



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



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. 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.

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, Clarkes 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.



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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Little Edi Foundation

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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

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

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

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

	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 £

932
15,338
-
3,088
6,000
25,358

-
-

25,358

1,498
191
-
17,061
-
-
216
-
325
217
2
300
-
21
2,196
-
-
13
-
168
107
22,271

-

22,271

3,087
-
18,950
22,037



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
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OK

**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

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**Current value
(optional)**

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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)**

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Set out on pages

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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 / 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").

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:

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.