

SHAREWEAR CLOTHING SCHEME

England & Wales · Charity number 1170084

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-08

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE RELIEF OF HARDSHIP AMONG PEOPLE IN NEED, BY PROVIDING SUCH PERSONS WITH CLOTHING, BEDDING AND ANY OTHER SUCH SUITABLE EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES WHICH THEY COULD NOT OTHERWISE AFFORD THROUGH LACK OF MEANS.

Activities: Sharewear Clothing Scheme provides free high-quality clothing and bedding to people living in poverty. In addition to our support of individuals experiencing hardship, we also divert tons of clothing which might otherwise have ended up in local landfill thus having an immediate and direct positive impact on the environment.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Derbyshire
- Lincolnshire
- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire
- Sheffield City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£154,815	£125,176	-	-
2024-10-31	£171,298	£161,893	-	-
2023-10-31	£114,927	£122,636	-	-
2022-10-31	£172,942	£138,946	-	-
2021-10-31	£91,477	£81,474	-	-
2020-10-31	£57,024	£40,578	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark Damian Taylor	Chair	2025-11-01
Alison Latham		2023-03-13
Claire Dunn		2026-03-10
David Paul Robinson		2025-08-01
Lindsey Ulanowsky		2024-03-10
Ruth Parry-Rawlins		2025-03-10
SARAH SINCLAIR		2016-10-24

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Accounts

Sharewear Clothing Scheme
(Registered charity, number 1170084)
Annual Report and Financial statements
for the year ended 31 October 2025

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Sharewear Clothing Scheme Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 October 2025

Full name Sharewear Clothing Scheme

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1170084

Principal address

Unit 15 Roseway House, Wheatcroft Business Park, Landmere Lane, Edwalton,
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Trustees

Mark Taylor, Chair, from 01/11/25	Stephen Ramsden
Ruth Parry Rawlins, Secretary, from 10/03/25	
Sarah Sinclair, Treasurer	David Robinson, from 01/08/25
Lindsey Ulanowsky	Alex Hiller, Chair, until 01/11/25
Alison Latham	Karen Veness, Secretary, until 11/03/25

Independent examiner

Eva Stevens, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41
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Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 8 November 2016 and most recently amended 14 July 2020.

Sharewear Clothing Scheme is a CIO governed by a Board of 7 trustees who are responsible for setting the charity's strategic direction and ensuring compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. Trustees meet regularly and oversee financial performance, safeguarding and risk management. The current Board of Trustees does not include members who have experienced clothing poverty, Sharewear recognises this as a priority in trustee recruitment.

New trustees are recruited from existing volunteering and ambassador networks, through informal expressions of interest and advertising on charity job sites and the charity's social media pages. Prospective trustees are invited to attend a Board meeting prior to joining and are subsequently inducted through meeting informally with fellow trustees, operational staff and volunteers and familiarising themselves with the charity's governing document, annual reports and relevant policies.

The charity is supported by 6 part-time paid members of staff (3.3 WTE) 52 on-site volunteers and 9 community volunteers whose dedication and commitment are essential to service delivery.

Objectives and activities

Sharewear Clothing Scheme exists to alleviate clothing poverty by providing good quality donated pre-loved clothing, footwear and bedding free of charge to people in

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need. Our beneficiaries are people of all ages who are experiencing clothing poverty including babies, children, adults and older people. By ensuring access to appropriate clothing, shoes and bedding, Sharewear Clothing Scheme helps individuals maintain dignity and wellbeing and the ability to participate fully in everyday life.

The objects of our CIO are:

The relief of hardship among people in need, by providing such persons with clothing, bedding and any other such suitable equipment and services which they could not otherwise afford through lack of means.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

During the reporting year, Sharewear Clothing Scheme has continued to respond to sustained and growing demand for clothing support, driven by ongoing cost-of-living pressures affecting individuals and families across our community.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

Service Delivery (November 2024- October 2025)

REFERRAL ACTIVITY (IN PERSON AND CLICK AND COLLECT)	
6616 People supported	Individuals and families accessed essential clothing and bedding through trusted referral pathways, ensuring timely and dignified support.
111,792 Items provided (clothing/bedding)	From warm winter coats to everyday essentials, each item distributed represents practical help delivered when it mattered most.
229 Referral partners	Working alongside schools, health services, charities, local authorities and corporate supporters, our partnership network enables us to respond efficiently and responsibly to community need.

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- Wednesday on-site referral sessions continue to be extremely popular, providing beneficiaries of Sharewear Clothing the opportunity to browse and select high quality donated items from clothing rails for themselves and family members. These vital sessions align with our aim to provide the dignity of clothing choice within the items that we have available.
- Over 200 organisations currently refer to us. Many are long-standing however we have also been delighted to work with many more organisations this year including; P3 – Derbyshire Probation Services and Remidi Criminal Justice Practitioners, who run restorative schemes for prisons, schools and teenage crime, DivineDees Youth Support, Restorative Notts, S.H.E UK, Thames Reach Employment Academy, The autism and learning disability key working service, Tuvida, University of Nottingham Student Union, Mount Zion Food Bank and Trent Compassion Trust- who provide individual orders upon prison release.
- We are extremely grateful to the many support workers who attend to collect bespoke 'Click & Collect' orders that have diligently been put together by our Referral staff and volunteers, for beneficiaries who are unable to attend in person. Our team aims to provide suitable items such as character pyjamas or tops, trying their best to meet the needs or 'wish list' of the families where possible. This is thanks not only to the generosity and thoughtfulness of our clothing donors but also the many brands who provide their bulk un-sold clothing to us.

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(Left) Simon from Framework Charity collects an order from Referral Co-Ordinator Sarah. Our Click and Collect service enables us to widen our reach supporting people who are unable to attend our Referral sessions in person.

(Right) School polo shirts are amongst our most in-demand items.

OUTREACH (DELIVERIES TO PARTNER ORGANISATIONS)	
5 counties served	Deliveries of Sharewear Clothing were made to organisations across Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire, South Yorkshire and Cheshire , ensuring vital items reached communities throughout the region.
16,618 People supported via Outreach	Through trusted local partnerships, individuals and families accessed essential clothing and bedding within their own communities.
30,269 Items of clothing/bedding provided	From emergency essentials to seasonal support, each item distributed helped meet immediate need with dignity and care.
137 Outreach partners	Working alongside community organisations, schools, charities, health services and local agencies to expand access and strengthen local support networks.

- This reporting period saw our Out-Reach service expand to serve 4 counties.

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- In Leicestershire, HMP Fosseway was one of our new Out-Reach partners. We also doubled the amount of clothing items sent to Leicester Hospitals during this reporting period. This was in part enabled by a new brand partnership, allowing us to send more new clothing- our June delivery providing enough items for 680 people. Our outreach work with NACRO in Notts also continued as did our work with Jericho Road, Nottingham providing tailored out-reach orders for women in prison.



‘When a child is admitted to hospital, having clean, comfy clothes matters’- Outreach partner feedback

Out-Reach Co-ordinator Jo and Driver Andrew deliver an order of 42 bags of essentials for children of varying ages who arrive in by ambulance to the ED of Bassetlaw Hospital, Nottinghamshire.

- In Derbyshire we provided clothing to the Radbourne Mental Health Unit and in South Yorkshire our deliveries also continued to Barnsley Hospital, where 40 people per month receive Sharewear Clothing support. HMP Styal Cheshire recently had a delivery of clothing for 85 people.
- We continue to serve a large number of Out-Reach partners across Nottinghamshire. Schools out-reach work includes our seasonal Prom Wear – ‘Make Prom Fair’ campaign, this year we delivered 70 Prom outfits to local schools for their students to try on and discretely choose from. Uniform items are being delivered to local schools by one of our volunteers and we are also supporting OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) projects at 5 local schools 169 items of outdoor coats and wellington boots have been provided in order to allow every child to be able to participate in outdoor play activities as lack of suitable outdoor clothing was preventing some children from previously taking part.

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“We would just like to say a huge thank you for the wellies! It’s really appreciated. These will be great for our OPAL play” (Outdoor Play and Learning)- School Feedback

Supporting Activities

Corporate Partnerships

- Membership of our ReLived scheme continues to empower businesses to take positive action for their Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) strategy. We produce a quarterly newsletter to keep ReLived partners updated with the initiatives and successes and there has been an increase in uptake of corporate volunteering opportunities from our new ReLived partners, many of which we and they have celebrated via social media.
- Long-standing partnerships with many businesses and brands continue to flourish and we have been thrilled to welcome several new brands who are providing us with their excess and end of line stock in order to help us to continue to serve our clothing beneficiaries.
- Brand partners, ReLived partners & Schools helped us to support people living in clothing poverty with their generosity and thanks to their engagement in our cause they have become very much part of our wider Sharewear Community taking part in fundraising activities, supporting our seasonal clothing donations initiatives such as Manuary and Secret Pants-a, volunteering on-site and providing us with much needed signage at our premises.

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Campaigning for change

- Raising awareness of Clothing Poverty through our annual Clothing Poverty Awareness Week each June remains central to our mission. By highlighting the issues faced by lack of access to appropriate clothing we aim to continue improving the lives of as many people as possible through our social media channels and local and national media coverage.

10 FACTS ABOUT CLOTHING POVERTY



- Our team attended a knowledge-exchange event at the conference *Social Justice: Reimagined, Repoliticised, Realised* at Nottingham Trent University, in June 2025, bringing Sharewear Clothing Scheme together with delegates from NTU, Amnesty International, University of Manchester and UNICEF Child Friendly City, Nottingham City Council. During the event researchers shared powerful testimony gathered through interviews with beneficiaries of Sharewear clothing. We remain grateful to those who seek to ensure that the implications of and complex issues associated with Clothing Poverty gain wider coverage.

- Seasonal clothing donation campaigns also continue to run annually allowing many more young people to attend their school prom with our 'Make Prom Fair' appeal for formal wear and 'Manuary' to encourage more male specific clothing donations which are always in short supply and continue to pose a significant barrier to the numbers of men that we are able to help.

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Empowering Volunteers

- A team of 52 dedicated regular onsite volunteers and 9 community volunteers are vital to our continued service delivery and success. The current total onsite and community **volunteering hours** that this currently stands at is a staggering **188 hours per month!** We simply could not run our vital services without this amazing contribution to our mission.
- We encourage wider engagement within our volunteer team and they have been instrumental in leading on new initiatives such as our *Bare Necessities* fund, which allows us to purchase additional basic essential items such as socks, underwear, baby vests and school polo shirts which are constantly required by our beneficiaries. Unfortunately it is not always possible to supply these items in sufficient quantities from stocks of our pre-loved clothing donations.
- On our team are 14 volunteers who have lived experience of clothing poverty as beneficiaries of Sharewear Clothing and we are thrilled that they have chosen to continue their journey with us as volunteers. They are not only a valued part of our community but also help ensure that our service provision is meeting the needs of those seeking our clothing support.
- Where funding allows, we continue to create employment opportunities and are proud that all 6 of our employees are former volunteers and have been recruited internally from within our Sharewear team.

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(Left) A mum referred to us was delighted when volunteer Catherine helped her to find matching items for her 7 year old twins during one of our Wednesday sessions.

(Right) Positive feedback from a clothing beneficiary.

Environmental Sustainability

- Sharewear Clothing Scheme continues to be the space where clothing poverty meets clothing waste. The amount of clothing donated to us in weight during the reporting period was a staggering **82,592 kg**. This provided both a sustainable source of high quality pre-loved clothing and bedding for our beneficiaries whilst also diverting a huge amount of textiles from entering landfill.

Clothing Donations - Nov 2024 - Oct 2025	
94.3% of clothing received from individual donors	77,833.3 kg
3.2% of clothing donated by Brand Partners	2687.2 kg
2.5% of clothing donated by ReLived Partners & Schools	2072 kg

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Trustees Lindsey & Sarah (with help from our friends !) collected 88.7kg of sought after hoodies discarded at the start line of the Robin Hood Half Marathon in September

Fundraising Activities

- We are incredibly grateful to our staff, volunteers and supporters who continue to hold fundraising events on our behalf including coffee mornings, church collections, Quiz evenings, clothing swaps, litter picks, music evenings, walking and running challenges. Our annual Sweatember events providing a particular focus for the physical challenges!



Key Achievements

Improving Lives

- We continued to provide a dignified, non-judgemental service focused on choice and respect.
- During the reporting period Nov 24 - Oct 25, Sharewear Clothing Scheme reached beneficiaries from all age groups supporting **13,766 adults** and **9,468 children**

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through our Referral and Outreach services. In total **23,234 people** benefitted from access to free high quality Sharewear clothing.

- Feedback from beneficiaries and partner organisations demonstrates the positive impact of the service, including reduced financial pressure, improved wellbeing, increased participation and restored confidence and dignity.

“I can’t believe it, it’s absolutely fab! I’ve just sent a message out to our team, they all have to bring their young people” - Support Worker, Leaving Care Team

Environmental Impact

- During this reporting period Sharewear Clothing Scheme **diverted 82,511kg of textiles** from entering landfill. The positive environmental impact of our work is the estimated offset of 288 t CO₂e equivalent to the annual emissions of 65 cars according to the latest data provided by WRAP UK.

Employment Opportunities

- The newest members of our employed team are Emily, who is our Fundraising and Development Manager and Ahmed, who is our Operations Assistant. These posts have been newly created this year following our Founder and CEO Louise Cooke, stepping down in April 2025 after 11 years of dedicated service.
- We are proud to be able to continue to offer employment opportunities to members of our Sharewear Community. Emily & Ahmed were both long-standing volunteers on our team and in the short time since their respective appointments they have both quickly immersed themselves into their new roles.



(L to R) Sharewear Staff Team- Hayley, Andrew, Ahmed, Emily, Jo & Sarah

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Strengthened Partnerships

- **Referral Partners** have risen from 190 to 229 active referrers, **increasing by 21%**. Not only are we improving people's lives, but we are improving the work of our referral partner organisations too. The impact of this work cascades into the wider community.
- We significantly extended our Outreach into Prisons, Probation Teams and Nacro services across the Midlands, Yorkshire and Cheshire. We also extended our reach into hospitals within the same region, some of which focuses on specific children's wards.
Outreach partnerships have increased from 108 to 137, which also represents **an increase of 21%**. We have also been able to provide an international charity; Aid to Gambia with summer stock, primarily ladieswear. This is an area of stock that we know to be plentiful on an ongoing basis.
- At the end of the reporting year we were delighted to have **7 ReLived partners and 7 linked schools**. We are particularly proud of the success of this initiative which has grown significantly over the past year. We are also extremely grateful to receive invaluable on-going support from businesses and community organisations who provide everything from the premises that we occupy, signage directing people accessing our referral sessions, logistical help and the provision and hosting of our multi-site clothing donation containers.
- This year we were fortunate to be supported by **16 brands** who align their social responsibility and sustainability policies with our mission. Donations of their unsold stock and end of line and excess clothing this year provided us with 2687.2 kg of clothing and textiles. This generosity enabled us to reach many more people with much sought after items including coats, socks and underwear.

“What makes this partnership particularly powerful is the dual impact- while we’re addressing the immediate need for clothing among our most vulnerable communities, we’re also tackling the environmental crisis where 10,000 items of clothing enter landfill every 5 minutes” - Funder, Randal Charitable Foundation

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“It’s been really eye opening” Our ReLived partners not only support us with clothing donations, but also volunteer during our busy sessions as part of their commitment to corporate volunteering days.

Future Plans

In the coming year, trustees aim to focus on:

- **Mission** - supporting our operational team in continuing to meet high levels of demand for clothing support ensuring our overarching aim and mission are achieved
- **Outcomes** - setting clear high-level objectives to maintain and improve
- **Commitments** - focusing on areas of priority in order to deliver our outcomes and ensure support reaches those most in need
- **Measures** - further developing our Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and evaluating key metrics to inform future strategic planning and support long-term financial stability and growth.



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Financial review

We ended this financial year with a surplus of £29,639 with an income of £154,815 and expenditure of £125,176. Our initial projection of £140,000 expenditure for the year was reassessed in March 2025 due to our CEO unexpectedly leaving the organisation and expected expenditure was revised to £120,000. Actual expenditure slightly exceeded this due to the recruitment of two more employees during the latter part of this reporting period.

At the end of another very busy year, our cash funds were £113,445 meaning that we had remained consistent and stable in our financial position in comparison to previous years.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains 6 months of reserves to ensure continuity of services and manage financial risk. At the end of the reporting period, unrestricted reserves stood at £100,180, which trustees considered appropriate to cover essential operating costs and short-term uncertainties.

Financial risks

The trustees regularly review the risks faced by the charity. Key risks include increased demand for services, funding uncertainty and reliance on donated clothing.

The risks are mitigated through regular review of our financial position to ensure we maintain appropriate reserves, actively working with our Fundraising and Development Manager to seek and support funding and fundraising opportunities appropriate to current priorities, building and stewarding strong partnerships, supporting our Operational team where required.

Acknowledgements

Every item donated, every hour volunteered and every contribution given helps to ensure that people facing clothing poverty can access the support they need. Whether you have donated clothing, supported us financially, fundraised, run, walked, baked cakes, held an event within your group or local community, knitted items, held a Secret Pants-a collection at work, to all the brands donating stock, businesses providing us with services, advice and support, our referral, corporate, ReLived and Out-reach partners, churches and community centres who provided space for our clothing containers, people who volunteer their time to help, ambassadors who network on our behalf. To our funders, donors, volunteers and partners, thank you for being part of our Sharewear Community:

Aldridge Traffic Solutions
Amazon EMA Fulfilment Centre
Ashbrook Junior School, Borrowash
Bamboo Clothing
Bulwell United Reform Church
Burton Joyce Residents (Sally)
Caroline Waller (London Landmarks Half Marathon)
Character.com
Conscious Closet

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CPMG Architects
Cub Rocks
Daniel Simpkins (Robin Hood Half & Royal Parks Half Marathon)
Donald Ward Ltd
Duchess Garden Knit & Knatter
East Midlands Airport Community Fund
Elliot Lodge, Nottinghamshire Freemasons
Experian
Freeths
FitJam 2025
Gemini Trust
Get a Better Car
Goldline Events (Robin Hood Half Marathon)
Jess Dobson
J N Derbyshire Fund
The Jones Trust
Joy Rice
Linby-cum-Papplewick School
Lisa Loves Style (Clothing Swap)
Logo Me Up
Lucy Simmons Jewellery
Lyfcycle
Pellacraft
Peoples Postcode Lottery
Pierrepont-Gamston Primary School
Player Layer
Print Media
Matt McFarlane & team (Camino Challenge)
Mick Burrows
Misirli UK
Nottingham Panthers
Nottingham Ice Centre
Nottinghamshire Lieutenancy
Nottingham Trent University (Dr Michele Grigolo and team)
Nuthall W I
Regatta Outdoor Clothing
Ravensworth Rd Methodist Church
Rempstone Steam Fair
Richard Harworth Linen
Richard Binnington Primary School
Robert Mellors Primary School
Rosehill School
Roythornes
Rushcliffe Borough Council Community Fund
ShareGift
Shipleby Country parkrun
Sherwood Forest Hospitals
Skills Coaches
Smalls for All

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Source Bioscience
South Wilford Primary School
St Martins PCC
St Pauls Church Boundary Rd
St Judes Church Mapperley
Sue Beardsley- MorseBags
Sweatember Runners (Lindsey, Mark, Carl, Sarah & Ryan)
Trevor & Jennifer Frost (Sequence Dance Group)
The Fairground
The Jones Trust
The Sherwood Exchange
The Thomas Farr Charity
The William Gunn Public House
Tollerton Primary School
Vale Clearances
Victoria Shopping Centre
Watnall W I
Willow Pre-School
Wheatcroft Business Park
WSO Notts

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Mark Taylor, Trustee

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Message from our Outgoing Chair, Alex Hiller



This past year has been one of substantial transition for Sharewear. The most significant change, of course, was the departure of our founder and Chief Executive, Louise Cooke, last spring. Louise's vision and determination built the foundations on which Sharewear stands today and we remain deeply grateful for the legacy she leaves.

As I look back over the last twelve months, I am struck by the amount of change we have navigated and by the steady, committed way the whole team has responded. Despite the shifting landscape around us, our purpose has remained clear, and our work to relieve hardship for those in need has continued without hesitation. Above all, the strength and character of the people who make Sharewear what it is have shone through.

To our employees

Thank you for your hard work, adaptability and professionalism. It has been inspiring to see Sharewear continue to go from strength to strength because of your commitment. This year we created three new roles: a refreshed Operations Manager post, which Hayley has continued to deliver brilliantly, and two brand new positions — Emily as Fundraising and Development Manager, and Ahmed as Operations Assistant. Alongside Sarah, Jo and Andrew, you are central to Sharewear's success.

To our volunteers - on site and in the community

You remain vital to everything we do. This year, you collectively contributed 188 hours of your time each month - an extraordinary testament to your generosity. It is especially pleasing to see that 14 of our current volunteers are former beneficiaries, and that all six of our employees began their journey with us as volunteers. You are the heartbeat of Sharewear. Thank you.

To our donors, funders and corporate partners

Your generosity has enabled us to respond to rising need with both compassion and agility. Whether you contributed clothing, funding or practical resources, your support has helped us stay true to our values and to divert more than 82,000kg of clothing from the waste stream. Thank you for standing with us when we have needed you most.

To our referral and outreach partners

Your collaboration has been essential. As we adjusted to new leadership and new ways of working, your continued support helped us maintain momentum and reach more than 20,000 people who relied on our help this year. We truly value our partnership with you.

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To my fellow trustees

This year we were very pleased to welcome Ruth Parry Rawlins as Secretary and David Robinson as Trustee. Serving alongside all of you has been a privilege. Your expertise, dedication and calm stewardship have guided Sharewear through a period of considerable change and ensured that the organisation remains resilient and forward looking.

This has also been my final year as Chair of the Board of Trustees. As I step down, I do so with pride in what we have achieved together and with total confidence in Sharewear's future. I am delighted to welcome our new Chair, Mark Taylor, whose experience and passion will help steer Sharewear into its next chapter.

Thank you to everyone - staff, volunteers, donors, partners and trustees - for believing in Sharewear's mission and for the countless acts of kindness that sustain it. I look forward to supporting this work from a new vantage point and to watching Sharewear continue to grow, evolve and change lives.

Message from Incoming Chair, Mark Taylor



Alex's summary of the year demonstrates the critical role Sharewear continues to play in the communities we serve and the scale of positive and profound impact that has been achieved - this is testament to the hard work and commitment of so many people. Given too, the challenging external context in which we will continue to work in service of those needing our support, it highlights the ongoing importance of Sharewear's mission, purpose and work in the year to come and beyond.

I am delighted to be joining such a passionate and talented team - both my colleagues on the trustee board, and our brilliant staff team supported by countless volunteers, donors and partners. As we celebrate our 12th birthday this year, I have every confidence in our future and look forward to playing my part, in whatever way, to ensure Sharewear's continued long term success.

I'd like to record my sincere thanks to Alex for such a warm welcome and a seamless handover and extend too that thanks to everyone across the teams who has made me so welcome. In the coming weeks and months, we will be passionately committed as one team to leading and stewarding Sharewear, identifying opportunities where we can to develop its reach and impact, and ultimately provide even more support to those most in need. I look forward to working with you in 2026 and beyond.

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Thank you to Dr Louise Cooke, Sharewear Clothing Scheme Founder & CEO



This year marked an important moment in our journey as we say thank you to our Founder and CEO, Louise Cooke, who stepped away after 11 years of dedicated leadership and service. What began as a small community idea grew through Louise's vision and passion and the impact on the thousands of lives that she has improved.

We are deeply grateful for the care, energy, and belief that helped bring our Sharewear community together and shape our shared mission. As we look ahead, we carry forward the values on which this charity was built, strengthened by the

people who continue to make this work possible every day. We remain well-positioned for continued success, thanks to our dedicated Operational team, volunteers, trustees, funders and brand, corporate, referral and out-reach partners, donors and supporters.

Sarah Sinclair

Treasurer to the Trustees, Sharewear Clothing Scheme

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Message from our Patron, Professor Veronica Pickering



"I am absolutely delighted to be the Patron of Sharewear Clothing Scheme, an amazing charity who remain at the forefront of clothing poverty alleviation within our community. In a time marked by both challenge and change, we have continued to expand our reach and provide meaningful support to those who rely on our services.

Despite rising living costs and increasing demand, our dedicated staff and volunteer team have worked tirelessly to distribute high quality donated clothing to those most in need. Behind every item provided is a story of restored confidence - a child able to attend school comfortably, a parent attending a job interview with pride, a family facing winter with warmth and reassurance.

This impact is only possible because of the kindness and generosity of our donors, partners, and supporters. Your contributions - whether through financial gifts, clothing donations, or volunteering your time - make a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals.

As we look ahead, we remain focused on sustainable growth, innovation, and deepening our impact within the community. I extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to this vital work."

Professor Veronica Pickering MBS HAC
Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sharewear Clothing Scheme
for the year ended 31 October 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sharewear Clothing Scheme (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

Eva Stevens BSc, CPFA

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2025**

2024				2025
Total		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds		Funds	Funds	Funds
£	Note	£	£	£
Receipts				
235	Bank interest	215	-	215
12485	Fundraising	-	-	-
135433	Grants & donations	259998	49652	109650
-	Return of rent deposit	6500	-	6500
22981	Sales & fees	22401	-	22401
164	Sundry receipts	6221	-	6221
-	Utilities/rates reimbursements	9828	-	9828
171298	Total receipts	105163	49652	154815
Payments				
755	Advertising / promotional	2493	-	2493
2031	Clothing purchases	6498	-	6498
1350	Equipment, repairs & renewals	1562	-	1562
6916	Fundraising & publicity	1874	-	1874
1311	Insurance	780	-	780
479	IT costs	-	-	-
6074	Legal & professional	4864	-	4864
2988	Office / General admin expenses	3577	-	3577
6478	Relocation costs	-	-	-
27657	Rent	-	-	-
1248	Sundry payments	631	-	631
1691	Telephone costs	2166	1578	3744
1175	Travel & accommodation	664	-	664
12799	Utilities	8648	2140	10788
4291	Vehicle expenses	1731	791	2522
84650	Wages, NI & pension	18080	67099	85179
161893	Total payments	53568	71608	125176
9405	Net receipts/(payments)	51595	(21956)	29639
74401	Cash funds at start of this period	49048	34758	83806
-	Transfers between funds	(463)	463	-
83806	Cash funds at end of this period	100180	13265	113445

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Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 October 2025**

2024			2025
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
83547	Bank accounts		113325
259	Cash in hand		120
<u>83806</u>			<u>113445</u>
	Other monetary assets		
4972	Debtors - Prepayments	4	1000
<u>4972</u>			<u>1000</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Laptop, purchased Dec 2020, cost £499		
	General equipment		
	Liabilities		
(3117)	Creditors	5	(7436)
<u>(3117)</u>			<u>(7436)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Date _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Randal Charitable Foundation	-	25152	25152
Gemini Trust	-	20000	20000
Thomas Farr	-	2000	2000
JN Derbyshire Trust	-	2000	2000
Rushcliffe Borough Council	-	500	500
Postcode Lottery	25000	-	25000
Sundry/individual donations	20998	-	20998
Orr Mackintosh Foundation	10000	-	10000
Jones 1986 Charitable Trust	4000	-	4000
	59998	49652	109650

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
OM salary fund	532	-	(532)	-	-
Older persons fund	6181	-	(5514)	-	667
Repair what you wear	3360	-	(3329)	-	31
Womens wardrobe	89	-	(89)	-	-
3 Year expansion funding	17442	25152	(37727)	-	4867
Cost of living fund	7154	-	(7617)	463	-
Ops assistant fund	-	2000	-	-	2000
Shakers/Volunteer uniform costs	-	500	-	-	500
Staff salaries	-	20000	(16515)	-	3485
Van running costs fund	-	2000	(285)	-	1715
	34758	49652	(71608)	463	13265
Unrestricted funds					
General	44605	97963	(49255)	(463)	92850
Designated: ReLived	4443	7200	(4313)	-	7330
	49048	105163	(53568)	(463)	100180

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The transfer from the General fund to the Cost of living fund is to cover the deficit on this activity.

The specific purposes for which these funds are held:

- OM salary – to fund salary for Out-reach Coordinator;
- Older Persons fund – funding for our hospital work- salary & van running costs;
- Repair What You Wear fund – funding to facilitate sessions dedicated to specific upskilling of volunteers;
- Women's Wardrobe – to fund our female only client sessions on Thursdays;
- 3 Year expansion fund – multi- year funding for salaries to enable expansion of our services (now in Y2);
- Cost of Living fund - funding for salaries to enable expansion of our services;
- Ops Assistant fund – fund to pay our Operations Assistant salary;
- Shakers / Volunteers uniforms – fund towards Shakers / Volunteers uniforms;
- Staff salaries – fund allocated towards Staff Salaries;
- Van running costs - fund for maintenance and van running costs.

4. Debtors - Prepayments

	£
Office / general admin (licence)	60
Professional fees (memberships)	187
Vehicle costs (insurance)	566
Fundraising (membership)	187
	<u>1000</u>

5. Creditors

	£
Professional fees (IE fee)	720
HMRC & Pension	1039
Return of rates refund	5677
	<u>7436</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

SHAREWEAR CLOTHING SCHEME

England & Wales - Charity number 1170084

Accounts

Sharewear Clothing Scheme
(Registered charity, number 1170084)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 October 2024

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Sharewear Clothing Scheme Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 October 2024

Full name Sharewear Clothing Scheme

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1170084

Principal address

Unit 8 Roseway House, Wheatcroft Business Park, Landmere Lane, Edwalton, NG12 4DG

Trustees

Alex Hiller, Chair

Karen Veness, Secretary, from 01/07/24

Sarah Sinclair, Treasurer

Alison Latham

Stephen Ramsden

Lindsey Ulanowsky, from 11/03/24

George Hagen, until 08/01/24

Laura Fargher, until 11/03/24

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 8 November 2016 and most recently amended 14 July 2020.

Trustees are recruited either informally, having volunteered with us, having expressed an interest in our work or through responding to a recruitment advert on our social media channels. We have developed a Trustee induction presentation and prospective Trustees who are new to the organisation are invited to attend a Board meeting as a visitor prior to committing to joining.

Objectives and activities

Our Charitable purpose is to provide 'The relief of hardship among people in need by providing such persons with clothing, bedding and any other such suitable equipment and services that they could otherwise not afford due to lack of means'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Our operational team comprises 5 (3.2 WTE) staff and 20 volunteers working at our Client Access and Distribution Centre overseen by a team of 6 volunteer trustees. Service users can select clothing directly from our Client Access Centre either in person or through pre-arranged collections organised on their behalf via our 'Click and Collect' facility. Our distribution, bulk delivery and outreach operate via a separate dedicated service and we continue to work with many local and national organisations across the East Midlands, South Yorkshire and North London, ensuring that our clothing is distributed to as many people as possible in need of Sharewear assistance and support.

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During this reporting period we have continued to highlight the issues surrounding clothing poverty, and raise awareness through interviews in the local and national press alongside our on-going social media campaigns. Our CEO, Louise Cooke, has organised, attended and been involved in several local and national events and was again named as one of the Big Issue Top 100 Changemakers in January 2024.

Between Nov 2023 and Oct 2024 25,736 people were supported with Sharewear Clothing, selecting 166,231 donated items, ensuring that 77.1 tonnes of clothing and bedding were saved from entering landfill as a result. These figures help to illustrate the impact of our work, not only in enabling the Right to Clothing of our service users but also illustrating the true scale of our operations in terms of need and sustainability.

We continue in our mission to ensure that we are the space where Clothing Poverty meets Clothing Waste, campaigning to ensure that everyone has the Right to Clothing.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Statement from the Chair of the Board of Trustees

Sharewear's last operating year was a significant one for many reasons. Our tenth anniversary saw a hugely successful gala dinner in March which was attended by our first Patron, Professor Veronica Pickering, the newly appointed Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, alongside a further birthday celebration attended by many of those who have supported Shareware over the last 10 years. A number of tenth anniversary fundraising events raised further income and awareness, supported in

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no small measure by a number of activities by individuals to raise vital funds. Our work could not continue without the generous support and efforts of you all.

Operationally, a significant focus of the year has been the move to the new premises at Wheatcroft which have enabled us to provide a more efficient and welcoming environment for clients, staff and volunteers alike. The need to recruit and retain volunteers to service levels of demand continues, however. Alongside this there has been some organisational restructuring including the creation of a new Operations Manager role and the appointment of two new members of staff; a driver and more recently a fundraising coordinator, all enabled by the support of our funders and donors. Despite the inevitable disruption caused by the move, over 25,000 individuals were supported over the period by Sharewear. The problem of clothing poverty does not abate, however, and our Chief Executive Louise Cooke, continues to campaign and raise awareness about this critical social issue. Sharewear is uniquely positioned to respond to this crisis and in the process address the significant negative sustainability impacts of clothing by diverting over 77 tonnes of clothing from landfill.

The Board of Trustees have continued to support this work, and we were pleased to welcome Lindsey Ulanowsky and Karen Vennes to the Board. There is a need to further strengthen the membership of the Board of Trustees, and this will be a priority action for us in the short-term. We continue to see the value in recruiting members of the Board from our networks of people who believe passionately in the work that the charity undertakes and who possess particular skills which will ensure there is a wide-ranging expertise in our membership. Potential members are proposed and vetted by the Board and the Chief Executive before being proposed for appointment at the Annual General Meeting. I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow members of the Board of Trustees for that time, commitment and hard work.

This annual report further details the many wonderful activities and developments that have taken place over the course of the last year. Whilst the charity is relatively well-placed financially and in its resource base to continue its work, sustainable funding remains a challenge in developing a long-term strategy to respond to the growing clothing poverty crisis. A focus on securing such funding alongside other sources of revenue such as the ReLived scheme remains a critical priority. However, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are committed to building on the excellent foundations in place to ensure the long term success of Shareware in supporting the most vulnerable in society, and extend our thanks to all those who have supported Shareware, in whatever form that support took, over the course of the last year.

Alex Hiller
Chair of the Board of Trustees

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Summary of the main achievements during the period



The achievements of Team Sharewear are incredible every year, however this reporting year marked a very special milestone for us as we celebrated our 10th Birthday in March 2024. Marking the year was made all the more extraordinary by the amazing lengths our staff, volunteers and supporters went to in not only getting fully behind our 10 for10 fundraising campaign but also pulling off another seamless premises move in August and continuing to provide the dignity of clothing choice to thousands of people. Here are just a few highlights:

November 2023 - Saw the start of an exciting new fundraising collaboration for Sharewear with Run for Charity. Our first event was at Alton Towers 5km where 12 year olds Archie, Hannah & William were Jogging for Joggers- £1,090 was raised, enabling us to purchase 180 pairs of joggers (an additional 20 pairs were also purchased thanks to some generous virtual gift donations), enabling 200 people to have the gift of a functional and comfortable pair of much sought after jogging bottoms in time for Christmas.

During November 2023 – 2,800 people selected 13,596 items of clothing and 7 tonnes of donated items were saved from entering landfill.

Sharewear Founder & CEO Louise Cooke was interviewed by BBC Radio Nottingham talking in particular about the need for male clothing in the region and how the wider community can work together to get essential basic clothing to those who need it. The Sherriff of Nottingham Shaguftah Quddoos paid us a visit, keen to learn more about our work and offer her support.

So many of our supporters give so generously at Christmas time, in **December 2023** we were thrilled with the delivery of hand knitted hats from Hucknall Craft & Chat and Byron Stitchers groups featured at the Hucknall Christmas Tree Festival.

It was wonderful to restart our bulk outreach deliveries to Remar Nottingham, a charity we supported throughout the pandemic lockdowns to get clothing to people in need. Jo transferred her meticulously collated order from our van straight into theirs, so that the adults and children's clothing can be chosen and worn as soon as possible.

Angela from Mansfield Child Protection Team collected their completed order of top up grab-bags for children being taken to safety, enough clothing for 44 children and young people for their first day or two before more clothing can be sourced. Our team members have been working on this order across the last few weeks. Some have

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also purchased the underwear and socks needed to complete the order while we were waiting for the #SecretPantsa donations to arrive. Huge thanks to the social workers supporting these children and to our team and clothing donors for making this vital work possible.

January 2024 - or as we have come to know it at Sharewear- 'Manuary'.

Another frosty referral session today, with 42 people served. Many hats, scarves, gloves, winter boots and warm blankets have been chosen to help our service users through these coldest weeks - in their own homes! However, the favourite find of the day is another of your #Manuary donations. One mother and wife was excited to find a suit to match her husband's measurements! He has been hoping for a suit for special occasions and she believes he will love it.



CEO Louise Cooke was recognised for the second time as one of The Big Issues' Top 100 Changemakers for 2024 for her continued work alleviating clothing poverty. Having previously been honoured in 2020 the timing of this latest recognition was perfect at the start of our 10th birthday celebrations.

WELCOME to the team Andrew! In **February** we added a part-time paid driver to our operations team. Andrew delivers our bulk outreach orders to organisations across the East Midlands, South and West Yorkshire and north London; collecting ReLived by Sharewear donations from subscribing businesses and their 'sponsored' schools; picking up donations from the drop-off points listed on our website, and collecting from those people who currently act as mass collectors for their neighbourhood, such as the Burton Joyce Massive and St Paul's - Boundary Road. #TeamSharewear just

got a little bit bigger!

March marked not only our 10th Birthday, but also saw us host our very first fundraising Gala Dinner. During a fantastic evening of celebration and reflection we welcomed many of our volunteers, partner organisations supporters, corporate partners and fellow collaborators and we were delighted to announce the appointment of our first Patron, Professor Veronica Pickering, the newly appointed Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire at our ten-year gala dinner. We're absolutely thrilled to have Veronica on board and to be the first charity to ever have her patronage. This is particularly exciting as we look forward to the next phase of our development.

The event also marked the premier of our 'Stepping out of the Shadows' ten-year photo exhibition, highlighting the transformative effect that Sharewear Clothing has had on the lives of some of the families we have supported.

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We hosted a further birthday celebration with several of our volunteers founding members who had been unable to attend the dinner as every single person who has been involved at Sharewear over the past 10 years has been part of our legacy and as we look forward to the next stage of our development it certainly seemed fitting to reflect on how far we have come, which would not have seemed possible when we started in a family garage with a few boxes of clothing before moving to a church hall in 2015.



In **April** our monthly ReLived collection day brought in a varied selection of much needed items across the range that literally went straight on to our rails, with much of the stock being chosen by clients the very next day!

The baby and toddler coats from Bluecoat Sixth Form were put straight to use on our rails, and the single bedding sets from Roythornes Solicitors immediately replenished a shelf that had just emptied. Meanwhile the children's and adults clothing from Nottingham Business School, Nottingham Trent University included gold-dust items like brand new joggers and a prom suit.

Our ReLived subscribers are an absolutely essential cog in our wheel alleviating clothing poverty because the clothes brought in by the employees, customers or stakeholders always get put into immediate action as they're processed separately from general donations. There have been times when certain clothing of a certain

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size is needed to finish an outreach order, or for an on-site client who's just missing that one size they really needed, and up pops the missing item in the ReLived clothing being processed!



May 2024

"They only had what they stood up in."

After a heartbreaking forcible eviction a family of 5 across 3 generations are now having to live in a studio bedsit.

Their diligent support worker, who collected the family's order today, praised their resilience despite barriers being placed before them. Including their teenager being excluded from school for not having the correct footwear.

Whilst their support worker is pursuing suitable housing for them our team were able to at least help with suitable clothing, pyjamas and footwear thanks to your generous donations.

With Prom season upon us, our annual 'Make Prom Fair' campaign continues to ensure that more young people are able to attend their school prom thanks to the generosity of our clothing donors in providing prom suitable dresses, shoes, bags and suits. No-one should be denied the opportunity to celebrate their academic achievements due to lack of means and our high quality occasion wear allows referring schools and partner organisations to help us make this happen.

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TO ALL AT SHAREWEAR
WHEN MY DAUGHTER WAS
16 I WAS A SINGLE MUM +
THE PRESSURE CAUSED BY THE
COST OF THE SCHOOL PROM
WAS TERRIBLE
YOU DON'T WANT YOUR CHILD
TO MISS OUT SO YOU DO ALL
YOU CAN TO ENSURE THAT THEY
HAVE THE SAME AS EVERYONE
ELSE, HAIR, MAKEUP, NAILS, SHOES
BAG + ESPECIALLY THE DRESS
WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS
AMAZING

Several exciting events also happened in May including a service of Thanksgiving at St Judes Church Mapperley and Fundraising Football Match between Tophouse Charity FC & Football for Charities FC.

During May 2,688 people selected 16,271 items of clothing and 7 tonnes of donated items were saved from entering landfill.



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June marked our annual Clothing Poverty Awareness Week, the highlight of which heard several powerful client testimonials as told by support workers and staff at our partner schools, hospitals and organisations including The Jericho Road Project, Nottingham University Hospitals Trust & The Bulwell Academy.

There were also some wonderful fundraising musical events hosted by Bulwell Riverside Community Choir & Torkard Ensemble.

This post from our Facebook page on 19th June is served as a timely reminder of how our clothing can help transform lives:

"Released from prison - setting up home - rebuilding life"

One gentleman today arrived with a referral from Probation Services and his support worker had written this in the referral reason column.

Having recently been moved into his own accommodation after 19 years in prison, he admitted that things had moved on out there and that rebuilding his life was his main priority.

He was most pleased with a 3-piece suit and all of his casual outfits. Generous clothing donations are literally helping people dealing with #UKClothingPoverty start again.



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July 2024

"She's starting out again."

Family Support Worker, Charley, travelled over 50 miles from Staffordshire to collect an order for a woman she is supporting. After searching for somewhere that provides clothing free of charge and not being able to find anything in her area she went above and beyond to make sure the needs of her service user were met. This shows how few organisations there are that take clothing donations and provide them directly to people living in #UKClothingPoverty

With a plan to bring donated clothing from their team and place orders for service users that can be collected together, we hope to continue to serve the Staffordshire Family Action team.

In July we also made our first ever delivery to Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, with enough clothing for 50 people leaving the discharge unit without adequate clothing. How did this come about? A ward manager from the very first ward we supported with clothing at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust recently spoke at the Barnsley hospital about the impact of our clothing support to #EndPJPparalysis particularly in elderly patients, for the last seven years. As a result, the Barnsley team requested our support, initially for their patients being discharged.

During July 2,442 people selected 16,486 items of clothing and 7 tonnes of donated items were saved from entering landfill.

During **August** (which is traditionally a slightly quieter month for us - as the team take turns to take much needed holiday), it was all systems go as our most ambitious and meticulously planned premises move to date finally got underway (more about this is September...) It was all assisted by extra volunteers being drafted in for the heaviest day of the move with help from A 2 Anywhere Removals, Positive Momentum and VINCI staff, amongst the dedicated staff and volunteer team who ensured that the huge task of moving across the city to a much larger premises at Edwalton went smoothly.

The finale of our NottingJam music events turned out to be the perfect day! The incredible level of organisation by WSO Nottingham volunteers and The Pit at Newstead's staff team and non-stop event management throughout the day (and night) resulted in the best Sharewear fundraiser ever! The initial amount raised on the night was an amazing £1,316 with more funds following. A huge thank you to all of the incredible bands who took part in the event - Cookie, Most Ugly Kid Duo, Matt Johnson, Morris & Watson, King of Rome, Joe Solo, Lawrence County and Andrea Kenny.

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In **September** we celebrated the official launch in our new HQ which would not have been possible without the generosity of The Wheatcroft Foundation in providing us with our brilliant premises for the next 4 years. Without this support we would not be able to provide such a large, warm and welcoming space for our staff, volunteers and service users. It was our absolute honour to welcome our Patron, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Professor Veronica Pickering; Deputy Lieutenant Mark Goldby - our Ambassador Lead, representatives from Nottinghamshire County Council and Councillor Andy Brown, Mayor of Rushcliffe Borough Council. They were joined by Councillor Neil Clarke, Leader of Rushcliffe Borough Council and other councillors, some of our ReLived members, representatives from our container points, Lyfcycle Nottingham Soroptimists Rotary Club of Nottingham, The Centre for Social Justice, The Randal Charitable Foundation, and benefactors. Our team greatly appreciated the time that all our guests took to ask them details about our work, and what support we need.

The Robin Hood Half Marathon which takes place in September marked our last major running event of the year, taking a Team of 10 (including our mascot RuFuS) on a tour pounding the streets of Nottingham in an effort to raise £1,000 towards our total for the year! We also had 6 marshals supporting the team out on the course and in what will hopefully be an annual event for the Sharewear calendar!

We were also incredibly proud of Matthew and his companion Simon who completed 15 consecutive days of their 38-day hike and are over a third of the way through their epic 500 mile Camino challenge during September.

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During **October 2024** "Booktober" was launched, encouraging our supporters to hold book sales to raise funds for us.

Lisa from Nottingham Contemporary collected a top-up order of children's clothing age 1-6 for their Early Years Sensory Workshops that are provided free of charge. With children outgrowing sizes rapidly between these ages they set up a clothes swap that we help

to replenish. By reducing barriers to taking part, we hope to help the little ones explore and engage in the fun, sensory-rich environment provided at these sessions.

Rounding this reporting year off in style, on 18th October after an epic 38 consecutive days of hiking, Matthew Mcfarlane and his hiking partner Simon had covered 780 km or 485 miles to make it to their destination of Santiago de Compostela!

Along the way Matt and Simon have managed to raise the largest amount ever achieved in a single Just Giving challenge! This amazing feat will ensure that we are able to keep stocked up on in demand items such as socks, pants and jogging bottoms for many months to come, which we simply would not be able to do without such dedication from our supporters.

We hope this gives you a flavour of some of the achievements of Sharewear Clothing Scheme this year. It cannot be overstated that as a horizontal organisation everything is very much a team effort and we are immensely proud of the part that every single staff member, volunteer and supporter plays in our mission to alleviate clothing poverty and change lives through offering dignity of choice.

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Financial review

We ended this financial year with a surplus of £9,405, with an income of £171,298 and expenditure of £161,893. We had several key fundraising events this year and also additional expenses incurred with our premises move.

Our initial projection of £140,000 expenditure for the year was exceeded, in part due to these costs but also the additional costs of staging our 10-year gala dinner, although the funds raised somewhat mitigated these expenses. Reduced rental costs in the coming year thanks to our move will allow us the freedom to shift our focus into funding additional staff posts to facilitate expansion of our services in order to continue to meet the growing demands placed upon us.

At the end of a very busy year, our cash funds were £83,806 which represented that we had remained consistent and stable in our financial position in comparison to previous years.

The charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to maintain at least 6 months of projected annual running costs in our bank account to cover unforeseen events and unexpected costs and to ensure that our work can continue. This policy is reviewed by Trustees on an annual basis. We endeavour to set a budget based on the previous year spend and any upcoming projected expenses as part of our strategic plans for the growth of our operations.

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Risks

Whilst our financial position has continued to remain relatively stable throughout this financial period, it remains consistently difficult to identify funders who will offer sustainable sources of core funding which puts an additional strain on the ability to plan our long term strategy for sustainable growth, when the demand on our services continues to increase due to the on-going cost of living crisis. We are consistently working at capacity and unable to plan for expansion to meet the growing needs in this sector while this situation persists.

A Risk Register is now held and is reviewed at each trustee meeting in order to identify and monitor any situations which may develop and potentially pose a reputational, staffing, safety or financial risk to the organisation.



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Acknowledgements

We simply could not undertake the work we do without the dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees. We must also offer a huge thank you to all of our grant and corporate funders and supporters, regular donors, clothing donors, Clothing Swaps, Sharewear One Lottery players, ReLived Subscribers and Sharewear partner schools, Community Franchisees, benefactors, fundraisers, event organisers and the many businesses who continue to support us each year.

This year we also owe an enormous debt of gratitude to all of the table sponsors at our 10 year gala fundraising dinner and those who donated raffle and auction prizes for the event.

We are also incredibly grateful for all of the churches and businesses who continue to allow us to house clothing containers on their car parks in order to enable our clothing donors to continue to support us following our recent premises move. Our work simply would not be possible without your generosity and we would like to thank the following organisations, businesses and individuals:

47 Degrees Coffee
500 Acts of Kindness
A 2 Anywhere Ltd
Aldridge Traffic Solutions
Ashbrook Junior School
Bamboo Clothing
Bang the Elephant Brewing Co
Bees Knees Preloved Boutique
Bestwood Village Miners Welfare
BNI UK & Ireland (Nottingham Business Team Chapter)
Bulwell United Reform Church
Bulwell Riverside Community Choir
Bunches
Burton Joyce Residents- Sally's Crochet Workshop
Byron Stitchers
Canal House
Cub Rocks
Character.com
Community Foodparcels
Conscious Closet
Connect Cafe, Netherfield
Crazy Little Sing Called Pub- (Abi Moore)
Delta Hotels
Douglas Kitcher Leeds
English Language/Literature and Creative Writing- UoB
Experian
Ezekial Bone
F4C- Football for Charities FC
Facepainting by Eileen C
Forecast Designs

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Food Doctors
Freeths
Freakshow Treats
Fox & Grapes, Sneinton
Gedling Bourough Council
Glade Hill Primary School
Get a Better Car
Hazaar
Hillside Primary & Nursery School
Hooleyloop
Hucknall Craft & Chat Group
Impacd CIC
Julie Hesmondhalgh
John Griffin
Joy's Poems
Lindsey Ulanowsky -Decathlon Challege
Logo Me Up
Loughborough High School
LuceFit
LYFCYCLE
Mapperley & Arnold Rotary Club
Matt McFarlane- Camino Fundraiser
Mark Dennison
MG Event & Sound
Midland Commercial Cleaners
Mocean Fitness
New Life Baptist Church
Nottingham Building Society
Nottingham City Care Partnership
Nottinghamshire Freemasons
Nottinghamshire Federation WI
Nottingham Girls Academy
Nottingham Rotary
Nottingham Soroptomists
Nottingham Trent University Business School
Our Lady of the Perpetual Succour Church, Bulwell
Pellacraft
Positive Momentum
Random Surfer
Ravensworth Rd Methodist Church
Richard & Lisa Smith-Williamson- Year of Fundraising
Reloved Sale (St Marks Church, Woodthorpe)
Robert Mellors School
Roythornes Solicitors
Run for Sharewear Runners
Sateda
Sherwood Methodist Church
Shipley Country parkrun
Showcase Cinema Derby

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Skills Holidays
Southwell Methodist Church (and Paul)
Southwell Minster School
St John Houghton VC Academy
St Judes Church, Mapperley
St Martins Church
St Patricks VCA
SWISH
The Sherwood Exchange
The William Gunn Pub
Tesco, Hucknall
Tophouse Charity FC
Torkard Ensemble
Unite NG57
Widows Sons Masonic Biker Group
VINCI (Jake Askew)
Ward Recycling
We Shall Overcome- Pit Music Festival Fundraiser
Wheatcroft Property
William (donation)
Wimbledon Foundation

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Alex Hiller, Trustee

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Message from the CEO

November 2023 to October 2024 was the most transitional period in Sharewear's ten-year history, where we restructured our staff roles for maximum efficiency and relocated premises to improve the client experience. With the dignity of choice still at the heart of all we do, the move to larger premises was to enable us to more easily display more of our stock – making our vast range of clothing options more accessible to those clients referred to our face-to-face service. As always at Sharewear, each opportunity brings its own challenges – and the greater amount of stock displayed was no exception. We saw a huge increase in the need for more volunteers, to facilitate a greater number of clients all inside the premises at the same time as each other, all choosing from a greater amount of clothing on display. Although we have been able to recruit volunteers successfully in the first few months of this current reporting year, the need remains ongoing. We also learned that, to ensure our clients can safely access our new premises on a shared site, a wider variety of volunteer roles are needed, such as chaperones. This also became the case for safe transportation of donated clothes to our room upstairs, which again requires volunteers undertaking a wider range of tasks.

For the first time since we first began running a bulk outreach service to other organisations (2018), we had to pause our deliveries to organisations that need male clothing, due to the ten-year ongoing shortage of good quality male clothing donations. This had an impact of the total number of people we were able to support, and meant that of the 25,000+ people we supported, only 9,000+ were men and boys. It's vital to make clear that this is not because we had less males requesting our support through our face-to-face service and through the organisations we deliver outreach to, but because we simply didn't have sustainable bulk supplies of male clothing, so had to limit access to it. This was even more the case as 40 new referral agencies joined us during this period, all referring people into our face-to-face referral sessions – our primary service.

As our ReLived ESG membership scheme continued to grow, Roythornes Solicitors, Experian and Nottingham Business School (NTU) all renewed their annual memberships, allowing Robert Mellors Primary School, Bluecoat Sixth Form and St Patrick's CVA to also continue as members. Freeths Solicitors and Skills Holidays joined as brand new members, enabling Ashbrook Junior School and Nottingham Girls Academy to take part. Together, our ReLived members donated a total of 1,724kg (1.7 tonnes) of clothing.

Our tenth birthday year proved several things yet again:

1. We simply couldn't support even a fraction of the people we do without our incredibly dedicated volunteers.
2. Clothing poverty is still universally disregarded as a major problem in the UK, in spite of us raising the profile of it since 2018, and appearing in a variety of national press to highlight the issue.
3. The lack of importance attributed to clothing poverty continues to negatively impact our finances.
4. Our biggest strength – that we will support anyone in financial difficulty regardless of their demographic group or the cause of their financial difficulty – remains the

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biggest barrier to greater financial support for our work. Because we do not focus on solely one 'client group' we remain locked out of applying to sources of funding that benefit organisations working with those individual groups. The assumption being made by funders that, because we don't concentrate only on that one group, this must mean that we don't support that group at all. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. In this respect, our tenth birthday year was the most financially frustrating from a grants point of view, and the current year already indicates no improvement in that situation.

Louise Cooke, Founder & CEO, Sharewear Clothing Scheme

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sharewear Clothing Scheme
for the year ended 31 October 2024**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sharewear Clothing Scheme (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____

John O'Brien MSc, FCIE

Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2024**

2023				2024	
Total			Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£		Note	£	£	£
	Receipts				
113284	Grants & donations	2	40143	95290	135433
-	Fundraising		12485	-	12485
1463	Sales & fees		22981	-	22981
180	Bank interest		235	-	235
-	Sale of van		164	-	164
<u>114927</u>	Total receipts		<u>76008</u>	<u>95290</u>	<u>171298</u>
	Payments				
534	Advertising/ promotional		755	-	755
1731	Auto		381	3910	4291
240	Bank charges		80	-	80
-	Clothing purchases		1992	39	2031
-	Computer costs		20	459	479
-	Equipment, repairs & renewals		1350	-	1350
845	Fundraising & publicity		6916	-	6916
1876	Insurances		466	845	1311
4178	Legal and professional fees		5258	816	6074
6116	Office/ general administrative expenses		2686	222	2908
1405	Phone costs		1691	-	1691
-	Relocation costs		5690	788	6478
32375	Rent		7435	20222	27657
1429	Sundry		-	-	-
898	Travel and accommodation		1175	-	1175
3559	Utilities		8076	4723	12799
-	Volunteer uniforms		748	500	1248
<u>67450</u>	Wages, NI & pension		<u>23697</u>	<u>60953</u>	<u>84650</u>
<u>122636</u>	Total payments		<u>68416</u>	<u>93477</u>	<u>161893</u>
(7709)	Net receipts/(payments)		7592	1813	9405
82110	Cash funds at start of this period		41789	32612	74401
-	Transfers between funds		(333)	333	-
<u>74401</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	3	<u>49048</u>	<u>34758</u>	<u>83806</u>

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 October 2024**

2023			2024
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
74153	Bank accounts		83547
<u>248</u>	Cash in hand		<u>259</u>
<u>74401</u>			<u>83806</u>
	Other monetary assets		
<u>1430</u>	Debtors	4	<u>4972</u>
<u>1430</u>			<u>4972</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Emergency door shutters, purchased Jan 2022, cost £4,543		
	Laptop, purchased Dec 2020, cost £499		
	General equipment		
	Liabilities		
<u>(2587)</u>	Creditors	5	<u>(3117)</u>
<u>(2587)</u>			<u>(3117)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

Date _____

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Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2024

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
National Lottery Community Fund	-	32719	32719
Gemini Trust	3643	31273	34916
Randal Charitable Foundation	-	29298	29298
JN Derbyshire Trust	-	2000	2000
Sundry grants & donations	33475	-	33475
The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust	3025	-	3025
	<u>40143</u>	<u>95290</u>	<u>135433</u>

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	£	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds					
Driver fund	9177	11273	(20504)	54	-
OM salary	1360	-	(828)	-	532
Shakers/volunteer uniform	459	-	(500)	41	-
Van running costs fund	2018	-	(2254)	236	-
Hospital fund	4992	-	(4994)	2	-
Older Persons fund	6920	-	(739)	-	6181
Repair what you wear fund	4385	2000	(3025)	-	3360
Male clothing	39	-	(39)	-	-
Womens wardrobe	3262	-	(3173)	-	89
3 Year expansion fund	-	29298	(11856)	-	17442
Cost of Living fund	-	32719	(25565)	-	7154
Southglade	-	20000	(20000)	-	-
	<u>32612</u>	<u>95290</u>	<u>(93477)</u>	<u>333</u>	<u>34758</u>
Unrestricted funds					
General	38049	69608	(62719)	(333)	44605
Designated: ReLived	3740	6400	(5697)	-	4443
	<u>41789</u>	<u>76008</u>	<u>(68416)</u>	<u>(333)</u>	<u>49048</u>

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The transfers from the General fund to the driver fund, shakers/volunteer uniform, van running costs fund and hospital fund are to cover the deficit on these funds which has now ceased.

The specific purposes for which these funds are held:

- OM salary – to fund salary for Out-reach Coordinator
- Older Persons fund – funding for our hospital work- salary & van running costs
- Repair What You Wear fund – funding to facilitate sessions dedicated to specific upskilling of volunteers
- Women's Wardrobe – to fund our female only client sessions on Thursdays
- 3 Year expansion fund – funding for salaries to enable expansion of our services
- Cost of Living fund - to back-fill core costs and pay for salaries and on-going core costs to fund increasing demand on our services due to the cost of living crisis

4. Debtors - Prepayments

	£
Insurance	98
Office/general admin expenses	344
Rent	3857
Vehicle running costs	673
	<u>4972</u>

5. Creditors

	£
HMRC & pension	2469
Independent examination fee	648
	<u>3117</u>

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

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8. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

SHAREWEAR CLOTHING SCHEME

England & Wales - Charity number 1170084

Accounts

Sharewear Clothing Scheme
(Registered charity, number 1170084)
Financial statements
for the year ended 31 October 2023

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Sharewear Clothing Scheme Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 October 2023

Full name Sharewear Clothing Scheme

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1170084

Principal address

D1-D2 Cowlairs, Southglade Business Park, Nottingham, NG5 9RA

Trustees

Alex Hiller, Chair, from 11/09/23

Laura Fargher, Secretary

Sarah Sinclair, Treasurer

George Hagen

Alison Latham, from 13/03/23

Stephen Ramsden, from 11/09/23

Alison Rogers, until 06/02/23

Karen Waldron, until 15/05/23

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 8 November 2016 and most recently amended 14 July 2020.

Trustees are recruited either informally, having volunteered with us, having expressed an interest in our work or through responding to a recruitment advert on our social media channels. We have developed a Trustee induction presentation and prospective Trustees who are new to the organisation are invited to attend a Board meeting as a visitor prior to committing to joining.

As we have grown as an organisation we have recognised that we needed to adapt accordingly. We now comprise a smaller Board of Trustees who oversee organisational governance and a separate Executive Committee who work closely with the CEO on Operational and Development matters.

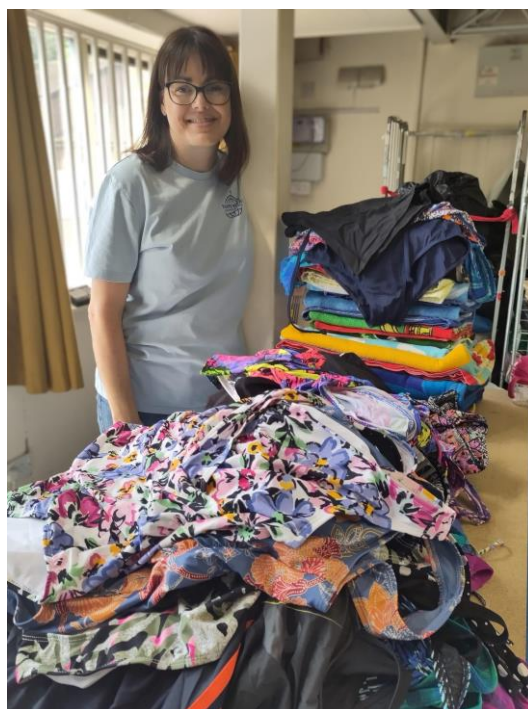
Objectives and activities

Our Charitable purpose is to provide 'The relief of hardship among people in need by providing such persons with clothing, bedding and any other such suitable equipment and services that they could otherwise not afford due to lack of means'.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Our operational team comprises 4 (2.8 WTE) staff and 20 volunteers working at our Southglade Centre, led by a team of 6 volunteer trustees. Service users can select clothing directly from our Client Access Centre at Southglade either in person or through pre-arranged collections organised on their behalf via our 'Click and Collect' facility. Our distribution and bulk delivery and outreach operate via a separate dedicated service at Southglade and we continue to work with many local and

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national organisations across the East Midlands, South Yorkshire and North London to ensure that our clothing is distributed to as many people as possible in need of Sharewear assistance and support.

During this reporting period we have continued to raise awareness through a specific focus on the Right to Clothing campaign in conjunction with the Peace and Justice Project. Our CEO, Louise Cooke, has organised, attended and been involved several local and national events, notably during our annual Clothing Poverty Awareness Week (CPAW23) held in June, an Early Day Motion (EDM 1271) was raised in parliament, a screening of our film Clothing Poverty: Exposed was held in North London at an awareness raising evening. The first Great Big Clothing Count was held and an open letter on the Right to Clothing was published in the national media.

Between Nov 2022 and Oct 2023 **26,128 people** were supported with Sharewear Clothing, selecting **137,225 donated items**, ensuring that **70.9 tonnes of clothing** and bedding were saved from entering landfill as a result. These figures help to measure the impact of our work, not only in enabling the Right to Clothing of our service users but also illustrating the true scale of our operations in terms of need and sustainability.

We continue in our mission to ensure that we are the space where Clothing Poverty meets Clothing Waste, campaigning to ensure that everyone has the Right to Clothing.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

During **November and December** 2022, we unfortunately faced some of our most challenging times ever. We suffered damage and losses of stock as a result of a break-in at our Southglade centre and also water damage to the ceiling of our Daybrook premises which unfortunately meant that it was unsafe for us to continue operating here. (We continued until Oct 2023 to use the Daybrook premises for storage only until the lease expired in Oct 2023 when we fully vacated the building).

In true Sharewear style, we were able to turn negatives into positives with team spirit in abundance and support from companies and organisations in helping us to repair the damage caused at Southglade, improving our security measures and also allowing stolen items to be replaced, ensuring that provision to our service users was not affected. Remarkably, 3,033 people were supported in Dec 2022, which was our busiest month to date.

Our 2023 Manuary (**January**) campaign helped us to support 1,388 people with 5,865 individual items of clothing. We saved 6.4 tonnes of clothing at the end of the supply chain from entering landfill. Our Client Access Centre was relocated to Southglade in January 2023, thanks to the amazing hard work of our team and we were able to re-open our face to face services early in the new year. We again featured in the national press in January, this time in Grazia Magazine as part of their Going Green initiative.

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This winter has been so long, hard and cold.

Having these clothes now gives me something to look forward to.

I would never have been able to buy these for myself because of the cost of living crisis.

This is going to give me so much confidence!

Charmaine

February saw the launch of our new TEXT Donate facility in a bid to continue to diversify our income streams to allow our supporters to easily donate funds to our various fundraising campaigns.

The first Friday of the month meant we were once again back at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust delivering day clothes for rehabilitation on the ward, as we have been doing for five years. We now support nurses to support patients on a range of 20 units and wards at the QMC, City and Highbury hospitals, with many of these having deliveries every month.

Alongside the celebration of our 9th Birthday in **March**, we marked yet another landmark event in Sharewear history with the launch of our first ever Community Sharewear Franchise in Kent and Medway, through our partnership with SATEDA Charity who support women and children affected by domestic abuse. Trustee Sarah Sinclair was thrilled to be invited to Chatham in Kent for the launch event and met staff, volunteers and Trustees from the organisation. The impact of our clothing support can be felt in a huge variety of different ways... One of our social media posts from a busy session during **April** illustrates this perfectly;

“We opened our doors for today's referral session to a queue across the car park! During a busy session supporting 45 people, one very important outfit was chosen that stood out above the rest.

Service users attend our centre to choose clothing for their everyday needs: casual wear, weather appropriate clothing and, on occasion, formal wear for interviews. This

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suit, however, is one of the most important outfits this gentleman may wear -- as part of the wedding party at his son's wedding! We were able to provide everything, top to toe, in the exact sizes he had asked for, including a brand new pair of formal shoes. They were also the right colours so he will fit right in with his son and daughter-in-law's chosen wedding colours.

We hope the family have an incredible wedding day. We know for certain Dad will be looking very stylish in his ensemble."



May saw the focus of our annual Make Prom Fair campaign, enabling young people to attend their prom who otherwise may not have been able to go due to lack of means to afford a dress or suit as this post from May illustrates perfectly;

"I can't believe it! He'll actually be able to go to his prom now -- he'll be so excited! He deserves this -- he's worked so hard."

We are incredibly pleased that this magnificent prom suit was the perfect size for mum to take home for her son today. With prom season fast approaching she knew that, even though school had covered the cost of his ticket, he wouldn't be able to go because he had nothing suitable to wear.

In a heart-warming turn of events, the suit donated by one of our own volunteers was exactly what this parent, and her son, had been hoping for. Another of our many moments of Sharewear serendipity.

Mental Health Awareness Week also falls in **May** each year and is our absolute privilege to continue to support many projects and initiatives that enable people to spend time outdoors to improve their mental health particularly when there may be a barrier to doing so due to lack of means to afford suitable outdoor clothing. Our long running NoWeartoRun campaign ensures access to active wear to enable them to undertake physical activity which is often seen as 'free', but not if you are unable to afford a pair of jogging bottoms or trainers. This year we have also run a new specific

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Trainers for Trainers campaign and also been delighted to work with many new partner organisations;

“We are thrilled to be supporting Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust in their #NextdoorNature initiative supporting new and established groups and projects to get their local community busy in nature.

Projects like Rhubarb Farm. The Trust are finding that lack of appropriate clothing and footwear is holding some local residents back from participating in these mutually beneficial activities and asked us to step in.”

Mobile Sharewear is part of our response to the Cost of Living Crisis. We introduced bulk outreach to other organisations 6 years ago, so that we could reach more people who can't make it to our client referral sessions. We've now resurrected our pre-Covid Mobile Sharewear service to be even more accessible to people facing rising costs. After nine years of working with partner organisation Framework through client referrals and outreach, during #ClothingPovertyAwarenessWeek in **June** we held a Mobile Sharewear session at The Training Centre where 20 people benefitted. That same day, clients at our access centre spoke candidly to BBC Radio Nottingham's 'We Are Notts' programme about their experiences of clothing poverty and the cost of living crisis.



Two years after its release, our short film "Clothing Poverty: Exposed" was screened in London during #ClothingPovertyAwarenessWeek as part of a #RightToClothing Film Night with members of Right to Clothing campaign. Following the screening there was a lively discussion panel and everyone was excited to hear about the Early Day Motion tabled by Apsana Begum, MP for Tower Hamlets asking for a strategy to improve access to the Right to Clothing in the UK.

Throughout 2023 we have also continued to provide clothing, towels and bedding to our partner organisations across the whole of the UK;

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"These beach towels just couldn't have come in at a better time!" said Jo, our outreach coordinator, last week. We were finalising the delivery to 12 organisations in Sheffield, (a number that is increasing each month), and one of the bulk orders was from the charity Shelter's Homelessness Prevention and Resettlement Service. Their Children and Families Support Worker has co-developed an initiative supporting parents/carers and 0-5 age children with free swimming lessons for 6 months, but there's a barrier to accessing this great project -- the unaffordability of swimwear and towels."

Not only had these superb quality beach towels recently been donated, but Jo was able to raid our longstanding collection of swimming costumes to send too! Like underwear, we don't deal in used swimwear generally, but sometimes we get donations of costumes bought in sales and then never worn. Over time, these have built up to quite a collection and we're happy to say that we were able to send a huge range to Shelter, for families to choose from, meaning they CAN learn to swim free of charge after all! Lack of access to the Right to Clothing even affects learning basic skills for life.



July & August are traditionally our quieter months during the school holidays, however Clothing Poverty affects every aspect of life all year round;

"Every August we're asked by the media about school uniform costs but no-one ever raises in July the fact that thousands of children have no clothing to wear at home or with their friends when school is out for the summer. As one of our clients recently

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said on our Radio Nottingham coverage, without our support her children only had school uniform or pyjamas. Holiday Hunger is well documented and now better catered for, but what about families who want to take school out of the school holidays and allow their children to be themselves when school's out?"

We supported 2,114 people in July and 2,535 people in August 2023, this was despite having a depleted volunteer and staff team and being closed for a week during August.

Sweatember (otherwise known as **September**) saw our intrepid fundraisers take on various challenges and activities, including the Robin Hood Half Marathon, raising vital awareness and funds for our No Wear to Run campaign. Our Mobile Sharewear session at Broxtowe Women's Project was focussed on encouraging female participation in sports thanks to donated activewear from one of our brand partnerships.

We also launched our Thursday female only sessions 'Womens Wardrobe', thanks to funding from Nottingham Soroptimists.



During this particularly busy session in September we received this fabulous feedback;

"I'm overwhelmed with the choice, really pleased with everything!"

From one of the 67 people served during today's busy Referral Session. The team hustled to serve everyone who arrived on site including finding the formal wear

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needed by this gentleman, referred by Probation Services. He was able to select an appropriate suit, shirt and footwear.

There are events in life when wearing a certain type of clothing can correlate directly with an outcome, for example getting the job you are hoping for after an interview. We aim to support our service users with the everyday essentials and, when possible, also the important event attire

October continued to see unprecedented demand on all of our services. Once again we were humbled to receive such positive feedback from our service users which demonstrated the impact that our clothing support continues to have;

"You've looked after me today. I really appreciate it. God bless you!"

Kind sentiments from a gentleman, referred by Probation Services, today after volunteer Rachel supported him in finding almost everything he needed.

Coming out of prison and only having one borrowed set of clothes, he went away with outfits he was pleased to show our team. Finding a coat was his priority, and thankfully he found one perfect for him.

*He had hoped for a change of trainers for when his borrowed ones are wet but, as always, we were low on trainers so unfortunately did not have his size. We did however have slippers for changing into dry from the rain, and sliders for in the shared spaces in a hostel. These are items that admittedly even our own volunteers hadn't considered the importance of before joining **#TeamSharewear**.*



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Financial review

We ended this financial year in deficit by £7,709, with an income of £114,927 and expenditure of £122,636. Our expenditure was as predicted in our Forecast Budget, however unfortunately our income this year fell slightly short due to several prevailing factors. The economic impact that the Cost of Living crisis has had on the profits of one of our corporate business partners unfortunately meant that they were unable to afford to offer us the same financial backing as they had in the previous reporting year, however due to careful planning we had made their original donation last well into this reporting year.

A larger deficit was mitigated by careful management of finances and use of our general reserve funds. The lease on our Daybrook premises expired in Oct 23 and we have fully vacated the building, this will make a financial saving of £8,500pa in future years.

It should be noted that figures from 2021/22 were affected by timing issues in relation to delayed expenditure from the previous financial year and large expenditure incurred in moving premises. Grant income in relation to the move was also received in advance of the expenditure being incurred in this financial year.

So, essentially, the reporting year 2022/23 provides a truer reflection of our running costs and the cash funds that we had available at the end of this reporting period were stable.



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The charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to maintain at least 6 months of projected annual running costs in our bank account to cover unforeseen events and unexpected costs and to ensure that our work can continue. This policy is reviewed by Trustees on an annual basis.

We endeavour to set a budget based on the previous year spend and any upcoming projected expenses as part of our strategic plans for the growth of our operations.

Financial risks

Whilst our financial position has continued to remain relatively stable throughout this financial period, it remains consistently difficult to identify funders who will offer sustainable sources of core funding which puts an additional strain on the ability to plan our long term strategy for sustainable growth, when the demand on our services continues to increase due to the on-going cost of living crisis. We are consistently working at capacity and unable to plan for expansion to meet the growing needs in this sector while this situation persists.



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Acknowledgements

We simply could not undertake the work we do without the dedication of our staff, volunteers and trustees. We must also offer a huge thank you to all of our grant and corporate funders and supporters, regular donors, clothing donors, Clothing Swaps, Sharewear One Lottery players, ReLived Subscribers, Community Franchisees, benefactors, fundraisers, event organisers and the many businesses who continue to support us each year. Our work simply would not be possible without your generosity and we would like to thank the following organisations, businesses and individuals;

Bamboo Clothing
Bang the Elephant Brewing Co
Bees Knees Preloved Boutique
Bulwell United Reform Church
Capital One
Captain Jellyfish
Character.com
Company of Cutlers
Conscious Closet
Chesterfield Rotary
Coalfields Regeneration Trust
Connect Cafe, Netherfield
Experian
Fairway View Care Home
Freeths
Fox & Grapes, Sneinton
Get a Better Car
Hazaar
Kings Church
Killisick School
LuceFit
LYFCYCLE
The Lady Hind Trust
Mapperley & Arnold Rotary Club
Mocean Fitness
National Lottery- Magic Little Stars
Nottingham Building Society
Nottingham Forest Community Trust
Nottinghamshire Freemasons
Nottinghamshire Federation WI
Nottingham Green Party
Nottingham Trent University Business School
Random Surfer
Ravensworth Rd Methodist Church
Royal Sussex Freemasons
Roythornes Solicitors
Sateda
Solar Calibre Doors
Southwell Methodist Church
Southwell Minster School

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St Judes Church, Mapperley
St Martins Church
St Paul's Fellowship
The Samuel Fox Foundation
Unite NG57
Widows Sons Masonic Biker Group
The Thomas Farr Charity
Ward Recycling
We Shall Overcome

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sharewear Clothing Scheme
for the year ended 31 October 2023**

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Independent examiner's statement

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2023**

2022			Unrestricted	Restricted	2023
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	Receipts				
172811	Grants & donations	2	50298	62986	113284
131	Sales & fees		1463	-	1463
-	Bank interest		180	-	180
<u>172942</u>	Total receipts		<u>51941</u>	<u>62986</u>	<u>114927</u>
	Payments				
2488	Advertising/ promotional		534	-	534
2292	Auto		79	1652	1731
291	Bank charges		240	-	240
165	Computer costs		-	-	-
-	Fundraising & publicity		845	-	845
2050	Insurances		312	1564	1876
6666	Legal and professional fees		4178	-	4178
4912	Office/ general administrative expenses		4814	1302	6116
7625	Other professional services		-	-	-
59894	Payroll expenditures		30342	37108	67450
1219	Phone costs		1405	-	1405
1377	Purchases		-	-	-
45444	Rent		12125	20250	32375
1288	Travel and accommodation		898	-	898
3235	Utilities		3559	-	3559
-	Sundry		969	460	1429
<u>138946</u>	Total payments		<u>60300</u>	<u>62336</u>	<u>122636</u>
33996	Net receipts/(payments)		(8359)	650	(7709)
48114	Cash funds at start of this period		48808	33302	82110
-	Transfers between funds		1340	(1340)	-
<u>82110</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	3	<u>41789</u>	<u>32612</u>	<u>74401</u>

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at 31 October 2023

2022			2023
£		Note	£
82036	Cash assets		
74	Bank accounts		74153
<u>82110</u>	Cash in hand		<u>248</u>
			<u>74401</u>
	 Other monetary assets		
1148	Debtors - Prepayments	4	1430
<u>1148</u>			<u>1430</u>
	 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Emergency door shutters, purchased Jan 2022, cost £4,543		
	Motor vehicle, purchased July 2021, cost £6,995		
	Laptop, purchased Dec 2020, cost £499		
	Motor vehicle, purchased 2018, cost £13,194		
	Projector & laptop, purchased 2018, cost £849		
	 Liabilities		
(13567)	Creditors	5	(2587)
<u>(13567)</u>			<u>(2587)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2023

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Gemini Trust	-	31249	31249
The McCarthy & Stone Charitable Foundation	-	6920	6920
Bamboo Clothing	-	5000	5000
Coalfields Regeneration Trust	-	4992	4992
Lady Hind Trust	-	4000	4000
Nottingham Soroptimist Trust	-	3500	3500
Wesylan Foundation	-	2493	2493
Thomas Farr Charity	-	2000	2000
Nottingham Community Foundation - Major Oak Fund	-	1892	1892
Donald Ward Ltd	12190	-	12190
Nottinghamshire CM	3838	-	3838
Capital One	3000	-	3000
Samuel Fox	2000	-	2000
Nottm Trent University	1290	-	1290
Experian	1200	-	1200
Nottingham Trent University	1200	-	1200
Sateda	1200	-	1200
Royal Sussex Freemasons	1000	-	1000
Sundry donations	23380	940	24320
	50298	62986	113284

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3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Sharing your way to work fund	135	-	(135)	-
Driver fund	15085	10999	(16907)	9177
OM salary	8959	5000	(12599)	1360
Re-Lived	1340	-	(1340)	-
Shakers/ volunteer uniform	2627	-	(2168)	459
Supervisor salary	1922	4440	(6362)	-
Van running cost fund	3234	2000	(3216)	2018
Hospital fund	-	4992	-	4992
Older Persons fund	-	6920	-	6920
Repair what you wear fund	-	4385	-	4385
Male clothing	-	500	(461)	39
Southglade	-	20250	(20250)	-
Womens wardrobe	-	3500	(238)	3262
	33302	62986	(62336)	32612
Unrestricted funds				
General	48808	49541	(60300)	38049
Designated: Re-Lived	-	2400	-	3740
	48808	51941	(60300)	41789

The transfer from the Re-Lived restricted fund to the Re-Lived designated fund represents the correct classification of these funds.

4. Debtors

	£
Prepayment - Insurance	22
Prepayment - Office/general admin	398
Prepayment - Van insurance	1010
	1430

5. Creditors

	£
Independent examination	582
Payroll (HMRC & Pension)	2005
	2587

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Debtors: These are amounts owed to the charity, but not received in the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

SHAREWEAR CLOTHING SCHEME

England & Wales - Charity number 1170084

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Sharewear Clothing Scheme Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 October 2022

Full name Sharewear Clothing Scheme

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1170084

Principal address

D1-D2 Cowlairs, Southglade Business Park, Nottingham, NG5 9RA

Trustees

Alison Rogers, Chair

Karen Waldron, Secretary

Sarah Sinclair, Treasurer

George Hagen

Laura Farghar, from 12/09/22

Gianni Romano, resigned 01/07/22

Matthew Cooke, resigned 01/06/2022

Abigail Rhodes, resigned 01/06/22

Gemma Fenyn, resigned 01/07/22

Bridget Obareki, resigned 30/10/22

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 8 November 2016 and most recently amended 14 July 2020.

Trustees are recruited either informally, having volunteered with us, having expressed an interest in our work or through responding to a recruitment advert on our social media channels. We have developed a Trustee induction presentation and prospective Trustees who are new to the organisation are invited to attend a Board meeting as a visitor prior to committing to joining.

As we have grown as an organisation we have recognised that we needed to adapt. This year we have taken a streamlined approach to our management structure. We now comprise a smaller Board of Trustees who oversee organisational governance and a separate Executive Committee who work closely with the CEO on Operational and Development matters.

Objectives and activities

Our Charitable purpose is to provide 'The relief of hardship among people in need by providing such persons with clothing, bedding and any other such suitable equipment and services that they could otherwise not afford due to lack of means'.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

We continued to provide employability and opportunity for our volunteers through the completion of our successful Sharing Your Way to Work programme, funded by Futures and the provision of New Start paid volunteering placements facilitated by Groundwork, part of the UK Community Renewal funding and the Wheatcroft fund. Two of our new employees this year have been recruited via this process.

We have also been able to successfully raise funds through the sale of sustainably made crafted items thanks to our dedicated volunteer network of 'Sharewear Shakers' and several of our Shaker volunteers have attended events over the summer, taken baskets of items to workplaces and been busy selling the many beautiful items made by the team to friends and supporters.

Our operational team comprises 4 staff and 20 volunteers working across our Nottingham Client Access and Southglade Processing and Distribution Centres. Service users can select clothing directly from our Client Access Centre either in person or for those unable to attend, through pre-arranged collections organised on their behalf via our 'Click and Collect' facility.

Our distribution and bulk delivery services are now operated via a dedicated service from our Southglade Processing and Distribution Centre, which has greatly streamlined our operations this reporting period and we continue to work with many local and national organisations across the East Midlands, South Yorkshire and North London to ensure that our clothing is distributed to as many people as possible in need of Sharewear assistance and support.

During 2022 we have aimed to raise awareness through a specific focus on the Right to Clothing campaign in conjunction with the Peace and Justice Project, which had its successful launch at the University of Manchester in Sept 2022.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Our guiding aim is to ensure that everyone has the Right to Clothing and from Nov 2020 to Oct 2021 a total of 24,991 people were supported. From Feb 2022 onwards we were finally able to collect more detailed data regarding the amount of clothing donated to us and therefore diverted from landfill and this amounted to a staggering 56.1 tonnes of clothing between the beginning of February and end of October 2022 alone.

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Summary of the main achievements during the period

Improvements in our data collection during this reporting period enabled the detailed analysis of not only the people that were helped but also the amount of clothing provided in a given month, which in Sept 2022 totalled 2446 people, choosing 11,181 items, thanks to 6.3 tonnes of clothing and bedding that had been donated by our supporters! These figures help to measure the impact of our work, not only in enabling the Right to Clothing of our service users but also illustrating the true scale of our operations in terms of need and sustainability.

In November 2021, at the beginning of this reporting period we were in the process of taking on a second commercial lease, which was completed on 10th December 2021 and signalled a huge moment for the history of Sharewear enabling us to fully realise our dream to have an operational and fit for purpose Processing and Distribution Centre. We were able to fully centralise our operations and more efficiently sort through clothing donations without it impacting on the amount of clothing we were able to accept at any one time due to previous restrictions on storage space and shared facilities.

January saw the launch of our annual Manuary campaign, and the 1607 people supported that month chose 3365 individual items of clothing. Our Clothing Poverty Exposed film was screened as part of a national tour in Birmingham and February at an event in Manchester. We also aimed to improve our external communications and streamline our call handling for supporters and partner organisations with the introduction of our new 0330 telephone number in February. Our operations were busier too with a huge number of 3182 people supported across Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire and North London with 7243 items of clothing!

March was an equally busy month for Sharewear with the exciting launch of our ReLived campaign held at Southglade HQ, with a large number of corporate supporters attending from BAM Clothing, House of Fraser and Roythornes Solicitors. March also marked the landmark 8th Birthday for Sharewear!

April saw ReLived launched in House of Fraser stores across the UK with a fabulous window display in the Nottingham store. We also received 7.1 tonnes of donated clothing this month, which helped us to support 1425 people with 5979 individual items of clothing.

Feedback from a service user referred by Futures for You in May 2022;

"The help was amazing, thank you to everybody at Sharewear".

May also saw our busiest month of the reporting period with a staggering 3706 people supported with 11,843 items of clothing.

Clothing Poverty Awareness Week is an annual event for us each June and this year we held a social media campaign using powerful messaging to emphasise the restorative impact that clothing support can have on people's lives. Photos of service users and supporters holding up the simple yet thought provoking messages 'I'm wearing your clothes' and 'I have the Right to Clothing' received a positive response

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from our supporters. Hayley, Jo and Louise were invited to attend an event at Nottingham Central Women's Aid and our Shakers attended several events to raise funds selling sustainably crafted items, enabling the purchase of a new laser printer.

July saw our supporters at the University of Birmingham hold a Sharewear Clothing collection point in their Library during the Commonwealth games.

Supporters Alex and Mat set out on a huge fundraising challenge during August, cycling from Paris to Carcassonne in 8 days raising an amazing £4,857- what an achievement! Even during this traditionally quieter time over the summer, we still managed to help 1052 in need of Sharewear clothing support.

July to September was also ground breaking for Sharewear as we were able to offer several paid volunteering placements as part of the New Start programme. This enabled us to continue in our work of upskilling our volunteers who may have been out of the job market for several years, due to family commitments, or personal circumstances, by providing them with work experience, and giving them the confidence to apply for jobs, following completion of the 3 month placement. We were delighted to be able to employ one of our New Start volunteers following a successful 3 month placement, and also extend the placement of a second volunteer, thanks to additional funding until December 2022.

September also saw our CEO and Head of Operations, Louise Cooke attend the official launch of the Right to Clothing Campaign, at the University of Manchester. This has been a joint collaboration with the Peace and Justice Project. We also had the pleasure of working with an intern from Nottingham Trent University on the updating of our website and after several weeks of hard work this was also unveiled during September and aims to provide a much more user friendly experience for our supporters, with all the necessary up to date donor information and FAQ's easily to hand.

October 2022 saw the highest ever number of people supported in one month at our Nottingham Client Access Centre - 364 people (211 Adults and 153 Children), supported by our lowest ever numbers of volunteers, our team members across the organisation are continuing to go above and beyond the call of duty to ensure that everyone who needs our help is able to access it.

'Thank you so much for your support and quick action for our service user at very short notice, we really appreciate it"
Macmillan Information & Support Service.

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The charity's policy on reserves

Our policy is to maintain at least 6 months of projected annual running costs in our bank account to cover unforeseen events and unexpected costs and to ensure that that charities work can continue. This policy is reviewed by Trustees on an annual basis.

We endeavour to set a budget based on the previous year spend and any upcoming foreseen expenses as part of our strategic plans for the growth of our operate Whilst our financial position has continued to remain stable throughout this financial period and has substantially increased on the same period last year, we have struggled to be successful in larger funding bids and find it consistently difficult to identify funders who will offer sustainable sources of core funding which puts an additional strain on the ability to plan our long term strategy for sustainable growth.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sharewear Clothing Scheme
for the year ended 31 October 2022**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sharewear Clothing Scheme for the year ended 31 October 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed  Date 12.01.2023
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2022**

2021			Unrestricted	Restricted	2022
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			£	£	Funds
£					£
	Receipts				
89356	Grants & donations	2	68281	92235	160516
2121	Sales & fees		11326	1100	12426
<u>91477</u>	Total receipts		<u>79607</u>	<u>93335</u>	<u>172942</u>
	Payments				
592	Advertising/ promotional		223	2265	2488
10401	Auto		940	1352	2292
139	Bank charges		291	-	291
559	Computer costs		-	165	165
3046	Insurances		1928	122	2050
4420	Legal and professional fees		1188	5478	6666
2824	Office/ general administrative expenses		2708	2204	4912
-	Other professional services		7452	173	7625
42196	Payroll expenditures		20270	39624	59894
655	Phone costs		1121	98	1219
3003	Purchases		355	1022	1377
11041	Rent or lease of buildings		29600	15844	45444
1414	Travel and accommodation		1280	-	1280
-	Travel meals		8	-	8
1061	Utilities		2541	694	3235
-	Internal recharges		160	(160)	-
123	Sundry		-	-	-
<u>81474</u>	Total payments		<u>70065</u>	<u>68881</u>	<u>138946</u>
10003	Net receipts/(payments)		9542	24454	33996
38111	Cash funds at start of this period		39266	8848	48114
<u>48114</u>	Cash funds at end of this period	3	<u>48808</u>	<u>33302</u>	<u>82110</u>

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 October 2022**

2021			2022
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
48066	Bank accounts		82036
48	Cash in hand		74
<u>48114</u>			<u>82110</u>
	Other monetary assets		
1523	Debtors - Prepayments	4	1148
<u>1523</u>			<u>1148</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Emergency door shutters, purchased Jan 2022, cost £4,543		
	Motor vehicle, purchased July 21, cost £6,995		
	Laptop, purchased Dec 20, cost £499		
	Motor vehicle, purchased 2018, cost £13,194		
	Projector & laptop, purchased 2018, cost £849		
	Liabilities		
(1201)	Creditors	5	(13567)
<u>(1201)</u>			<u>(13567)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2022

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Anton Jurgens Trust	-	4400	4400
Bamboo Clothing	-	20000	20000
Chatting for Charity, WI	2320	-	2320
Community F Sheffield mutual	-	250	250
Futures	-	15000	15000
Gemini Trust	6264	31750	38014
HMRC (JRS)	1276	-	1276
JN Derbyshire	-	2000	2000
Lady Hind Trust	-	4500	4500
Mapperley Rotary	1245	-	1245
NEW START CRF CITY	24560	-	24560
Nottingham Liberal Synagogue	1860	-	1860
S. Thompson Everyone can sing	1284	-	1284
Sheffield Town Trust	500	-	500
Southall Trust	-	5000	5000
St Martins P.C.C	400	-	400
Thomas Farr Charity	-	3500	3500
Unite	2000	-	2000
Veolia	-	835	835
Wheatcroft	-	5000	5000
Widows Sons & PCC St Mary's Church	750	-	750
Widows Sons- Masons	400	-	400
Work for Good	698	-	698
Other donations	24726	-	24726
	68281	92235	160516

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3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
Sheffield expansion fund	3776	-	(3776)	-
Older persons fund	910	-	(910)	-
Leaflets and branding fund	1711	250	(1961)	-
Sharing your way to work fund	1459	15000	(16324)	135
Storage fund	992	-	(992)	-
Driver fund	-	18750	(3665)	15085
OM salary	-	20000	(11041)	8959
Re-Lived	-	1935	(595)	1340
Shakers/ volunteer uniform	-	5000	(2373)	2627
Southglade	-	20000	(20000)	-
Supervisor salary	-	8900	(6978)	1922
Van running cost fund	-	3500	(266)	3234
	8848	93335	(68881)	33302
Unrestricted funds				
General	39266	79607	(70065)	48808
	39266	79607	(70065)	48808

4. Debtors

	£
Prepayment - Insurance	40
Prepayment - Employers liability	12
Prepayment - Van insurance	1096
	1148

5. Creditors

	£
Creditor - Independent examination	558
Creditor - HMRC	806
Creditor - Pension	195
Creditor - Income received in error	12008
	13567

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6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

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SHAREWEAR CLOTHING SCHEME

England & Wales - Charity number 1170084

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Sharewear Clothing Scheme Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31 October 2021

Full name Sharewear Clothing Scheme

Organisation type Charitable incorporated organisation

Registered charity number 1170084

Principal address

41-43 Mansfield Road, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6BB

Trustees

Alison Rogers, Chair	Gemma Fenyn, from 01/08/21
Matthew Cooke, Acting Vice Chair	Gianni Romano, from 01/08/21
Bridget Obareki, Treasurer	Nicola Husbands, until 01/04/21
Sarah Sinclair, Secretary	Stella Claxton, until 01/05/21
Abigail Rhodes	Helen McFarlane, until 01/06/21
George Hagen	John Wilkinson, until 01/06/21
Karen Waldron, from 01/08/21	

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

The charity is operated under the rules of its constitution adopted 8 November 2016 and most recently amended 14 July 2020.

Trustees are usually recruited following expressions of interest in our work and, for the first time this year, we also formally advertised for Trustees on our social media pages. We have developed a Trustee induction presentation and following a Trustee skills audit we were able to identify specific areas of Board development need and we were successful in recruiting new team members with skills and experience to our Strategic Development Plan and sustainable income generation.

Prospective Trustees who are new to the organisation are invited to attend a Board meeting as a visitor prior to committing to joining.

Objectives and activities

Our Charitable purpose is to provide 'The relief of hardship among people in need by providing such persons with clothing, bedding and any other such suitable equipment and services that they could otherwise not afford due to lack of means'.

We continue each year, not only to clothe people in desperate need - which from Nov 2020 to Oct 2021 totalled 24,025 people - but also to stop a significant amount of waste clothing entering landfill and providing employability and opportunity for our volunteers also, through our successful Sharing Your Way to Work programme, which has now entered its second phase, funded by Futures.

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This is achieved through the hard work of our 3 staff and team of 40 volunteers at our bases at Daybrook in Nottingham, Ashfield Children's Centre, based at Portland Pathways, Sutton-in-Ashfield and our Norfolk St, Sheffield base. We supply clothing directly to clients referred to us who attend our bases and also through bulk distribution to our many large partner organisations including NUH (now 13 wards), Framework, Baby Basics, Ashiana, YMCA Nottingham and many others.

We also run high profile awareness campaigns highlighting the plight of those living in clothing poverty and the transformative effect that having suitable and appropriate clothing can have on their lives. The main focus of our awareness raising campaigning this year was our No Wear to Run work, which brought attention to those with lack of means being unable to participate in 'free' outdoor activities such as walking and parkrun, due to unaffordable footwear such as trainers being beyond their budgets. Our hoodies and water bottles proved very popular with supporters and we held targeted clothing collections of active wear and trainers.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Our activities continue to benefit the public by providing those referred to us to access our high quality clothing and bedding, with the items they need. We also raise awareness of Clothing Poverty via our National Awareness Day in June and regular social media campaigns and events. We also aim to continue in our aims to improve sustainability with our unique position at the end of the fashion supply chain, 'Where Clothing Poverty meets Clothing Waste'.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

It has been another busy year for Sharewear Clothing, here are some of the monthly highlights:

January 2021- Saw the opening of our Sharewear Sheffield base and we employed our new centre supervisor to oversee operations here. We took on a new 1 year rates mitigation lease on our Sheffield premises and launched the day before the second lockdown in January! We also held our annual 'Manuary' campaign for men's clothing.

February 2021- Our 'No Wear to Run' campaign was finally launched and our hoodie proved very popular. Lockdown did not stop the huge demand for our clothing- over 3,800 people received Sharewear clothing thanks to the hard work of our teams in Nottingham, Ashfield & Sheffield.

March 2021- Sharewear clothing was delivered to projects in Wales for the first time thanks to our volunteer driver Alison.

April 2021- We partnered with London Community Kitchen, who provide clothing to several projects across North London.

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May 2021- Another one of our busiest months on record- over 3,000 people were supported with Sharewear clothing.

June 2021- Clothing Poverty Awareness week was marked with an online awareness campaign and we were astounded by the fundraising successes of our younger Sharewear supporters at South Wilford School and also the Chambers family who raised a huge amount of money through their fundraising efforts.

July 2021- We held the first screening of 'Clothing Poverty Exposed' at the Savoy cinema, Nottingham, which was a huge success, with supporters purchasing our hoodies on a very hot day! Louise and Bridget visited the City Hospital to see the difference that Sharewear clothing makes to the lives of the patients on the 13 wards we support across NUH.

August 2021- We were finally able to purchase our long awaited new van.

September 2021- Or should we say 'Sweatember'- our successful fundraising campaign, focusing on the positive benefits of exercise on mental health and the difficulties faced by those who cannot afford even a basic pair of trainers to access 'free' outdoor exercise, was highly successful, with 80 mile walks and several half marathon and Couch to 5k challenges completed raising over £4,000. Our second successful film screening was held at the Savoy cinema.

October 2021- The final month of another hugely busy and successful year for Sharewear Clothing Scheme in which we supported over 24,000 people. We launched our annual 'It's a Wrap' campaign for hats, scarves and gloves.

The charity's policy on reserves

Our aim is to maintain at least 6 months of reserves in our bank account. This is reviewed by Trustees on an annual basis.

Financial risks

As we receive no central funding and rely entirely on the success of our grant applications, fundraising and increasingly, corporate sponsorship, we face the continued challenge of how to generate steady income streams in order not only to maintain operations at our current levels but also aid our expansion.

Our financial situation has remained stable this year, however we are about to enter a period of sustained growth, and this will require careful financial planning and management. We are now using a more robust accounting system having moved over to Quickbooks accounting software at the beginning of this financial year and we are finding this is enabling us to keep a much more informed understanding of our finances.

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Acknowledgements

We continue to be indebted to our many funders, corporate sponsors, individual regular financial and clothing donors, volunteers and everyone who supports us with our work, including regular contributors to our social media and awareness campaigns.

None of our work could be achieved without the dedication of a huge team of staff, volunteers and our huge network of supporters and referral and distribution partners.

Our work in continuing to provide clothing and bedding will continue as we firmly believe that everyone has the Right to Clothing. Thank you for your continued support.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed _____ Date _____
Sarah Sinclair, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Sharewear Clothing Scheme
for the year ended 31 October 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sharewear Clothing Scheme (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity 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 charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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

Signed _____ Date _____
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 October 2021**

2020			Unrestricted	Restricted	2021
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£			£	£	£
Receipts					
1546	Fundraising & events		-	-	-
50053	Grants & donations	2	48958	40398	89356
1000	Sales of vehicle		-	-	-
4405	Sales & fees		2121	-	2121
20	Sundry receipts		-	-	-
<u>57024</u>	Total receipts		<u>51079</u>	<u>40398</u>	<u>91477</u>
Payments					
-	Advertising / promotional		303	289	592
69	Bank & payment charges		139	-	139
273	Equipment, repairs & renewals		-	1783	1783
3280	Fundraising & publicity		-	-	-
83	Gifts & donations		-	-	-
546	Independent examination		546	-	546
336	Insurance		2371	675	3046
-	IT costs		-	559	559
302	Legal & professional		2058	1816	3874
-	Office / General admin expenses		1317	1342	2659
23	Premises maintenance		-	-	-
282	Printing & stationery		138	27	165
40	Publications & subscriptions		-	-	-
8653	Rent, rates & services		7471	3570	11041
-	Stock		1220	-	1220
80	Sundry payments		123	-	123
536	Telephone, internet & postage		465	190	655
691	Volunteer & travel expenses		843	571	1414
-	Utilities		-	1061	1061
2215	Vehicle expenses		2046	1360	3406
-	Vehicle purchase		1495	5500	6995
<u>23169</u>	Wages, NI & pension		<u>20649</u>	<u>21547</u>	<u>42196</u>
<u>40578</u>	Total payments		<u>41184</u>	<u>40290</u>	<u>81474</u>
16446	Net receipts/(payments)		9895	108	10003
<u>21665</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>29371</u>	<u>8740</u>	<u>38111</u>
<u>38111</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>39266</u>	<u>8848</u>	<u>48114</u>

**Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 October 2021**

<i>2020</i>			<i>2021</i>
£		Note	£
	Cash assets		
37996	Bank accounts		48066
<u>115</u>	Cash in hand		<u>48</u>
<u>38111</u>			<u>48114</u>
	 Other monetary assets		
<u>1554</u>	Debtors - Prepayments	3	<u>1523</u>
<u>1554</u>			<u>1523</u>
	 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
	Motor vehicle, purchased July 21, cost £6,995.		
	Laptop, purchased Dec 20, cost £499.		
	Motor vehicle, purchased 2018, cost £13,194.		
	Projector & laptop, purchased 2018, cost £849.		
	 Liabilities		
<u>(751)</u>	Creditors	4	<u>(1201)</u>
<u>(751)</u>			<u>(1201)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed _____ Dated _____
Bridget Obareki, Trustee

Sharewear Clothing Scheme
Notes to the accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2021

1. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £
Peoples Postcode Lottery	-	20000	20000
Futures ESF Communtty Grant	-	7498	7498
Scurrah Wainwright Trust	-	4000	4000
JG Graves Trust	-	3000	3000
The Jones 1986 Charitable Trust	-	2000	2000
Sheffield Town Trust	-	2000	2000
Ashfield Masons	-	500	500
Company of Cutlers	-	500	500
Freemasons	-	500	500
Newby Trust	10000	-	10000
Savanna Rags	6327	-	6327
Mansfield Quakers	5365	-	5365
JN Derbyshire Trust	2000	-	2000
Arnold Clark Community Fund	1000	-	1000
Ecclesiastical Charities Trust	1000	-	1000
South Wilford School	731	-	731
Sundry grants & donations	22535	400	22935
	<u>48958</u>	<u>40398</u>	<u>89356</u>

3. Debtors

	£
Prepayment - Insurance	1079
Prepayment - Vehicle expenses	444
	<u>1523</u>

4. Creditors

	£
Independent examination fee	546
HMRC & pension	655
	<u>1201</u>

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5. Funds analysis

	Opening balance £	Receipts (Payments) £		Closing balance £
Restricted funds				
COVID 19 fund	330	-	(330)	-
Thursday sessions fund	560	-	(560)	-
Sheffield expansion fund	6850	24000	(27074)	3776
Older persons fund	1000	-	(90)	910
Leaflets & branding fund	-	2000	(289)	1711
Sharing Your Way to Work fund	-	7498	(6039)	1459
Sheffield van fund	-	5500	(5500)	-
Storage fund	-	1400	(408)	992
	8740	40398	(40290)	8848
Unrestricted funds				
General	29371	51079	(41184)	39266
	29371	51079	(41184)	39266

6. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

7. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.