

ST THOMAS COMMUNITY PROJECT

England & Wales - Charity number 1170109

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2016-11-10

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

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Activities

Objects: 1) THE PREVENTION AND RELIEF OF POVERTY IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING FOOD PARCELS TO PEOPLE IN NEED, PROVIDING OR ASSISTING IN THE PROVISION OF DEBT ADVICE AND BY SUCH OTHER MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE.2) THE RELIEF OF THOSE IN NEED BY REASON OF YOUTH, AGE, ILL-HEALTH, DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR OTHER DISADVANTAGE.3) TO PROVIDE OR ASSIST IN THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THEIR CONDITIONS OF LIFE.4) TO ACT AS A RESOURCE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE UP TO THE AGE OF 18 LIVING IN GARRETTS GREEN BY PROVIDING ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE AND ORGANISING PROGRAMMES OF PHYSICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND OTHER ACTIVITIES AS A MEANS OF:(A) ADVANCING IN LIFE AND HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE BY DEVELOPING THEIR SKILLS, CAPACITIES AND CAPABILITIES TO ENABLE THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN SOCIETY AS INDEPENDENT, MATURE AND RESPONSIBLE INDIVIDUALS;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION;(C) PROVIDING RECREATIONAL AND LEISURE TIME ACTIVITY IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR PEOPLE LIVING IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT WHO HAVE NEED BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABILITY, POVERTY OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE OF SUCH PERSONS.

Activities: We operate mainly in the area of Garretts Green Birmingham offering community activities and services, these currently include :A stay and play groupChildren's clubsYouth clubsAfter school clubPlace of Welcome coffee morning with access to our food bank, information, support and signpostingFamily activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Economic/community Development/employment, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Birmingham City
- Solihull

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£67,803	£76,236	-	-
2023-12-31	£78,688	£83,791	-	-
2022-12-31	£53,158	£48,317	-	-
2021-12-31	£44,465	£37,845	-	-
2020-12-31	£24,865	£25,992	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Deborah Tracey Green		2022-03-18
Graham Holyoak		2025-07-27
JOSEPHINE HOLYOAK		2016-10-01
Linda Nugent		2017-10-02
Philip Green		2025-07-27
Rev PAUL BRACHER		2017-04-14
Rev SUSAN JANE LARKIN MBE		2016-10-01
Susan Joy Round		2016-10-01

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Accounts

Annual Report January to December 2024

St Thomas' Community Project (CIO registration 1170109)

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Trustees

Revd Paul Bracher (chair)
Revd Susan Larkin
Rev Sue Round
Jo Holyoak
Michele Twelftree (resigned 31st December 2024)
Linda Nugent
Debbie Green
Phil Green
Graham Holyoak

Structure, governance and management

St Thomas' Community Project became a Charity Incorporated Organisation in October 2016 but has existed as a constituted body since 1992.

In accordance with constitution, on 27th July 2025 the Parochial Church Council of St Thomas' Church, Garretts Green appointed two new trustees, namely Philip Green and Graham Holyoak.

Financial Review

The turnover for this year was £67,803 and at the end of the financial year we have reserves of £33,183. All expenditure has been made for the delivery of activities in line with the aims and objectives of the charity. The Statement of Financial Activities will show the funders and the balance of funds at the end of the year.

With a turnover of under £100,000 the charity does not require an audit, but the accounts have been independently examined.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

No funds are held on behalf of others.

Public benefit statement

In planning and delivering our activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. There have been some changes in the services provided and the way they are delivered, and new activities have been introduced.

Main activities undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

1. Working with local families
- Our weekly stay and playgroup runs regularly on Monday mornings between 9.15 and 11.00 a.m. Toys are rotated on a monthly basis to provide variety; we include toys for physical activity (eg climbing frame, bicycles, tunnels) items for imaginary play (kitchen, dressing up, farm yard, garage and cars),

resources to aid manual dexterity (e.g. lego, sticklebricks), and tabletop activities (puzzles, playdough, chalk boards). During the year we have introduced some new toys e.g. outdoor mud kitchen. Every week there is a craft for parents to complete with their child. During the session all the children sit down together for toast and drinks and we conclude with song time. Children come accompanied by parents, grandparents and carers and a number of child minders come regularly. This is delivered by a team of 3 volunteers and with some parent/carer help.

- Throughout the year we have provided a safe space for a family to have supervised contact with a social worker.
- Our community hall is available for private bookings and is regularly used by local families for childrens birthday parties and family events such as Eid celebrations and mehndi parties.

2. Working with local children

- Our weekly provision of two youth groups during term time on Monday evenings. From 4.00 till 5.30 we ran activities for 6-11 year olds and from 6.00 till 7.30 for ages 11-16. The sessions include social time, organised games, crafts, activities and challenges. There were 38 sessions during the year, some children and young people come regularly, others come for a short while and others dip in and out. The groups are representative of the local community. We suspended the older age group at the end of 2024 to review the provisions and to secure further funding. This work is delivered by two experienced part-time youth workers and one regular volunteer.
- In addition to the work we deliver directly we host Masquerade (a musical drama group for children and young people) and Rochelle Dance Academy for children and young people aged 4 to 18.

3. Working with local young adults

- A small group of up to 5/6 young adults aged 15-25 meet weekly. We provide a safe space, social interaction and support; it remains a small exclusive group. This group have become a support to us, helping with various tasks as they arise; for example, putting up the Christmas tree, preparing for school visits, giving IT advice and helping to resolve IT issues. This small group is pretty much independent and now sometimes meet off site.

4. Working with older people and vulnerable adults

- This aspect of our community work has expanded. We employ two part time workers to engage with people in the 50+ age group; the purpose of this work is to keep older people active and involved in the local community. We now have a whole day set aside for 50+ activities that includes floor yoga, chair yoga, drop in coffee morning, light refreshments at lunch time e.g. soup in the winter, followed by afternoon tea and chat and social activities. We have welcomed a small group of new participants who live in care and come with their carers; they particularly enjoy playing pool.

There are table puzzles and games, quizzes, raffle and a lending library for books and jigsaws. There have been trips to a local garden centre and we celebrated D-Day and Christmas with a party. A high light of the year was a visit to the pantomime to watch Cinderella.

Gardening continued to be a popular activity and a small courtyard area is maintained by a small enthusiastic team and provides a quiet, reflective space for others to sit in and enjoy.

Towards the end of 2024 we started a new provision on Fridays which is an open craft session, gardening and line dancing.

A social worker from the adult care team is available once a month.

The work with people aged 50+ is delivered by two part time workers funded through the Body Mind and Spirit Partnership. We rely on a small group of enablers (volunteers) who are members of the group but also help to make things happen. This work has been re-commissioned for a further three years from October 2023.

- More specialist activities have continued on other days of the week; Xpress Yourself Dance on Monday mornings, a weekly men's group is on Tuesday morning, an art and craft group also runs on Tuesday mornings and a local Art Club on Wednesday mornings.

5. Relief of Poverty

- The local community can access other provisions on site e.g. shower and laundry facilities, use of telephone and internet and help with completing applications continues on an ad-hoc basis.
- Our independent Food Bank has remained open every week on Wednesday mornings throughout 2024 and clients serve themselves to hot drinks, toast and biscuits. Usage has increased as have donations from the local community, schools, churches, businesses and other organisations. A team of seven local volunteers manage the incoming donations, purchases, storage and distribution.
- During the year we held a community event to showcase all the provisions offered and a Christmas Bazaar, both events were well received and well attended.

Achievements and performance.

- During 2024 we engaged with 68 families and 108 children at our Stay and Play group and we delivered 36 sessions.
- A total of 32 children have attended our children's club during 2024, total attendances is 409 giving an average weekly attendance 13; we delivered 36 sessions
- A total of 23 young people attended our youth club, total attendances 293 representing an average weekly attendance 13; we delivered 36 sessions
- 59 people are on the register for 50+ social activities on Thursdays with a total of 1060 attendances averaging 21 per week. We were open for 50 sessions during the year.
- Additionally there are those aged 50+ who attend yoga (36), dance (14), art club (7), crafts (24) men's group (11) coffee morning (16), Friday group (11)
- 531 food parcels were issued to 110 clients representing 250 individuals.
- We currently have 20 volunteers plus our volunteer trustees. We have 4 part time paid workers and 1 paid cleaner and a part time administrator.

Public Benefits

Our provision for families provides resources and opportunities for parents and carers to play with their children and meet other families.

The focus of our children's and youth work is the delivery of a varied programme of activities and events to stimulate and develop them physically, mentally and emotionally. This benefits the children and young people by developing their self-confidence, self-esteem, social skills, increased resilience and raises aspirations.

We welcome all children and young people and we believe the experiences and opportunities they have enriches their personal lives which then impacts on their family, their school life and the wider community.

Our provision for older and more vulnerable people has increased. The aim is to maintain their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being and reduce social isolation. We encourage and enable older people to continue to use their skills, experience and hobbies and interests to benefit others.

Our work to address and combat poverty contributes towards physical and social well-being helping people towards more independent living.

Our work with volunteers and enablers of all ages utilises skills from within the local community and further develops and equips people.

Signature of Chair of Trustees

Date

Rev Paul Bracher

Charity number: 1170109

St.Thomas Community Project

**UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024**

Prepared By:

R.J.Taylor & Co
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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST.THOMAS COMMUNITY PROJECT

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/12/2024 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to

undertake the examination by being a qualified member of I.C.A.E.W .

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

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Date: 07/05/2025

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/12/2024**

	Unrestric ted funds	Restrict ed funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Other trading activities	42,602	-	42,602	23,806
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	24,076
Other Income	6,945	18,258	25,201	30,806
Total Income and endowments	49,547	18,258	67,803	78,688
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Raised funds	1,445	-	1,445	6,459
Expenditure on Charitable activities	51,023	23,770	74,791	77,332
Total Expenses	52,468	23,770	76,236	83,791
Net gains on investments				
Net Income	(2,921)	(5,512)	(8,433)	(5,103)
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assests				
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	(2,921)	(5,512)	(8,433)	(5,103)
Total funds brought forward	24,900	16,716	41,616	46,719
Net funds carried forward	21,979	11,204	33,183	41,616

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

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BALANCE SHEET AT 31/12/2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>33,903</u>	<u>42,336</u>
		33,903	42,336
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>33,183</u>	<u>41,616</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>33,183</u>	<u>41,616</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3	21,979	24,900
Restricted funds			
	4	<u>11,204</u>	<u>16,716</u>
		<u>33,183</u>	<u>41,616</u>

For the year ending 31/12/2024 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 07/05/2025 and signed on their behalf by

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Trustee

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1a. Basis Of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS102 - The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland and the Companies Act 2006 and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

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

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

Designated funds are funds set aside by the trustees out of unrestricted general funds for the specific future purposes or projects.

1f. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

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2. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	720	720
	<u>720</u>	<u>720</u>

3. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resource	Outgoing resource	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	24,900	49,549	(52,470)	-	21,979
	<u>24,900</u>	<u>49,549</u>	<u>(52,470)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,979</u>

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resource	Outgoing resource	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	11,826	-	(6,570)	-	5,256
THRIVE	4,890	18,258	(17,200)	-	5,948
	<u>16,716</u>	<u>18,258</u>	<u>(23,770)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,204</u>

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**Incoming Resources
for the year ended 31/12/2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
Income resources from generated funds		
Rent - centre	300	300
Rent - Hall	19,534	19,024
Donations	14,550	21
50+	6,718	3,472
Little Angels	1,500	989
	<u>42,602</u>	<u>23,806</u>
	<u>42,602</u>	<u>23,806</u>
Income resources from charitable activities		
Grants	-	24,076
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,076</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>24,076</u>
Other Incoming Resources		
Refunds and misc	5,397	28
Admin/Office	565	7,416
Children/YP	983	1,650
BMSP	18,256	21,712
	<u>25,201</u>	<u>30,806</u>
	<u>67,803</u>	<u>78,688</u>

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**Expenses
for the year ended 31/12/2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expenses		
Costs of generating funds		
Costs Of Generating Voluntary Income		
Maintenance	1,445	6,459
	<u>1,445</u>	<u>6,459</u>
	<u>1,445</u>	<u>6,459</u>
Charitable Activities		
Grants expenditure	2,250	19,348
Refreshments	7	-
Playdays	-	95
50+ resources	8,014	3,100
Expenses	59	-
	<u>10,330</u>	<u>22,543</u>
 Governance Costs		
Rent and Utilities	7,579	6,413
Training	-	778
Administration	21,295	8,737
Bank charges	210	161
Cleaning	5,447	4,722
Communications	561	561
Little Angels	892	180
Children/YP	664	1,628
Other salary	2,502	3,598
Youth community worker salary	6,560	9,280
Insurance	831	815
Professional charges	720	720
BMSP	17,200	17,196
	<u>64,461</u>	<u>54,789</u>
	<u>76,236</u>	<u>83,791</u>

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There have been no changes to our board of trustees and we continue to operate in St Thomas' Church hall and St Thomas' Community Centre.

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1. Working with local families

- Our weekly stay and playgroup re-opened in May 22 and we welcomed two new volunteers to the team. We operate on Monday mornings between 9.15 and 11.00 for parents and carers with pre-school children. Toys are rotated on a monthly basis to provide variety; we include toys for physical activity (eg climbing frame, bicycles, tunnels) items for imaginary play (kitchen, dressing up, farm yard, garage and cars), resources to aid manual dexterity (e.g. lego, sticklebricks), and table top activities (puzzles, playdough, chalk boards). Every week there is a craft for parents to complete with their child. During the session all the children sit down together for toast and drinks and we conclude with a story and song time. This is delivered by a team of 4 volunteers and with some parent/carer help.

2. Working with local children

- Our weekly provision of two youth groups during term time continued on Monday evenings. From 4.00 till 5.30 we run activities for 6-11 year olds and from 6.00 till 7.30 for ages 11-16. The sessions include social time, organised games, crafts, activities and challenges. There were 35 sessions for each age group during the year, fluctuate week by week, some children and young people come every week, some dip in and out and some come for a while drop out and then return. The groups are representative of the local community including children from Muslim families.
- In addition to the work we deliver directly we host Masquerade (a musical drama group for children and young people) and Rochelle Dance Academy for children and young people aged 4 to 18.
- Our work with children and young people is organised by a self-employed youth worker a part time support worker and 2 volunteers

3. Working with local young adults

- A small group of up to 3/4 young adults aged 18-53 continued to meet. These are young people. We provide a safe space, social interaction, support but it remains a small exclusive group. This group have become a support to us, helping with various tasks as they arise; for example, putting up the Christmas tree, preparing for school visits, giving IT advice and helping to resolve IT issues. This small group is pretty much independent and now sometimes meet off site.

4. Working with the older people and vulnerable adults

This aspect of our community work goes from strength to strength. We employ two part time workers to engage with people in the 50+ age group; the purpose of this work is to keep people in this age group active and involved in the local community. We now have a whole day set aside for 50+ activities that includes floor yoga, chair

yoga, drop in coffee morning, light refreshments at lunch time e.g. soup in the winter, followed by afternoon tea and chat and social activities.

Gardening continued to be a popular activity and a small courtyard area has been developed by a small enthusiastic team and provides a quiet, reflective space for others to sit in and enjoy. Any food produced e.g. tomatoes, beans are shared. During the autumn of 2022 the tubs were planted up with bulbs so we had a lovely display through the spring. Two small trees were purchased; an olive tree and a fig tree; these are planted in large tubs along with other perennials that give a colourful display through the year. The group has also maintained a small border along side the car park.

Knitting, crafts, jigsaws and a book exchange are also available every week. Other activities delivered by members of the group have included for example ceramic picture frames and felt poppies. On other weeks there are table puzzles and games, quizzes, raffle and a lending library for books and jigsaws.

There is occasional input from guest speakers and service providers, for example health talks about diabetes and prostate cancer and a social worker from the adult care team is available once a month. A high light of the year was a visit to the pantomime to watch Cinderella.

More specialist activities have continued on other days of the week; Xpress Yourself Dance has moved to late mornings on Monday, the weekly men's group is on Tuesday morning, an art and craft group also on Tuesday mornings and a local Art Club is on Wednesday mornings. There have been trips out to local garden centres, gardens and museums, including a visit to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery off site storage. We celebrated Easter, the Coronation and Christmas with a buffet and entertainment.

The work with people aged 50+ is delivered by two part time workers funded through the Body Mind and Spirit partnership and activities have been supported and funded by Yardley Neighbourhood Network Scheme. The people we call enablers are members of the group but they also help to make things happen. This work has been re-commissioned for a further three years from October 2023. One of our workers retired in at the 2023 and we will be recruiting for a replacement early in 2024.

5. Relief of Poverty

- The local community can access other provisions on site e.g. shower and laundry facilities, use of telephone and internet and help with completing applications continues on an ad-hoc basis.
- Our independent Food Bank has remained open every week on Wednesday mornings throughout 2023 and clients serve themselves to hot drinks and biscuits. Usage has increased as have donations from the local community, schools, churches, businesses and other organisations. A team of seven local volunteers manage the incoming donations, purchases, storage and distribution.

- The only community event was our Christmas Bazaar which was very well attended with lots of positive feedback.

Achievements and performance .

- During 2023 we engaged with 48 families and 72 children at our Stay and Play group
- A total 41 children have attended our children's club during 2023, total attendances is 470 giving an average weekly attendance 14.
- A total of 47 young people attended our youth club, total attendances 339 representing an average weekly attendance 10.
- 72 people are on the register 50+ social activities on Thursdays with a total of 718 attendances averaging 17 per week. We were open for 50 sessions during the year.
- Additionally there are those aged 50+ who attend yoga (42), dance (19), art club (7), crafts (21) and men's group (9) coffee morning (19). These average attendances per week.
- 838 food parcels were issued (an increase of 48%) to 131 clients representing 424 individuals. 47% of our clients are single people, many living in hostels or HMOs.
- We currently have 20 volunteers plus our volunteer trustees. We have 4 part time paid workers and 1 paid cleaners.

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2023**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF ST.THOMAS COMMUNITY PROJECT

I report on the accounts of the company for the year ended 31/12/2023 .

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of I.C.A.E.W .

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31/12/2023**

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(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

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have not been met; or

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St.Thomas Community Project

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31/12/2023**

	Unrestric ted funds	Restrict ed funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Other trading activities	23,806	-	23,806	20,395
Income from charitable activities	1,999	22,076	24,076	9,374
Other Income	9,094	21,713	30,806	23,386
Total Income and endowments	34,899	43,789	78,688	53,155
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Raised funds	6,459	-	6,459	33
Expenditure on Charitable activities	31,508	45,824	77,332	48,282
Total Expenses	37,967	45,824	83,791	48,315
Net gains on investments				
Net Income	(3,068)	(2,035)	(5,103)	4,840
Gains/(losses) on revaluation of fixed assests				
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year	(3,068)	(2,035)	(5,103)	4,840
Total funds brought forward	27,968	18,751	46,719	41,879
Net funds carried forward	24,900	16,716	41,616	46,719

This statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities

St.Thomas Community Project

BALANCE SHEET AT 31/12/2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		42,336	46,719
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CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2	<u>720</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>41,616</u>	<u>46,719</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>41,616</u>	<u>46,719</u>
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	3	24,900	27,969
Restricted funds			
	4	<u>16,716</u>	<u>18,750</u>
		<u>41,616</u>	<u>46,719</u>

For the year ending 31/12/2023 the company was entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

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The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the board of trustees on 29/04/2024 and signed on their behalf by

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Trustee

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1b. Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

1c. Resources Expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

1d. Allocation And Apportionment Of Costs

All costs relate to the single activity of the charitable company and are recognised accordingly.

1e. Fund Accounting

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

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

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1f. Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of goods and services supplied by the company, net of value added tax and trade discounts.

St.Thomas Community Project

2. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>720</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u><u>720</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

3. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resource	Outgoing resource	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
General fund	<u>27,968</u>	<u>34,900</u>	<u>(37,968)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24,900</u>
	<u><u>27,968</u></u>	<u><u>34,900</u></u>	<u><u>(37,968)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>24,900</u></u>

4. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resource	Outgoing resource	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Grants	18,378	22,076	(28,628)	-	11,826
THRIVE	<u>373</u>	<u>21,713</u>	<u>(17,196)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,890</u>
	<u><u>18,751</u></u>	<u><u>43,789</u></u>	<u><u>(45,824)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>16,716</u></u>

St.Thomas Community Project

**Incoming Resources
for the year ended 31/12/2023**

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	£	£
Incoming resources		
Incoming resources from generated funds		
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ST THOMAS COMMUNITY PROJECT

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Accounts

Annual Report January to December 2022

St Thomas' Community Project (CIO registration 1170109)

Principal Office and Trading address

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Trustees

Revd Paul Bracher (chair)
Revd Susan Larkin
Sue Round
Jo Holyoak
Michele Twelftree
Linda Nugent
Debbie Green

Structure, governance and management

St Thomas' Community Project became a Charity Incorporated Organisation in October 2016 but has existed as a constituted body since 1992.

This year we welcomed a new trustee Debbie Green. Debbie is the principal of Rochelle Dance Academy who use St Thomas' premises on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings so she has lots of connections with local families. This year Debbie also became a volunteer with Garretts Green Foodbank where her role is stock control.

Covid precautions continued into 2022 as at the start of the year there were increasing cases, but through the year activities have returned more or less to normal.

We continue to operate in St Thomas' Church hall and St Thomas' Community Centre.

Financial Review

The turnover for this year was £53,518 and at the end of the financial year we have reserves of £46,719. All expenditure has been made for the delivery of activities in line with the aims and objectives of the charity. The Statement of Financial Activities will show the funders and the balance of funds at the end of the year.

With a turnover of under £100,000 the charity does not require an audit, but the accounts have been independently examined.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

No funds are held on behalf of others.

Public benefit statement

In planning and delivering our activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. There have been changes in the services provided and the way they are delivered and new activities have been introduced.

Main activities undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

1. Working with local families

- Our weekly stay and playgroup re-opened in May 22 and we welcomed two new volunteers to the team. We operate on Monday mornings between 9.15 and 11.00 for parents and carers with pre-school children. Toys are rotated on a monthly basis to provide variety; we include toys for physical activity (eg climbing frame, bicycles, tunnels) items for imaginary play (kitchen, dressing up, farm yard, garage and cars), resources to aid manual dexterity (e.g. lego, sticklebricks), and table top activities (puzzles, playdough, chalk boards). Every week there is a craft for parents to complete with their child. During the session all the children sit down together for toast and drinks and we conclude with a story and song time. This is delivered by a team of 5 volunteers.
- Fox Hollies Children's Centre delivered services on 3 days a week until September. The programme varied but included ante natal classes, breast feeding, speech and language therapy and play sessions.

2. Working with local children

- Our weekly provision of two youth groups during term time continued on Monday evenings. From 4.00 till 5.30 we run activities for 6-11 year olds and from 6.00 till 7.30 for ages 11-16. The sessions include social time, organised games, crafts, activities and challenges. There were 38 sessions for each age group during the year, numbers fluctuate week by week, some children and young people come every week, some dip in and out and some come for a while drop out and then return. The groups are representative of the local community including children from Muslim families. We avoided promotion during 2022 whilst children and young people adjusted to the impact covid lockdowns had on them. In 2023 we plan to deliver an updated programme to which children and young people have had input and we will do some promotion in local schools.

- In addition to the work we deliver directly we host Masquerade (a musical drama group for children and young people) and Rochelle Dance Academy for children and young people aged 4 to 18.
- Our work with children and young people is organised by a self-employed youth worker a part time support worker and 2 volunteers

3. Working with local young adults

- A small group of up to 6 young adults aged 19-23 continued to meet. These are young people experiencing mental health issues, unemployment and social problems who have been impacted by Covid restrictions. We provide a safe space, social interaction and support but it remains a small exclusive group which we envisage fading out over the next 12 months as they move in in life.

4. Working with the older people and vulnerable adults

This aspect of our community work goes from strength to strength. We employ two part time workers to engage with people in the 50+ age group; the purpose of this work is to keep people in this age group active and involved in the local community. We now have a whole day set aside for 50+ activities that includes floor yoga, chair yoga, drop in coffee morning, light refreshments at lunch time e.g. soup in the winter, followed by afternoon tea and chat and social activities.

Gardening continues to be a popular activity and a small courtyard area has been developed by an enthusiastic team and provides a quiet, reflective space for those who benefit from this. Any food produced e.g. tomatoes, beans are shared or used in cookery sessions. During the autumn or 2021 the tubs were planted up with bulbs so we had a lovely display through the spring.

Knitting, crafts, jigsaws and a book exchange are also popular activities. More specialist activities have continued; Xpress Yourself Dance on Monday afternoon, weekly men's group on Tuesday morning, a local Art Club on Wednesday mornings and new in 2022 is an art and craft group on Tuesday also mornings. There have been trips out to local garden centres, gardens and museums.

On Thursdays there is input from guest speakers and service providers, for example the fire service, a dietician, social worker. And monthly RNID and benefit advice.

The work with people aged 50+ is delivered by two part time workers funded through the Body Mind and Spirit partnership and activities have been supported and funded by Yardley Neighbourhood Network Scheme.

We also have people we call enablers; they are members of the group but they help to make things happen.

5. Relief of Poverty

- The local community can access other provisions on site e.g. shower and laundry facilities, use of telephone and internet and help with completing applications continues on an ad-hoc basis.
- Our independent Food Bank has remained open every week on Wednesday mornings throughout the whole of 2022 and since the autumn we invite people in to serve themselves to hot drinks and biscuits. Usage has increased as we have donations from the local community, schools, churches, businesses and other organisations. The volunteer team has grown and at the end of 2022 we have 7 volunteers.

Achievements and performance .

- During 2022 we engaged with 48 families and 72 children at our Stay and Play group
- A total 37 children have attended our children's club during 2022, total attendances is 431 giving an average weekly attendance 14.
- A total of 43 young people attended our youth club, total attendances 329 representing an average weekly attendance 10.
- 60 people are on the register for our 50+ activities, total of 1114 attendances with a regular weekly attendance 28
- Additionally there are those aged 50+ who attend yoga, dance and art and crafts.
- 408 food parcels were issued (an increase of 26%) to 100 clients. 62% of our clients are single people, many living in hostels or HMOs.
- We currently have 20 volunteers plus our volunteer trustees. We have 4 part time paid workers and 2 paid cleaners.

Public Benefits

Our provision for families provides resources and opportunities for parents and carers to play with their children and meet other families.

The focus of our children's and youth work is the delivery of a varied programme of activities and events to stimulate and develop them physically, mentally and emotionally. This benefits the children and young people by developing their self-confidence, self-esteem, social skills, increased resilience and raises aspirations.

We welcome all children and young people and we believe the experiences and opportunities they have enriches their personal lives which then impacts on their family, their school life and the wider community.

Our provision for older and more vulnerable people has increased as Covid restrictions were lifted. The aim is to maintain their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being and reduce social isolation.

Our work to address and combat poverty contributes towards physical and social well-being helping people towards more independent living.

Our work with volunteers and enablers of all ages utilises skills from within the local community and further develops and equips people.

Subsequently all our charitable activities were for public benefit.

No trustee benefitted financially or in-kind from any service or activity provided by the charity.

St Thomas Community Project
Statement of Financial Activities

For the period from 01 January 2022 to 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds	19,713	—	—	19,713	15,281
Voluntary Income	—	—	—	—	200
Activities for generating funds	682	—	—	682	—
Investment Income	—	—	—	—	—
Incoming resources from charitable activities	353	9,020	—	9,374	16,681
Other incoming resources	1,920	21,467	—	23,388	12,303
Total income	22,670	30,487	—	53,158	44,465
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds					
Investment management costs	33	—	—	33	128
Charitable activities	1,048	21	—	1,070	625
Other resources used	18,065	29,147	—	47,212	37,091
Total expenditure	19,147	29,169	—	48,317	37,845
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	3,522	1,318	—	4,841	6,620
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	3,522	1,318	—	4,841	6,620
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	24,445	17,432	—	41,878	35,258
Total funds carried forward	27,968	18,751	—	46,719	41,878
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	27,968	—	—	27,968	24,445
Restricted					
Awards For All	—	—	—	—	7,020
General grants	—	18,377	—	18,377	12,509
THRIVE	—	373	—	373	(2,096)

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

St Thomas Community Project

Balance Sheet detailed

	As at 31/12/2022	As at 31/12/2021
Current assets		
1550: Current Account	46,719.44	41,878.30
1552: Petty cash	—	—
1570: Cash in hand	—	—
Total Current assets	46,719.44	41,878.30
Net Asset surplus (deficit)	46,719.44	41,878.30
Reserves		
Excess / (deficit) to date	4,841.14	5,950.10
Z01: Starting balances	41,878.30	35,928.20
Total Reserves	46,719.44	41,878.30

Represented by Funds		
Unrestricted	27,968.32	24,445.71
Designated	—	—
Restricted	18,751.12	17,432.59
Endowment	—	—
Total	46,719.44	41,878.30

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Jo Holyoak
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Structure, governance and management

St Thomas' Community Project became a Charity Incorporated Organisation in October 2016 but has existed as a constituted body since 1992.

There has been no change in our board of trustees during 2021.

The easing of Covid restrictions from the beginning of 2021 enabled activities to open and over the year they have expanded and by the end of the year are mostly back to normal practice and flourishing.

We continue to operate in St Thomas' Church hall and St Thomas' Community Centre.

Financial Review

The turnover for this year was £44,465 and at the end of the financial year we have reserves of £41,878. All expenditure has been made for the delivery of activities in line with the aims and objectives of the charity. The Statement of Financial Activities will show the funders and the balance of funds at the end of the year.

With a turnover of under £100,000 the charity does not require an audit but the accounts have been independently examined.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

No funds are held on behalf of others.

Public benefit statement

In planning and delivering our activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. There have been changes in the services provided and the way they are delivered because of Covid guidelines and restrictions throughout the year ending December 2021.

Main activities undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

1. Working with local families

- Our weekly stay and playgroup has remained closed throughout 2021. As demand for this provision remains high, we have revised the way we operate, recruited new volunteers and formed a firm plan to re-open in 2022. This plan has been implemented successfully.
- Fox Hollies Children's Centre are delivering their services on 3 days a week. The programme varies but includes ante natal classes, breast feeding, speech and language and play sessions.

2. Working with local children

- Our weekly provision of two youth groups during term time resumed and has become well established with new times on Monday evenings. From 4.00 till 5.30 we run activities for 6-11 year olds and from 6.00 till 7.30 for ages 11-16. The sessions include social time, organised games, crafts, activities and challenges. Numbers have increased throughout the year but we have not promoted the provision widely in order to be more effective, build relationships and remain Covid safe.
- In addition to the work we deliver directly we host a musical drama group for children and young people and a Dance Academy.

3. Working with local young adults

- Our Monday provision for young adults has continued; a small group aged 19-23. These are young people experiencing mental health issues, unemployment and social problems so it remains a small exclusive group.

4. Working with the older people and vulnerable adults

- This aspect of our community work is flourishing. We now employ two part time workers to engage with people in the 50+ age group; the purpose of this work is to keep people in this age group active and involved in the local community. Over the summer of 2021 we invited small groups of 6 to meet together for tea and chat. We

now have a whole day set aside for 50+ activities that includes exercise in the mornings and more social activities and crafts in the afternoon with the opportunity to bring a packed lunch and stay all day. One popular activity is our gardening project in a small patio area to the side of the church hall. During the summer months we grew beans, salad, tomatoes, cucumber and courgettes along with summer flowering plants in tubs and baskets. During the autumn the tubs were planted up with spring bulbs.

Knitting, crafts, jigsaws and a book exchange are also popular activities.

More specialist activities have developed; a local Art Club and Xpress Yourself Dance. A weekly men's group resumed during the year. There was a trip to Lichfield Cathedral Illuminations just before Christmas and a Christmas party.

Alongside this there is a social get together every 6 weeks for people aged 50+ who work and are unable to join the mid-week activities.

- A couple of community events ran; MacMillan Coffee Morning, Tear Fund Quiz Night and a Christmas Bazaar. These were successful and well attended.

5. Relief of Poverty

- Access other provisions on site e.g. shower and laundry facilities, use of telephone and internet and help with completing applications continues on an ad-hoc basis.
- Our independent Food Bank has remained open every week on Wednesday mornings throughout the whole of 2021. Procedures have changed to be Covid safe for volunteers and clients. Usage has increased as have donations from the local community, schools and churches. We operate with 4 regular volunteers

Achievements and performance .

- A total 28 children have attended our children's club during 2021, total attendances is 426 giving an average weekly attendance 14.
- A total of 35 teenagers attended our youth club, total attendances 182 representing an average weekly attendance 7 with a significant increase towards the end of the year.
- A total of 13 young adults have joined in weekly activities with a weekly average attendance of 8.
- 40 people are on the register for our 50+ activities, total of 426 attendances with a regular weekly attendance 15
- 322 food parcels were issued to 100 people
- We currently have 16 volunteers plus our volunteer trustees. We have 4 part time paid workers and 2 paid cleaners.

Public Benefits

The focus of our children's and youth work is the planning and delivery of a varied programme of activities and events to stimulate and develop them physically, mentally and emotionally. This benefits the children and young people by developing their self-confidence, self-esteem, social skills, increased resilience and raises aspirations.

We welcome all children and young people and we believe the experiences and opportunities they have enriches their personal lives which then impacts on their family, their school life and the wider community.

Our provision for older and more vulnerable people has increased as Covid restrictions were lifted. The aim is to maintain their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being and reduce social isolation.

Our work to address and combat poverty contributes towards physical and social well-being helping people towards more independent living.

Our work with volunteers of all ages utilises skills from within the local community and further develops and equips people.

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Structure, governance and management

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There has been no change in our to our board of trustees during 2020. Due to the pandemic project and community activity has been limited. Our Trustees have kept abreast of all Covid legislation and guidelines and ensured they are implemented.

We continue to operate in St Thomas' Church hall and St Thomas' Community Centre and in this period on line.

Financial Review

The turnover for this year was £24,865 and at the end of the financial year we have reserves of £35,258. All expenditure has been made for the delivery of activities in line with the aims and objectives of the charity. The Statement of Financial Activities will show the funders and the balance of funds at the end of the year.

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others

No funds are held on behalf of others.

Public benefit statement

In planning and delivering our activities for the year the trustees kept in mind the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit. There have been changes in the services provided and the way they are delivered

because of Covid guidelines and restrictions between April 20 and December 20.

Main activities undertaken to further our charitable purposes for the public benefit.

1. Working with local families

- Our Stay and Play group for parents and carers ran successfully until we closed in March due to the lockdown and remained closed for the rest of the year. This was in order to comply with Covid Restrictions and keep families and our volunteers safe. Demand for this provision remains high and we will review re-opening in due course.
- Similarly, our partnership with the Local Children's Centre to host a range of provisions was also interrupted after the 1st quarter and we will look to resume this once Covid restrictions are lifted.
- When Covid restrictions were eased in the Autumn we held a Covid safe Harvest event to which 10 families were invited.
- In December we organised an outdoor Christmas themed trail around the local streets; this proved very popular with families and the wider community who hosted the various stations; 31 families representing 117 people joined in.

2. Working with local children

- On Monday evenings our weekly provision of two children's groups during term time continued for the 1st quarter of 2020. For the remainder of 2020 we continued with a group of children via Zoom providing fun, games, challenges, socialisation and support on-line.
- As we were unable to run any Holiday Clubs or Play Days, we created themed activity bags for each week of the summer. These were collected from the church hall doorway and includes resources for games, crafts, activities, cookery, physical exercise, puzzles and stories. Our themes were : nature, the seaside, animals, circus and sea life. 26 children registered and received packs.

3. Working with local young people

- Our Monday youth club for local young people aged 12-18 has developed into a group for young adults as most of those attending are in the 18+ age bracket. This group met weekly for the 1st quarter of 2020 then on-line through lockdown. As most of the group are experiencing mental health issues, we were able to re-open between September and Christmas within Covid Guidelines (but returned to Zoom only in the 2nd lockdown in November).

4. Working with the older people and vulnerable adults

- The men's group ceased meeting after the first quarter of 2020 but they have kept in touch via the telephone throughout the rest of the year.
- An exciting development in 2020 was the employment of a part time development officer engage with people in the 50+ age range. Her employment commenced at the start of lockdown so our work through 2020 has largely been keeping in touch by phone, doorstep visits, delivering newsletters, resources and treats, shopping and collecting prescriptions. As restrictions eased we have begun to meet in small groups with a view to having a whole day set aside for this age group to meet together and to encourage volunteers. Other activities will also develop through consultation with participants. The purpose of this work is to keep people aged 50+ active and involved in the local community.
- The only community events held during the year were a community a Burns Night party in January and two outdoor bake sale in October and December.

5. Relief of Poverty

- Our Place of Welcome closed at the end of March and has not re-opened in its original format. However the activities that happened on Wednesday morning have been revised and will be provided differently once Covid restrictions are lifted. The art group will meet on Wednesday morning but moving into a larger space to allow for growth. New provision will be developed on Thursdays for people in the 50+ age group (see above). The "knitters" who have been busy knitting at home will be encouraged to resume meeting on Thursdays.
- Access other provisions on site e.g. shower and laundry facilities, use of telephone and internet, help with completing applications continues on Wednesday morning alongside the FoodBank.
- Our independent Food Bank has remained open every week on Wednesday mornings throughout the whole of 2020 though procedures have changed to be Covid safe for volunteers and clients. Usage decreased during the period NHS food parcels were being delivered and there was a top to Universal Credit. Donations from the local community have increased and our volunteers have doubles from two to four. In addition to basic foods we delivered Christmas Food Hampers.
- We hosted two training courses for local people to prepare for job interviews with National Express.

Achievements and performance

- Average weekly attendance at Place of Welcome prior to lockdown and restrictions was 28
- Prior to lock down 28 children accessed Stay and play on a regular weekly basis and 19 dipped in and out making a total of 47.
- A total 30 children attended our children's club prior to lockdown and restrictions; average weekly attendance was 16.
- A total of 21 teenagers attended our youth club prior to lockdown and restrictions representing an average weekly attendance of 13.
- 9 children joined us via Zoom on a weekly basis for on line activities during lockdown.
- An average of 8 young adults joined our weekly group prior to lockdown and as allowed when restrictions were lifted. During lockdown they joined on line.
- 130 children's Summer Activity Bags were delivered to 26 households
- We delivered 4 Covid safe family events - 2 indoors and 2 outdoors
- 137 food parcels issued
- 38 home deliveries, visits and phone calls were made each week to those in isolation
- We normally have 22 regular volunteers (including 6 young leaders); 7 of these volunteers have been active throughout lockdown.

Public Benefits

Our work with families with pre-school children provides opportunities and encouragement for parents and children to have fun and learn together through play. Children begin to develop social skills that make a sound foundation for school and parents are less socially isolated.

The focus of our children's and youth work is the planning and delivery of a varied programme of activities and events to stimulate and develop them physically, mentally and emotionally. This benefits the children and young people by developing their self-confidence, self-esteem, social skills, increased resilience and raises aspirations. During lockdown and Covid restrictions some of this work was delivered via Zoom and activities to do at home.

We welcome all children and young people and we believe the experiences and opportunities they have enriches their personal lives which then impacts on their family, their school life and the wider community.

Our provision for older and more vulnerable people has increased during lockdown and restrictions to maintains their physical, emotional and spiritual well being and social isolation through visits and provision of resources to use at home and offers of practical help where needed.

Our work to address and combat poverty contributes towards physical and social well-being helping people towards more independent living.

Our work with volunteers of all ages utilises skills from within the local community and further develops and equips people.

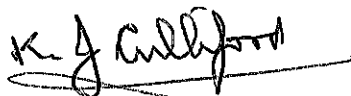
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Statement of Financial Activities

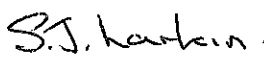
For the period from 01 January 2020 to 31 December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
<i>Incoming resources</i>					
Incoming resources from generated funds	8,411	—	—	8,411	19,399
Voluntary income	2,072	—	—	2,072	181
Activities for generating funds	360	—	—	360	1,062
Investment income	—	—	—	—	—
Incoming resources from charitable activities	—	—	—	—	—
Other incoming resources	2,657	11,364	—	14,021	16,730
Total incoming resources	13,501	11,364	—	24,865	37,372
<i>Resources used</i>					
Cost of generating funds					
Investment management costs	717	—	—	717	361
Charitable activities	570	—	—	570	3,952
Other resources used	16,578	8,124	—	24,703	32,602
Total resources used	17,867	8,124	—	25,991	36,916
Net income / (expenditure)	(4,366)	3,239	—	(1,126)	456
<i>Transfers</i>					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	12,363
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	(12,363)
Net income / (expenditure)	(4,366)	3,239	—	(1,126)	456
<i>Other recognised gains / losses</i>					
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(4,366)	3,239	—	(1,126)	456
<i>Reconciliation of funds</i>					
Total funds brought forward	24,021	12,363	—	36,384	35,928
Total funds carried forward	19,655	15,602	—	35,258	36,384

There may be minor discrepancies in the totals if the pence are not being shown

I have been given full access to the books and records of St. Thomas' Community Project, and in my opinion the Receipts and Payments Account and the Balance Sheet reflect the transactions and position of St. Thomas Community Project year ended 31st December 2020

Signature 
Name K. J. Culliford BA(Hon), MA
Date 30th June 2021

Signature
(Deputy Chair) 
Name SUSAN LARKIN
Date 30/6/2021