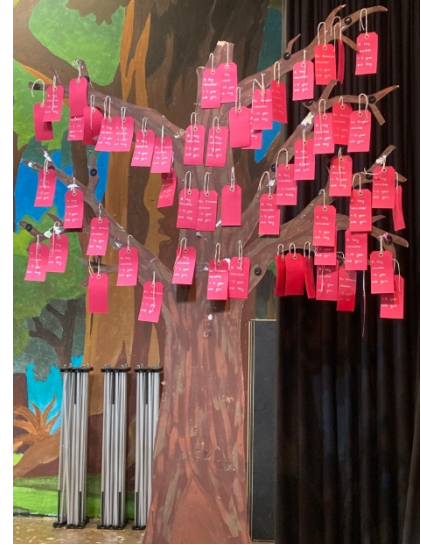
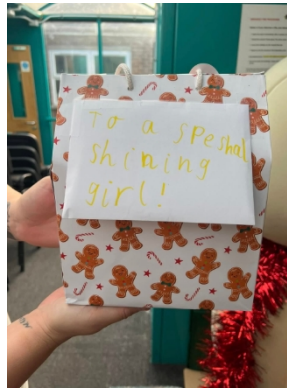
Reverse advent calendar

Due to the success of the reverse advent calendars in previous years, we decided to ask our supporters for these again. They were delivered to our families and meant they could have a few luxuries as well as some staple items for the Christmas period.



Pyjamas and coats

Families at a local school were invited to take a label from one of the gift trees and buy pyjamas for a child in our project. Families also donated coats, which were laid out at one of the coffee mornings, so that each child within the project had a coat to see them through the cold months.



Christmas Lunch

Thanks to the help of volunteers and the Youth Forum, each family received the ingredients to make the perfect Christmas lunch: turkey, potatoes, carrots, parsnips, Brussels sprouts, gravy, stuffing, and a dessert. They also received some Christmas treats, advent calendars, biscuits, chocolates, and crackers.



Every family also received a Christmas hamper thanks to the generosity of our helpers.

Presents



Thanks to kind donations from our Amazon wish list, individuals, local businesses, and schools, the young children in our project were given a present and a box containing toys, art and crafts, and toiletries. The older children received a voucher and a bag of goodies.

Christmas party

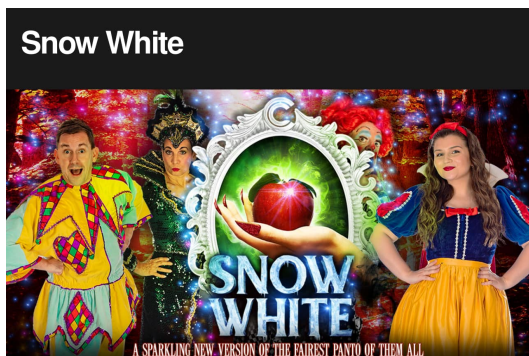


The children had a wonderful Christmas party organised by the Youth Forum. They enjoyed games and food and had a visit from Father Christmas and his Elf who gave them each a selection box and a present.

Help with utility bills

As we have seen in previous years, energy bills continue to be of great concern to the families on our project. We therefore gave each family a contribution to their bills, so they were able to keep their heating on during the coldest time of year.

Pantomime



We took 32 very excited children to see Snow White at the local theatre. Everyone had a great time and were treated to a bag of treats, a drink and a glow wand to wave.



Education

As the price of uniform and school supplies continued to be very expensive and many of our families cannot afford such items, we maintained our school uniform project. Each child received a new pair of school shoes and items of branded school uniform. In addition, we have provided school equipment where needed.

These items are really important to the children, as it makes them feel the same as their peers and helps them to reach their full potential.





Our organisational objective is to help children and young people, enabling them to reach their full potential. One of the ways we achieve this is to provide volunteering opportunities for local young people, including those who have become disengaged, aged 13 – 18, which enables them to learn key skills and builds their confidence to take on new challenges.

Some of the Youth Forum activities:

- Helped to set up coffee mornings and run the activities.
- Looked after a child during our summer scheme.
- Looked after a child during our October half term scheme.
- Helped to fill, label, and deliver Christmas boxes to the families.
- Organised and ran the Easter and Christmas parties for the children.

Meet The Trustees



Tess Griggs

Sarah Bonamy



Sheryl Perry



The Trustees

The Little Edi Foundation trustees are a team of unpaid volunteers - their time and knowledge come at no expense to the charity - all the donations and funds raised go straight to the charity.

They take responsibility for using the resources efficiently, achieving measurable results and being accountable to the supporters, partners, people, and most of all, the children, with whom the charity works.

Principal address:	585 Galleywood Road Chelmsford CM2 8BS
Type of governing document:	Constitution adopted 19 th September 2016 and amended on 27 th June 2022.
How the charity is constituted:	CIO - Foundation
How trustees are appointed:	Trustees are appointed in trustee meetings.
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves (full policy available upon request):	The charity has a reserve of £10,000 for reasons such as to fund any unforeseen expenditure, unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, and short-term deficits.
Details of any funds materially in deficit:	None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full name: Tess Griggs

Position: Chair

Date: 29 January 2026

2026



Balance Sheet

Little Edi Foundation As at 31 March 2025 Cash Basis

31 MAR 2025

Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

Computer Equipment	349.00
Total Tangible Assets	349.00

Total Fixed Assets	349.00
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Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand

200 CLUB	7,855.68
Little Edi Account 1	28,518.01
Total Cash at bank and in hand	36,373.69

Prepayments	3,250.00
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Total Current Assets	39,623.69
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Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accounts Payable	(300.00)
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Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(300.00)
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Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	39,923.69
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	40,272.69
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Net Assets	40,272.69
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	3,939.78
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Retained Earnings	36,332.91
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Total Capital and Reserves	40,272.69
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Profit and Loss

Little Edi Foundation

For the year ended 31 March 2025

Cash Basis

2025

Gross Profit

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Administrative Costs

Amazon purchases	941.68
Charity subscriptions	546.45
Clothing	841.25
Entertainment-100% business	830.96
Food Purchased	9,882.90
General Expenses	12,047.23
Insurance	615.58
IT Software and Consumables	269.17
Light, Power, Heating	4.41
Motor Vehicle Expenses	4,157.09
Printing & Stationery	75.89
Project Help	12,876.14
Project/activity taxis	4,407.92
Rent	5,432.50
Repairs & Maintenance	670.32
Rounding	3.45
Telephone & Internet	415.19
Travel - National	410.00
Utilities Help	830.00
VAT	78.00
Wages	15,216.90
Total Administrative Costs	70,553.03

Operating Profit

(70,553.03)

Other Income

Charitable and Political Donations	74,492.81
Total Other Income	74,492.81

Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

3,939.78

Profit after Taxation

3,939.78



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Little Edi Foundation

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025 (5 April 2025) **Charity no
(if any)** 1169242

Set out on pages

1 & 2
(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed: 

Date: 25/01/26

Name: Vicky Coffman

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

FCCA

Address:

Viewpoint Accountants Ltd
Saxon House, 27 Duke St
Chelmsford, CM1 1HT

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE – TESS GRIGGS

Welcome to our 6/4/23 – 5/4/24 annual report.

We have had another very busy year. An increase in referrals, particularly from Social Services and Social Prescribers (via GP surgeries), resulted in a rise in numbers in our project. We have responded to the individual needs of our families and extended our project work.

We continued to operate from Parkside Community Hub in Melbourne, as this enabled us to be closer to the community we were working in.

It would be impossible to make a note of all of the activities we have carried out this year as there have been so many, but we hope this report gives you an insight into our work in the community.

Thanks must be given to our manager, project leaders, Youth Forum, volunteers, and trustees who enabled us to grow and support the Essex community.

T. Griggs



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Fundraising

This year we secured grants and/or donations to fund our work, including from the following organisations:

- Albert Hunt Trust
- Chelmsford Ladies Circle
- Cunningham family
- Direct Commercial Limited
- Essex Community Fund
- Essex County Council
- Essex Freemasons
- Hutchinson MJE
- John Lewis Charitable Fund
- Just Giving
- Local Giving
- Morrisons
- Multiply
- Rotary Phoenix

In addition, we received the most generous donations from individuals, schools, churches, and businesses.

We continued to benefit from the winning streak of Rebel Racing's racehorse called "Little Edi", as we received the owners' winnings.

Boreham Boot sale



Project leaders and their children were up at 5am to get ready to sell donated items at the Boreham boot fair in the summer. They worked really hard and managed to raise £148 for our food bank and community projects.

Charity Race Night

We hosted a charity race night at a local pub to raise money for our projects. We invited our supporters, friends, family – and those already in the pub – to join us in making bets on the horse racing and buying raffle tickets. The night was enjoyed by all and successfully raised funds for our project.



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- Providing support at Christmas time including providing presents, parties, and delivering turkey hampers full of everything necessary to make a Christmas dinner including crackers and extras.
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Community projects Continued

Coffee Mornings

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Before the event, we order fresh fruit and vegetables so every family in the project can take some home with them. Families also have the opportunity to browse the donated clothes, books, food, and toiletries, and children are occupied by the art and craft activities set up around tables. And of course it wouldn't be a coffee morning without some refreshments!

After School club

We have continued to host an after school club every Wednesday during term time from 4:30pm-6pm in a local church hall. The most vulnerable children in our project are invited to attend, and the invite list is rotated to give as many children as possible the chance to come. The children enjoy a wide range of activities, such as crafts, petting animals, playing games, and a picnic in the garden. This year the after school club has also treated the children to trips, including to paint ceramics, the cinema, Chelmsford Museum and Marsh Farm.



Community projects Continued

Baby and Toddler Group

This year we launched our baby and toddler group, which we hold every Wednesday in a church hall and invite children in our project aged 0-4 years old to attend. This is not only to allow the children to come to play and socialise, but it gives their carers the chance to meet up with other people with children of a similar age and, hopefully, have a moment to take a breath!

Courses

Our families were offered the opportunity via Multiply to attend courses including budgeting and cooking on a budget.

The budgeting course covered:

- creating a household budget
- finding an energy supplier
- understanding and challenging bills
- comparing the price of food and other household goods
- deciding between bank accounts

The cooking course covered:

- learning how to feed the whole family with tasty and affordable meals.
- budgeting tips you can apply in the kitchen.
- learning how to cook homemade meals on a reduced budget.
- practical lessons on cooking.



Community projects Continued

Easter

This year our Youth Team help set up and run our monthly coffee morning, which nicely coincided with Easter. The children had great fun finding all the eggs hidden in the garden, enjoyed activities set up on tables, were able to each pick a book that had been donated by a local school, and took home a goodie bag. We also run a successful raffle, with the proceeds going towards our projects.

Summer Scheme

This year we had three fantastic days out with the children in our project.

Those children aged between 4 and 8 years old were taken, together with members of our Youth Forum, volunteers, and our Project Leaders, by coach to Marsh Farm. Here the children enjoyed a fun day looking at the animals and enjoying the activities at the Farm. Every child enjoyed a picnic and a drink, as their family had been given a supermarket voucher to buy the items.

Those children aged between 8 and 12 years old were taken, together with a “buddy” from the Youth Forum, volunteers, and our Project Leaders, by coach to Frinton-on-Sea to enjoy a memorable day out at the beach. The children found great amusement playing with beach toys, cricket, kites, footballs, shell collecting, and of course having a paddle. The children also enjoyed a sandcastle competition and created some amazing designs. Again, we gave every family of a child going on the trip a supermarket voucher so they could buy lunch and a drink.

Our last day out was to a local park where families could enjoy a picnic whilst members of the Youth Forum and volunteers kept the children entertained with games.



Community projects Continued

October half term

For those children who needed a little extra support, we had two wonderful days at a local school where they enjoyed lots of activities, sports, and play. Members of the Youth Forum buddied up with the young children and helped run the activities with much enthusiasm and energy.

Harvest Festival

With help from many local schools and organisations, together with many individual donations, we were able to stock our food cupboards for Harvest Festival.

Gaming bus

We hired a gaming bus so twelve of our older children could enjoy two hours of uninterrupted gaming. The children chose from a vast range of games on Xbox, PS5, Switch, a racing simulator and gaming PC.



Community projects Continued

As a charity we understand that winter - and especially Christmas time - can be a challenging time of year for our families, both financially and emotionally. We try to take away as much of this burden as we can.

Below are several initiatives we ran over the winter period:

Reverse advent calendar

Due to the success of the reverse advent calendars last year, we decided to ask our supporters for these again and we were not disappointed. This meant that every family received a box full of useful items for the Christmas period.



Pyjamas and coats

Families at a local school were invited to take a label from one of the gift trees and buy pyjamas for a child in our project. Families also donated coats, which were laid out at one of the coffee mornings, so that each child within the project had a coat to see them through the cold months.



Community projects Continued

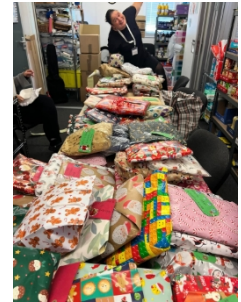
Christmas Lunch

With the help of many supporters and the Youth Forum, we delivered to all our families a fresh turkey, all the trimmings, and a dessert, for Christmas dinner.



Presents

The young children in our project were given a present and a box containing toys, art and crafts, and toiletries. The older children received a voucher and a bag of goodies.



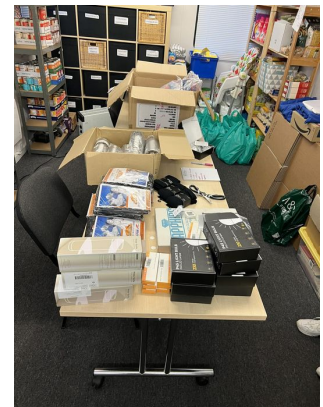
Christmas party

The children had a wonderful Christmas party organised by the Youth Forum. They enjoyed games and food and had a visit from Father Christmas who gave them a present. The children also received an advent calendar, sweets, and balloons.



Winter Essentials

Due to the success of last year's winter essentials initiative, we repeated it this year. Families were given a bag containing winter essentials including lightbulbs, socks, thermals, flasks, doorstops, thermometers, and hygrometers. New families to our project received a bumper bag to help them through the colder months.



Community projects Continued

Help with utility bills

When we asked the parents in our project if they needed help with their gas and/or electricity bills, 98% had £5 or less on their meters, or had gone onto an emergency supply. We therefore gave each family £50 to put on their meters in December, January, and February, to help them to keep the heating on during the coldest time of year.

Pantomime

We took thirty-two very excited children to see Jack and the beanstalk at the local theatre. For many this was the first time in a theatre and the first time they had seen a pantomime. They all enjoyed dancing and singing along and shouting and booing in all the right places!





Uniform and school supplies continue to be very expensive and many of our families cannot afford such items. We have therefore maintained our school uniform project, with each child receiving a new pair of school shoes and items of branded school uniform. In addition, we have provided school equipment where needed. With the kind donation from a local organisation, children at secondary school received a laptop and we purchased a printer for each of them.

These items are really important to the children, as it makes them feel the same as their peers and helps them to reach their full potential.





Our organisational objective is to help children and young people, enabling them to reach their full potential. One of the ways we achieve this is to provide volunteering opportunities for local young people, including those who have become disengaged, aged 13 – 18, which enables them to learn key skills and builds their confidence to take on new challenges.

Some of the Youth Forum activities:

- Helped to set up coffee mornings and run the activities.
- Looked after a child during our summer scheme.
- Looked after a child during our October half term scheme.
- Helped to fill, label, and deliver Christmas boxes to the families.
- Organised and ran the Easter and Christmas parties for the children.

Meet The Trustees



Tess Griggs



Sarah Bonamy



Sheryl Perry

The Trustees

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(Joe Land was a trustee during the period covered by this report and resigned in October 2023.)

Principal address:	585 Galleywood Road Chelmsford CM2 8BS
Type of governing document:	Constitution adopted 19 th September 2016 and amended on 27 th June 2022.
How the charity is constituted:	CIO - Foundation
How trustees are appointed:	Trustees are appointed in trustee meetings.
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves:	The charity has a reserve of £10,000 for reasons such as to fund any unforeseen expenditure, unforeseen day-to-day operational costs, and short-term deficits.
Details of any funds materially in deficit:	None.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature:

Full name: Tess Griggs

Position: Chair

Date: 3rd February 2025



Profit and Loss

Little Edi Foundation

For the year ended 31 March 2024

Cash Basis

	2024	2023
Gross Profit	-	-
Administrative Costs		
Amazon purchases	2,627.29	-
Charity subscriptions	446.00	-
Clothing	-	5,910.00
Courses/activities	25,272.26	33,111.00
Donations	-	896.00
Entertainment-100% business	284.30	-
Food Purchased	11,309.33	3,186.00
Insurance	460.58	456.00
IT Software and Consumables	-	482.00
Light, Power, Heating	409.44	335.00
Motor Vehicle Expenses	3,869.71	4,550.00
Printing & Stationery	82.78	95.00
Project Help	1,541.37	-
Project/activity taxis	1,426.87	-
Rent	7,231.71	8,495.00
Rounding	9.52	-
Sundry	-	944.00
Telephone & Internet	100.66	-
Travel - National	-	1,090.00
Utilities Help	5,392.48	-
Wages	23,770.66	-
Total Administrative Costs	84,234.96	59,550.00
Operating Profit	(84,234.96)	(59,550.00)
Other Income		
Charitable and Political Donations	47,376.84	96,554.00
Total Other Income	47,376.84	96,554.00
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	(36,858.12)	37,004.00
Profit after Taxation	(36,858.12)	37,004.00

Balance Sheet

Little Edi Foundation

As at 31 March 2024

Cash Basis

	31 MAR 2024	31 MAR 2023
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand		
200 CLUB	7,868.28	8,976.48
Little Edi Account 1	28,464.63	64,241.55
Total Cash at bank and in hand	36,332.91	73,218.03
Total Current Assets	36,332.91	73,218.03
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	36,332.91	73,218.03
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	36,332.91	73,218.03
Net Assets	36,332.91	73,218.03
Capital and Reserves		
Current Year Earnings	(36,858.12)	37,004.00
Retained Earnings	73,191.03	36,214.03
Total Capital and Reserves	36,332.91	73,218.03

Sarah Bonamy
SARAH BONAMY
4/2/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity name
The Little Edi Foundation

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2024 (5 April 2024) **Charity no
(if any)** 1169242

Set out on pages

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as number of pages the page numbers of each page should be

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date: 31/2/2025

Name: Vicky Coffman

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

ACCA

Address:

Viewpoint Accountants Ltd
Saxon House, 27 Duke St
Chelmsford, CM1 1HT

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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LITTLE EDI FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1169242

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ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023

Little Edi Foundation

Charity No. 1169242





A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE – TESS GRIGGS

Welcome to our 22/23 Annual report.

This year has been a year of growth. Our income rose due to grant funding, generous business links and donations from supporters.

Community wise, due to the cost-of-living crisis we saw a 62% rise in professional referrals in our services.

Our move to Parkside Hub Melbourne allowed us to work in the heart of our community vastly expanding our services and activities.

Thanks must be given to our Trustees, staff, Youth Forum and volunteers, who enabled us to grow and support the Essex community.

T. Griggs



About Us

About the Little Edi Foundation

Founded in 2016, the Little Edi Foundation is an Essex based non-profit where children and young people are at the heart of the organisation. Our organisational objective is to help children and young people have equal access to education and learning development, enabling them to reach their full potential. One of the ways we achieve this is to provide volunteering opportunities for disengaged young people from Essex, which enables them to learn key skills and build their confidence to take on new challenges.

During the pandemic, the Little Edi Foundation responded to community needs across Essex, prioritising supporting families from Essex, who are most vulnerable to the virus and its impacts.

These families lacked the financial and emotional support we felt was needed and so we launched our community projects – which continue to grow, develop, and thrive.



Using the knowledge gained in the 2021/2022 grant writing course, this year we concentrated on using the skills to create successful grant outcomes, as a direct result of this we managed to secure grants from the following organisations:

- Morrisons Supermarket
- Masonic Charitable Foundation
- Essex County Council
- Albert Hunt Trust
- Essex Community Fund
- John Lewis Plc
- Chelmsford Round Table
- Rotary Club
- Ladies Circle



Presentation at The
Masonic Hall Shenfield

Fundraising continued

- E.C.C. winter warmer
- Essex Association
- E.C.C. winter grant
- Barratt Development
- Global Essence
- Viewpoint Accountants
- Cunningham LEF horse
- Widford Parish
- St Paul's Parish
- The Essex Alliance



Morrisons Grant

On top of the grants obtained we also received the most generous donations from individuals and businesses. A special mention needs to be made for Rebel Racing, who named a racehorse “Little Edi” and donated all the owners’ winnings.



← “Little Edi” winning
their second Race

Tess and Jockey Hayley Turner →





Community Projects

As children and young people are at the heart of the organisation, our Community Projects aim to reduce the ongoing detrimental impact of COVID-19 to the health, social and mental well-being of children and young people in our communities across Essex. We recognised we needed to support them as a group of families rather than just individuals, to give them a sense of community.

To respond to community members urgently in need of our support we have been:

Regularly supplying and distributing fresh and dry food parcels and hygiene packs (and providing emergency supplies where needed).

Providing school uniform including garments with school logos, Clark's school shoes, school bags and supplies for children returning to school (please see below for more information).

Delivering turkey hampers full of everything necessary to make a Christmas dinner including crackers and extras to all the families in the project.

Organising "community based" projects to bring them all together as families.

Community projects Continued

Coffee Mornings

Once a month a Coffee Morning is held in the local church hall.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are ordered in for every family in the project invited to attend. Donated clothes for adults and children, books, food, and toiletries are laid out for families to choose from. Tables are set up with art and craft supplies to occupy the children, enabling the adults the opportunity to chat to other parents in the project. Refreshments are provided for everyone. This event has become an important part of the project, as it gives us a chance to engage with our families and children and listen to them. We often have a guest from other local charities and support systems to provide advice and assistance where necessary.



New books and Stocking fillers available for the families at our coffee mornings

Washing Machine

Our brand-new washing machine arrived thanks to the generosity of the company Smol. Parents in our project now have full access to this with washing detergent and softener supplied and the use is completely free of charge. We ensure no family struggles with laundry due to broken machines, or because they have no money for the meter or detergent.

Waiting for the clothes to wash gives parents the opportunity to chat, and many have wanted to volunteer at the same time.



Community projects Continued

Courses

Our families have been offered the opportunity via Multiply to attend courses including budgeting and cooking on a budget. Those that completed both courses were rewarded for their time and effort with either a new slow cooker or air fryer, thereby putting their newly learned skills into action.

The budgeting course covered:

- creating a household budget
- finding an energy supplier
- understanding and challenging bills
- comparing the price of food and other household goods
- deciding between bank accounts



The cooking course covered:

- learning how to feed the whole family with tasty and affordable meals.
- budgeting tips you can apply in the kitchen.
- learning how to cook homemade meals on a reduced budget.
- practical lessons on cooking.



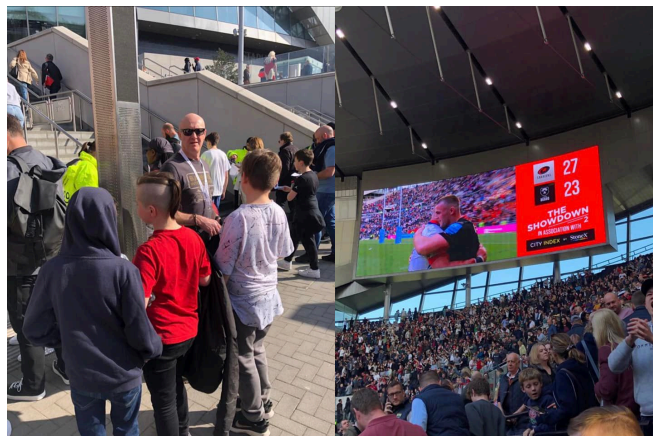
Additional courses offered to our families were:

- Coping with anxiety
- Managing an abusive relationship

Community projects Continued

Rugby trip

A group of parents, children, and volunteers joined Chelmsford Rugby Club as their guests for the day to watch Saracens vs Bristol at Tottenham Hotspurs stadium. All the children had an amazing day out and received goody bags and food as part of their day. The money for this trip was raised by Chelmsford Rugby Clubs U13's squad.



Community projects Continued

CHP Chelmsford Housing Partnership were generous enough to offer us a volunteer day – they came for a site visit at the unit and fixed the office panelling and painted it too. They also installed the washing machine, removed a sink, built shelves, filled in holes in the walls and generally gave the unit a spruce up. We were exceptionally grateful for all their team’s volunteered hours to help us make the unit a more comfortable environment for our team and the families we support.



Community projects Continued

As a charity we understand that winter - and especially Christmas time - can be a challenging time of year for our families, both financially and emotionally. We try to take away as much of this burden as we can.

Below are several initiatives we ran over the winter period:

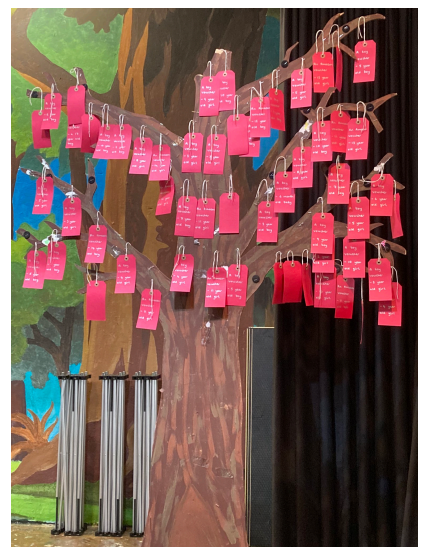
Reverse advent calendar

As part of our ongoing fund and resources raising, we decided to try reverse advent calendars instead of asking for donations - these were a huge hit with our sponsors resulting in every family being able to be given a box full of useful items for the Christmas period.



Widford Lodge

Families at Widford Lodge School were invited to take a label from one of the gift trees and buy either a toy voucher, an Amazon voucher, or a supermarket voucher. Vouchers were then collected and distributed to families within the project. Families also donated coats, which were laid out at one of the coffee mornings, so that each child within the project had a coat to see them through the cold months. A couple of months later, the families of Widford Lodge School donated items for our bed poverty campaign, which included pillows, duvets, covers, and blankets.



Community projects Continued

Christmas Lunch

With the help of many supporters, we delivered all our families a fresh turkey and all the trimmings for Christmas dinner thanks to the Phoenix Rotary club Chelmsford.

Some of our Youth Forum, who had broken up from school early, came to help by packing the boxes and taking them to volunteers' cars.



Presents

All children received a present, with older children receiving a voucher. Stocking fillers were set out on tables at the last coffee morning and parents were invited to fill their own children's stockings.



Parties

We held two Christmas parties, one was organised by the Youth Forum, and another was sponsored by Morrisons.

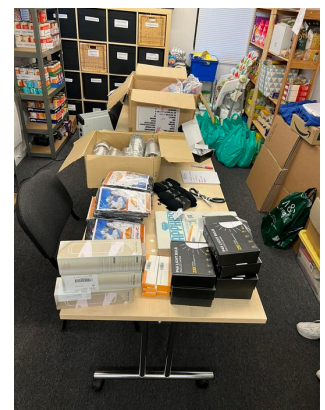
Christmas biscuit treat

All families received a Christmas biscuits treat from Cake Initiative, which put a smile on many faces.



Winter Essentials

Families were given a bag containing winter essentials including lightbulbs, socks, thermals, flasks, doorstops, thermometers, and hygrometers. In addition, we distributed donated electric blankets and extra food hampers to families with the greatest need.



Community projects Continued

Award Ceremony

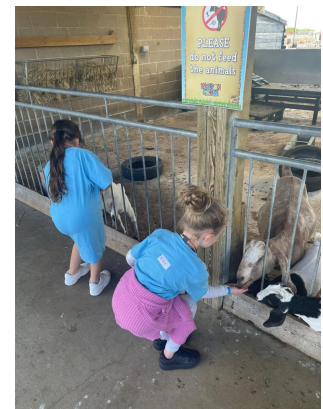
An awards ceremony was held at Hatfield Peverel Village Hall to say thanks to all the volunteers and supporters of the Little Edi Foundation. Without them we would not be able to run the day-to-day activities to help the community.

Churches, businesses, and adult and youth volunteers were all nominated and present as well as the Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford.





Due to the impact of local children missing education opportunities during lockdown, the Little Edi Foundation launched its first ever Summer School in July 2020. Due to its success we decided to make it an annual event. We offered the children on our project aged 3-13 years old 1:1 tuition with an experienced schoolteacher offering them the opportunity to go over any areas of difficulty. In addition, during the Summer School the children were able to partake in activities including sports, mindfulness, arts and crafts, an animal petting zoo, a trip to the seaside, and picnic and play events.

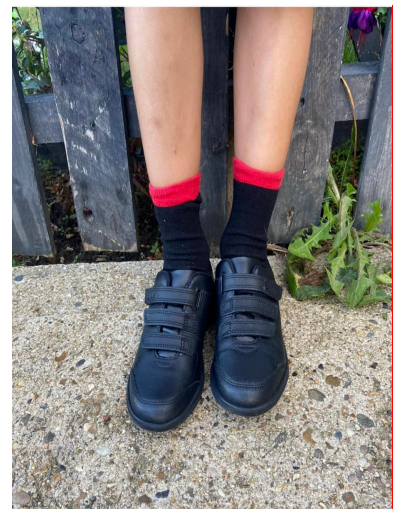


All children were offered transport, and packed lunches were all paid for by our local sponsor.



Following feedback from our families in 2020, research showed there is very limited financial support in Essex for school uniform, for example, statutory grants are only available in exceptional circumstances.

To better support local children and young people, we set up a school uniform project to raise funds and provide emergency financial support for those in need. This year we have successfully raised sufficient funds to buy new school uniform for all the children in our project - including shoes. This is especially important to the children, as it makes them feel the same as their peers and helps them to reach their full potential.





Youth Development

Our organisational objective is to help children and young people, enabling them to reach their full potential. One of the ways we achieve this is to provide volunteering opportunities for disengaged young people from Essex, which enables them to learn key skills and builds their confidence to take on new challenges.

We continue to create new opportunities for disadvantaged and disengaged young people to get involved in social action. Some of the activities volunteered for:

- Each member of our Youth Forum took care of a child at summer school.
- Helped fill, label, and deliver Christmas boxes to the families.
- Assisted at coffee mornings and activities.
- Organised activities to raise money for all children in the project to receive advent calendars.
- Organised and ran Easter and Christmas parties for the children.



Meet The Trustees



Tess Griggs

Sarah Bonamy

Joshua Brown



Sheryl Perry



Jo Land

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/04/2022	To	31/03/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	59,165	-	-	59,165	31,594
Fundraising	959	-	-	959	4,029
DBS Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Aid Trip Contributions	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	36,430	-	-	36,430	19,627
<i>AR)</i>	96,554	-	-	96,554	55,250
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	96,554	-	-	96,554	55,250
A3 Payments					
Stationery	95	-	-	95	856
DBS Checks	-	-	-	-	-
Event Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Aid	33,111	-	-	33,111	16,888
Clothing	5,910	-	-	5,910	6,507
Donations	680	-	-	680	-
Just Givin Costs	216	-	-	216	216
Promotional material	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	456	-	-	456	389
Motor	4,503	-	-	4,503	4,076
Parking	47	-	-	47	28
Professional	-	-	-	-	-
Purchases	3,186	-	-	3,186	1,761
Rent	8,495	-	-	8,495	6,367
Light & Heat	335	-	-	335	607
Repairs	-	-	-	-	2,267
Sundry	944	-	-	944	213
Computer	482	-	-	482	126
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Travel	1,090	-	-	1,090	799
<i>Sub total</i>	59,550	-	-	59,550	41,100
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	59,550	-	-	59,550	41,100
Net of receipts/(payments)	37,004	-	-	37,004	14,150
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	36,187	-	-	36,187	22,037
Cash funds this year end	73,191	-	-	73,191	36,187

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	64,215	-	-
	Current Account	8,976	-	-
	Cash		-	-
	Total cash funds	73,191	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Tess Griggs		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SARAH BONAMY	28/2/24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
The Little Edi Foundation

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1169242

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2023**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

28/02/24

Name:

John Charman

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

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Address:

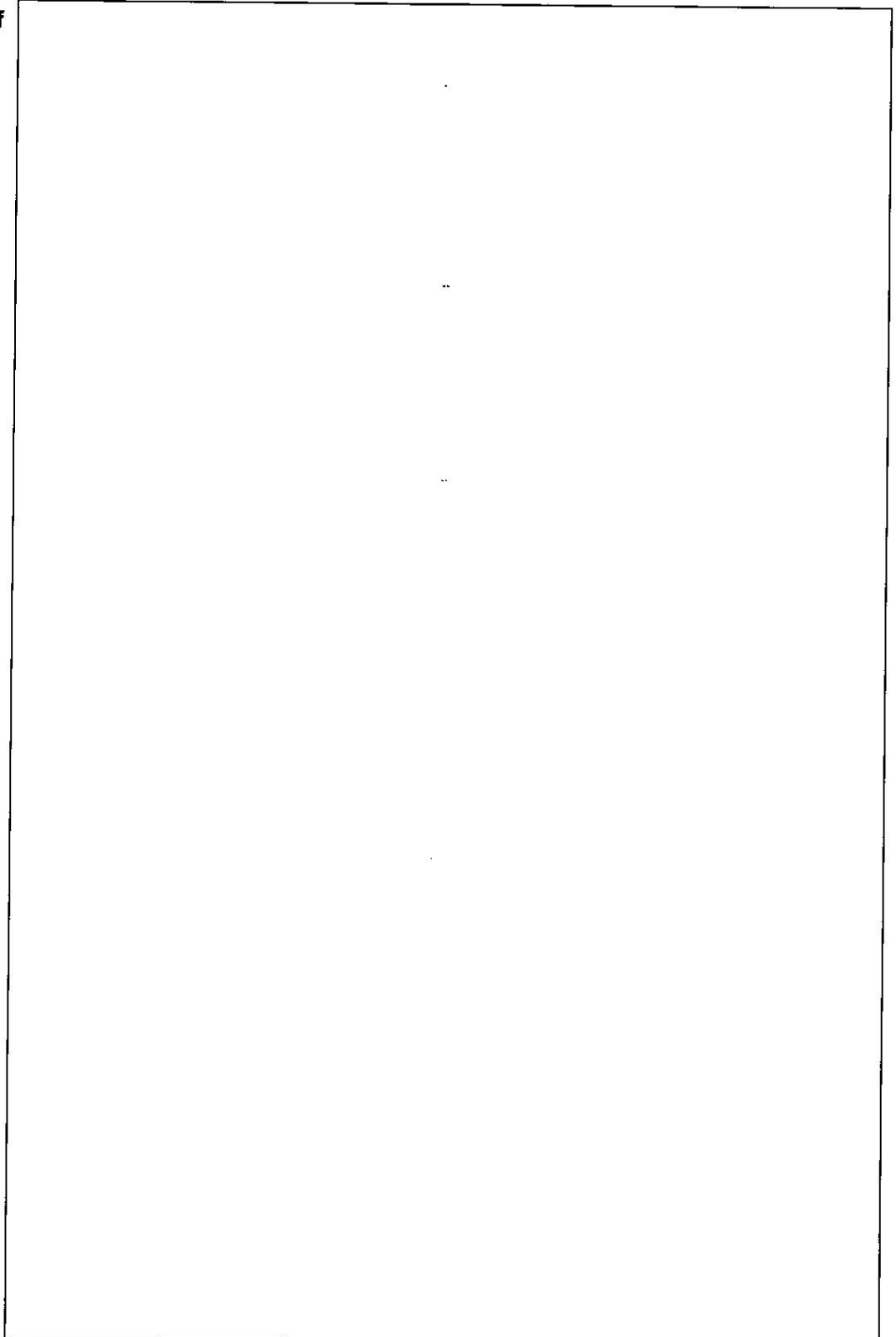
Unit 3A, Thames Enterprise Centre

Princess Margaret Road

East Tilbury, Essex, RM18 8RH

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ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

Little Edi Foundation

Charity No. 1169242





A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE – TESS GRIGGS

Welcome to our 2021/2022 Annual report.

I can look back with pride and know this was the year that Little Edi Foundation began to emerge. We took the step to move to a larger premises and through endless networking and community work, we began to get noticed in the Essex area.

This brought us a wonderful sponsor who allowed us to push on with our projects with financial backing, donations were up and we were successful with our grants.

Our team of volunteers and youth helpers grew and parents within the project took on roles within the foundation voluntarily.

Our charity ethos of 'paying it forward' and a 'sense of community' were becoming the reality. I couldn't do any of this without the backing of the Trustees who work so hard behind the scenes.

Tess Griggs

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "T. Griggs". The signature is stylized and written over a white rectangular background.



About Us

About the Little Edi Foundation

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During the pandemic the Little Edi Foundation responded to community needs across Essex, prioritising supporting families from Essex, who are most vulnerable to the virus and its impacts.

Unable to travel because of covid restrictions still in place and delivering food parcels and supplies during lockdown, a group of families were identified as needing more support,

These families lacked financial and emotional support from the government and their children were suffering because of it. We felt our help was needed.

Our Community Project was born.



Fundraising

With covid restriction still in place, fundraising had been impossible, the Little Edi Foundation previously relied on many Charity events to bring in the much-needed revenue, our new Community project would need regular financial support.

With the help of charities such as Fareshare, Co-op Local Community Fund and local grants from Essex County Council and Chelmsford Borough Council, we could continue supplying the community with food and hygiene supplies. A member of the Trustees took a course in Grant Writing to enable us to apply for larger grants outside of local government. With this experience we won large grants from Arnold Clark Community Fund and the National Lottery Community Fund.



Food donated through local supermarkets through Fareshare



Fundraising

The Little Edi Foundation Van donated by our local sponsor

A local sponsor took an interest in the charity and all the work we were doing for their local community.

They pledged future financial support, with this support amongst many other activities, we were able to fund a new unit to run the charity from, this enabled us to take deliveries in and somewhere for donations to be dropped off.

They also recognised we needed transport to help deliver food and donations, they funded the lease of a new sign written van.



The new Little Edi HQ and unit to store food, clothes and accept donations



Community Project

As children and young people are at the heart of the organisation, our **Community Project** aims to reduce the detrimental impact of COVID-19 to the health, social and mental well-being of children and young people in our communities across Essex. We recognised we needed to support them as a group of families rather than just individuals, to give them a sense of community.

To respond to community members urgently in need of our support we have been:

- **Regularly supplying and distributing fresh and dry food parcels** and hygiene packs.
- **Distributing school supplies** and activity books to facilitate at home learning.
- **Providing school uniform** including garments with school logos, Clarke's school shoes, school bags and supplies for children returning to school. This enables them to feel the same as their peers and reach their full potential.
- **Delivering 75 Turkey Hampers** full of everything necessary to make a Christmas dinner including crackers and extras to all the families in the project.
- **Organising "community based" projects** to bring them all together as families.



Community Project

Once a month a Coffee Morning is held in the local church village hall.

Fresh fruit and vegetables are ordering in for every family on the project invited to attend, clothes for adults and children that have been donated are laid out for families to choose from.

Books, and an art table are supplied to occupy the children and refreshments are provided for everyone. It gives us a chance to engage with our families and children and listen to them. We often have a guest from other local charities and support systems to provide help and advice and assistance where necessary.



Education

At the Little Edi Foundation, we believe every child deserves equal access to education.

Unfortunately, during the pandemic many children were unable to attend school and missed out on key opportunities to learn and develop

It came to our attention that many of the families on our project had no access to a home computer to attend home schooling in lockdown, we secured a donation of 50 laptop computers so all the families on the project could attend home classes.

Once back in school they could be used for homework.



Laptops donated and refurbished by a local technology company free of charge.



Education

Due to the impact of local children missing education opportunities during lockdown, the Little Edi Foundation launched its first ever Summer School in July 2020. Due to its success we decided to make it an annual event. We offered the children on our project aged 3-13 years old, 1:1 tuition with an experienced schoolteacher offering them the opportunity to go over any areas of difficulty. Over 5 days the children got to partake in activities including sports, mindfulness, arts and crafts and an animal petting zoo.



All children were offered transport for the week and packed lunches all paid for by our local sponsor.



The Foundation secured a donation of 6000 books from another local charity, the Ihezi Foundation.

We used some for a community library for our youth forum to run. The remaining were offered to local libraries and schools



Following feedback from our families in 2020, research showed there is very limited financial support in Essex for school uniform, for example, statutory grants are only available in exceptional circumstances.

In order to better support local children and young people, we set up a school uniform project to raise funds and provide emergency financial support for those in need. This year we have successfully raised sufficient funds **to buy new school uniform for all the children on our project**

Youth Development

Our organisational objective is to help children and young people enabling them to reach their full potential. To achieve this, we provide volunteering opportunities for disengaged young people from Essex, to learn key skills and building their confidence to take on new challenges.

Although our youth activities have been limited throughout the pandemic, we continue to create new opportunities for disadvantaged and disengaged young people to get involved in social action. Some of the activities volunteered for:

- Each member of our Youth Forum took care of a child at summer school
- Helped fill, label and deliver Christmas boxes to the families
- Assist at coffee mornings and activities
- Organise cake sales and other activities to raise money for all children on the project to receive advent calendars.



Meet The Team



Tess Griggs

Sarah Bonaney

Joshua Brown



Paul Karcheski.

Celia Catchpole

The Trustees

The Little Edi Team are a team of unpaid Volunteers, their time and knowledge comes at no expense to the charity, all the donations and funds raised go straight to the charity.

They take responsibility for using the resources efficiently, achieving measurable results and being accountable to the supporters, partners, people, and most of all, the children and communities with whom the charity work with.



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	4/1/2021	To	3/31/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Donations	31,594	-	-	31,594
Fundraising	4,029	-	-	4,029
DBS Contributions	-	-	-	-
Aid Trip Contributions	-	-	-	-
Grants	19,627	-	-	19,627
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	55,250	-	-	55,250
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	55,250	-	-	55,250
A3 Payments				
Stationery	856	-	-	856
DBS Checks		-	-	-
Event Costs		-	-	-
Aid	16,888	-	-	16,888
Clothing	6,507	-	-	6,507
IT		-	-	-
Just Givin Costs	216	-	-	216
Promotional material		-	-	-
Insurance	389	-	-	389
Motor	4,076	-	-	4,076
Parking	28	-	-	28
Professional		-	-	-
Purchases	1,761	-	-	1,761
Rent	6,367	-	-	6,367
Light & Heat	607	-	-	607
Repairs	2,267	-	-	2,267
Sundry	213	-	-	213
Computer	126	-	-	126
Training		-	-	-
Travel	799	-	-	799
Sub total	41,100	-	-	41,100
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	41,100	-	-	41,100
Net of receipts/(payments)	14,150	-	-	14,150
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	22,037	-	-	22,037
Cash funds this year end	36,187	-	-	36,187

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	27,711	-
	Current Account	8,476	-
	Cash		-
	Total cash funds	36,187	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
			-
			-
			-

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

Signature	Print Name

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Last year

to the nearest £

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-
3,088
6,000
25,358

-
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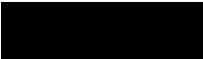
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191
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17,061
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216
-
325
217
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21
2,196
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-
13
-
168
107
22,271

-

22,271

3,087
-
18,950
22,037



Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Endowment funds

to nearest £

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name The Little Edi Foundation

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2022 Charity no (if any) 1169242

Set out on pages

1 & 2 (remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 03 / 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 29/12/2022

Name: Kristian Coles

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

MAAT (AAT)

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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LITTLE EDI FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1169242

Accounts



2020- 2021

ANNUAL REPORT



THE
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A message from our Director, Tess Griggs

Welcome to our 2020/2021 Annual Report- this year has been particularly difficult for everyone, and I am extremely proud to be able to share with you everything we have achieved at the Little Ed Foundation to help our local community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Due to restrictions caused by COVID-19, fundraising has been almost impossible having a severe impact on our income. Although our annual income has reduced by 25%, we have been awarded over £15,000 from a number of grant-giving organisations. Thanks to this, and the generous donations of our fantastic supporters, we have been able to provide vital support to our local community through our COVID-19 Community Relief Programme.

I am proud of the difference we have made to the lives of local families this year, and continue to make across our local community - none of this would have been possible without our amazing and hard-working team of volunteers, Youth Team and Trustees. Thank you!



About the Little Edi Foundation

Founded in 2016, the Little Edi Foundation is an Essex based non-profit where children and young people are at the heart of the organisation. Our organisational objective is to help children and young people have equal access to education and learning development, enabling them to reach their full potential. To achieve this, we provide volunteering opportunities for disengaged young people from Essex, to learn key skills and building their confidence to take on new challenges.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in the UK, the Little Edi Foundation has worked quickly and tirelessly to respond to community needs across Essex. We have rapidly adapted our activities to prioritise supporting children and young people from Essex, who are most vulnerable to the virus and its impacts.

Since March 2020, we have and continue to respond to vital community needs through our COVID-19 Community Relief Programme. This includes supplying and distributing parcels of food and other essential items and working to counteract the negative impact the pandemic has had on our local children's education.



COMMUNITY RELIEF

As children and young people are at the heart of the organisation, our **COVID-19 Community Relief Programme** aims to reduce the detrimental impact of COVID-19 to the health, social and mental well-being of children and young people in our communities across Essex.

To respond to community members urgently in need of our support we have been:

- Regularly supplying and distributing fresh and dry food parcels and hygiene packs.
- Distributing school supplies and activity books to facilitate at home learning.
- Supporting our local food banks by donating food, hygiene packs and clothing.
- Shopping for essential items and medication for those who are unable to or have difficulty leaving their homes.
- Providing support for parents and carers who are confused by the government's guidance surrounding COVID-19.
- Writing weekly letters to local elderly care home residents.
- Tidying up the gardens of local elderly residents who are shielding and unable to leave their homes.

We have been able to achieve all of this through utilising our existing local network of schools, charities, community centres and churches.



COMMUNITY RELIEF

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw children and their families facing hunger due to loss of employment, reduced income, difficulty obtaining government benefits and lack of supplies at local food banks.

As part of our COVID-19 Community Relief Programme we have delivered **over 1,500 food parcels** (including fresh fruit and vegetables) to over **175 disadvantaged children** and their families living in the most deprived areas in Essex. Our food parcels are carefully put together considering the individual needs of each household, for example, family size and childrens' ages.



Tess Griggs preparing our fresh and dry food parcels for local children and their families across Essex.



As part of our COVID-19 Community Relief Programme, we have partnered with local green grocers, restaurants, food banks and supermarkets through Fareshare, to reduce child hunger across our county. During October Half Term 2020, we **partnered with 4 local businesses to provide 700 meals to over 40 households.**



In December 2020, we partnered with local businesses to help provide a **Christmas dinner and presents for over 50 local children** and their families.

EDUCATION

Our Summer School Project

At the Little Edi Foundation, we believe every child deserves equal access to education. Unfortunately, during the pandemic many children were unable to attend school and have missed out on key opportunities to learn develop. According to the Institute of Fiscal Studies, "*school closures are almost certain to increase educational inequalities*".

In order to reduce this impact on the education of local children, the Little Edi Foundation launched it's first ever Summer School in July 2020. We offered 26 children, aged 3-13 years old, from vulnerable and disadvantaged families, to have 1:1 tuition with an experienced primary school teacher over the course of a week- offering them the opportunity to go over any areas of particular difficulty. This event also included sports activities, mindfulness and arts and crafts.



Due to its success, our Summer School will be returning next summer in 2021.



EDUCATION

Our school uniform project

As part of our COVID-19 Community Relief Programme we set up a feedback session with the parents of the children we have been supporting, asking them specifically about any needs or concerns they may have. An overwhelming majority of parents expressed concerns about affording school uniform.

Following this feedback, we did some research and were shocked to learn that there is very limited financial support in Essex for school uniform, for example, statutory grants are only available in exceptional circumstances.

In order to better support local children and young people, we set up a school uniform project to raise funds and provide emergency financial support for those in need. This year we have successfully raised sufficient funds **to buy new school uniform for 29 disadvantaged local children.**





YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

UK Youth Development Project

At the Little Edi Foundation, we aim to enable the development of key skills that help young people towards pathways into education, training and employment, building the confidence to take on new challenges.

Although our youth activities have been limited throughout the pandemic, we continue to create new opportunities for disadvantaged and disengaged young people to get involved in social action.

In response to the pandemic, our Youth Team have focused on creating projects that bring people together and combat loneliness. To achieve this, the Youth Team set up a pen pal project to connect with elderly residents at local care homes, and help those shielding and most vulnerable to COVID-19 to maintain their gardens.



The Youth Team enjoying a day out to help gardening at a local care home in Essex.



Our Trustees

We have a dedicated team of Trustees who volunteer their time and expertise to ensure the success of our work and the safety of our team and beneficiaries.

Meet the team!



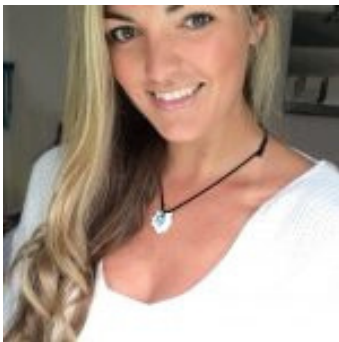
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Little Edi Foundation

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2020	To	31/03/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	932	-	-	932	16,970
Fundraising	15,338	-	-	15,338	24,525
DBS Contributions	-	-	-	-	60
Aid Trip Contributions	3,088	-	-	3,088	3,630
Grants	6,000	-	-	6,000	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,358	-	-	25,358	45,185
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,358	-	-	25,358	45,185
A3 Payments					
Stationery	1,498	-	-	1,498	228
DBS Checks	191	-	-	191	160
Event Costs	-	-	-	-	5,936
Aid	17,061	-	-	17,061	22,637
IT	-	-	-	-	115
Just Givin Costs	216	-	-	216	234
Promotional material	-	-	-	-	105
Insurance	325	-	-	325	-
Motor	217	-	-	217	-
Parking	2	-	-	2	-
Professional	300	-	-	300	-
Purchases	21	-	-	21	-
Rent	2,196	-	-	2,196	-
Sundry	13	-	-	13	-
Training	168	-	-	168	-
Travel	107	-	-	107	-
Sub total	22,271	-	-	22,271	29,415
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	22,271	-	-	22,271	29,415
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,086	-	-	3,086	15,770
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,950	-	-	18,950	3,180
Cash funds this year end	22,036	-	-	22,036	18,950

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	20,636	-	-
	Current Account	1,400	-	-
	Cash		-	-
	Total cash funds	22,036	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
The Little Edi Foundation

On accounts for the year ended

31st March 2020

Charity no (if any)

1169242

Set out on pages

1 & 2

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2020**.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Independent examiner's statement

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

06/01/2022

Name:

Kristian Coles

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

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