

InterACT Church and Community Partnership

Charity number 1171402

Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024



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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors

The trustees during the financial year and up to and including the date the report was approved were:

Name	Position	Dates
Charles Laxton	Chair	
Rev. Angela Hughes		
Rev. John Rogers		
Rev. Simon Jones		Resigned 17 February 2025
Guy Austin-Bride		
David Keighley		Appointed 11 March 2025

Charity number	1171402	Registered in England and Wales
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Registered and principal address	Bankers
Stainbeck Church	CAF Bank Ltd
Stainbeck Road	25 Kings Hill Avenue
Leeds	West Malling
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	ME19 4JQ

Independent examiner

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Structure, governance and management

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) foundation formed on 1 Feb 2017 and is governed by a constitution.

Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees

The trustees of the charity are appointed by the trustees at a duly convened meeting.

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Trustees' report (continued) for the year ended 31 December 2024

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects

The objects of the CIO are:

(1) Relief and prevention of poverty for the public benefit in Meanwood, Leeds, in particular, but not exclusively, focusing on the 'Meanwood 7 Estates'*, by

(a) The provision of recreational activities and activities that promote self-development and wellbeing, intended to improve the quality of life of the beneficiaries and tackle effects of financial and cultural poverty.

(b) The provision of activities to develop the capacity and skills of the beneficiaries, in such a way that they are better able to identify, and help meet, their needs and to participate more fully in society.

(2) The advancement of community development for the public benefit in Meanwood, by:

(a) The provision of activities that draw together a diversity of people from across Meanwood and its immediate surroundings, with the aim of promoting social cohesion and tackling exclusion resulting from hardship and cultural differences.

(b) The promotion of volunteering, by supporting local people to take active, voluntary roles in the management of the organisation and the running of its activities.

(c) The promotion of the voluntary sector, through active engagement with community forums and public sector bodies, to the benefit of the Meanwood community, and particularly the 'Meanwood 7 Estates'*

(3) The advancement of religion for the public benefit in Meanwood, by:

(a) Working as a partnership of Christian churches, operating and delivering activities in accordance with Christian principles.

* The 'Meanwood 7 Estates' is the name given locally to a number of areas in Meanwood, Leeds, which see higher levels of financial hardship and poor health in comparison to neighbouring areas. Most of them rank repeatedly in the top 2% of the Government's indices of multiple deprivation.

The charity's main activities

A wide variety of activities, for example, youth work, food pantry, men shed and family fun days, that bring people together from all parts of the community of Meanwood, Leeds, to help build relationships across social divides. Also individual and household support such as benefits and welfare support.

Public benefit statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular:

Relief and prevention of poverty for the public benefit in Meanwood, Leeds, in particular, but not exclusively, focusing on the 'Meanwood 7 Estates.'

The advancement of community development for the public benefit in Meanwood.

The advancement of religion.

Achievements and performance

Over the last few years, we've been working to connect better with other spaces in Meanwood. Now we have a Men Shed at Meanwood Farm, a community café at Holy Trinity Community Hall and a food pantry at Meanwood Community Centre. This has been really valuable to increase awareness of InterACT and help a wider number of people gain a sense of ownership and belonging.

The after-school drop in on a Thursday at Stainbeck Church, run in partnership with Thrive Leeds, is now well established, and young people from the 2023 cohort of leaders have been supporting their younger peers to take over through the Autumn term. Around 25 young people attended each week, primarily from Carr Manor School, who support with a staff member and publicity. This is valuable partnership working.

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Achievements and performance continued

Partnership working has continued to be a key element of the philosophy and practice of InterACT. We believe it's an important way for us to be as effective as possible, bring a faith voice to the table, stay relevant and support others. We chair Moortown Ward's community anchor as part of Leeds Community Anchor Network and attend interagency and network meetings where possible. We're also connected to other organisations through the Council's ABCD network, Your Local Pantry, Leeds Food Aid Network, Men's Health Unlocked and more.

Our new youth building finally arrived in February after what felt like an age of fundraising and planning applications, waiting and readjusting. Two plain white buildings on the back of a truck slowly transformed into one space, with an accessible toilet, kitchenette, furniture, furnishings and cladding. It was particularly useful during Stainbeck church's period of insulation fitting, enabling groups to continue where they would otherwise have to pause. We are excited to have an official launch date for the space as an actual youth building at the end of January 2025.

Also making its mark on Stainbeck's vista is the community garden that is well and truly establishing at the corner by the nursery. For the past two years, InterACT has been funded by Leeds City Council as something they call a Pathfinder organisation. The commission is specifically for community development on the Beckhills that has strengths and assets as the starting point (known as Asset Based Community Development, or ABCD). Through this emerged LB, a local resident who had connected for some time through Team Beckhill, and with funding through the ABCD work, was able to get the garden started. Lots of people have been involved since its early days in Spring, watering it through the summer, taking part in action days, weeding, growing, harvesting and chatting in passing. It's been a fantastic point of connection and a great space that will only keep growing, developing and seeing fruit in many senses of the word.

For another year running, our community café has been part of Leeds' Welcome Spaces initiative. Numbers of visitors have certainly grown over the past year and we have had to make some adjustments in order to meet demand. For some of our 25-50 visitors, the café is a very special part of their week, and we're aware of the part it plays in helping to combat isolation.

The Men Shed has also struggled to keep up with demand. So much so that by the end of the year we were establishing a waiting list of men who wanted to come along. The Shed is a place for socialising as well as creativity and craftsmanship. Again, we're aware of the part it plays in helping to combat isolation as well as skills sharing, peer support and wellbeing.

By the end of 2024, around 90 people had household memberships at our food pantry. We have around 50 visitors a week, which equates to around 150 people a week benefitting from this low cost, waste saving opportunity. It continues to be a real place of community as well as shopping, and we're please to see this reflected in the feedback that customers give us.

Hundreds of people attended Meanwood Olympics family fun days, events and trips throughout the year. Participants vary in age from baby to very elderly and we especially love seeing people of different ages come together. It's especially valuable when people cross from one activity to another and start to build strong relationships across the community. Although we support people with benefits advice, emergency food parcels, vouchers and more, supporting these community relationships continue to be the heart of what we do as a charity.

Financial review

The net payments for the year were £3,160, including net receipts of £1,915 on unrestricted funds and net payments of £5,075 on restricted funds after transfers.

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Reserves policy

The charity's free reserves, at the year end were £46,922.

We have set a restricted reserves target that equates to the cost of four months overheads, excluding payroll costs; three months payroll costs, including staff expenses; and the amount needed to cover redundancy payments calculated for the end of the budget year. This is to enable the smooth running of the charity and to enable an orderly winding up should the charity need to close

For the 2025 budget, the target figure is £37,380.

Approved by the board of trustees on 9/9/25

Charles Laxton (Trustee)

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Independent examiner's report to the trustees of InterACT Church and Community Partnership

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 7 to 11.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the CIO 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 material 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 Charities Act;
- 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.

Katy Sargeant

10/9/25

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Receipts and payments account
for the year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Receipts					
Grants and donations	(2)	42,347	69,457	111,804	131,752
Sales and fees		12,137	-	12,137	9,055
Holy Trinity Café and Stainbeck Church		-	-	-	151
Bank Interest		118	-	118	119
Total receipts		<u>54,602</u>	<u>69,457</u>	<u>124,059</u>	<u>141,077</u>
Payments					
Salaries, NIC and pensions		33,706	27,547	61,253	58,091
Payroll costs		342	-	342	331
Sessional staff		2,509	3,804	6,313	4,145
Staff travel		626	77	703	1,087
Training		66	-	66	1,318
Meeting expenses		921	-	921	1,038
Volunteer expenses		370	-	370	412
Rent		2,040	-	2,040	1,500
Website		132	-	132	331
Materials and resources		756	-	756	793
Events and activities		9,888	41,312	51,200	55,678
Insurance		535	155	690	590
Bank charges		55	-	55	60
Other expenses		181	-	181	376
Independent examination		1,080	-	1,080	792
Office costs		980	137	1,117	1,285
Total payments		<u>54,187</u>	<u>73,032</u>	<u>127,219</u>	<u>127,827</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>415</u>	<u>(3,575)</u>	<u>(3,160)</u>	<u>13,250</u>
Transfers between funds	(3)	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>1,915</u>	<u>(5,075)</u>	<u>(3,160)</u>	<u>13,250</u>
Fund balances brought forward		<u>45,007</u>	<u>25,990</u>	<u>70,997</u>	<u>57,747</u>
Fund balances carried forward	(3)	<u>46,922</u>	<u>20,915</u>	<u>67,837</u>	<u>70,997</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities
as at 31 December 2024

	2024	2024	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash funds				
Cash at bank	46,852	20,915	67,767	70,927
Cash in hand	70	-	70	70
Total cash funds	<u>46,922</u>	<u>20,915</u>	<u>67,837</u>	<u>70,997</u>

Debtors and prepayments

	2024
	£
Prepayments	158
Accrued income	<u>4,190</u>
	<u>4,348</u>

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Laptop computer
Security box

Liabilities

	2024
	£
Accruals	<u>924</u>
	<u>924</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees on 9/9/25

Charles Laxton (Trustee)

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Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The trustees have taken advantage of section 133 of the Charities Act 2011 and have prepared the accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year.

No changes have been made to the accounts for previous years.

Taxation

As a charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from income tax and capital gains tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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2 Grants and donations	2024 Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Church donations	22,400	-	22,400	19,400
John Lewis Partnership PLC	-	1,050	1,050	-
Leeds Christian Community	-	6,250	6,250	11,000
Leeds City Council (LCC)	-	41,153	41,153	42,133
National Lottery Community Fund (NLCF)	-	3,904	3,904	-
Voluntary Action Leeds (VAL)	-	15,400	15,400	24,100
Wharfedale Foundation	5,000	-	5,000	-
Windmill Community Transport Limited	-	1,500	1,500	675
Leeds Community Foundation (LCF)	-	-	-	17,634
Mears Foundation	-	-	-	2,000
Sainsbury's	-	-	-	500
Other donations	14,947	200	15,147	14,310
	<u>42,347</u>	<u>69,457</u>	<u>111,804</u>	<u>131,752</u>

3 Restricted funds	Balance b/f £	Incoming £	Outgoing £	Transfers £	Balance c/f £
NLCF Awards for All	6,975	-	6,975	-	-
VAL Household Support Fund	1,469	10,000	6,727	-	4,742
LCC ABCD	17,577	25,000	26,667	-	15,910
LCF Stay Well this Winter	2,023	-	2,023	-	-
Leeds Christian Community UPA	850	6,250	11,200	-	(4,100)
LCC Mice	(50)	570	520	-	-
Sainsbury's Neighbourly Found'n	70	-	70	-	-
VAL Warm Spaces	3,600	5,400	5,929	(1,000)	2,071
LCC Youth Building	(8,524)	10,309	1,785	-	-
The Mears Foundation	2,000	-	1,500	(500)	-
Nat. Lottery C'mty Fund (NLCF)	-	3,904	3,507	-	397
LCC HAP Olympics	-	3,074	1,529	-	1,545
Windmill Community Transport	-	1,500	1,500	-	-
LCC Beckhill Film	-	350	-	-	350
LCC INE Community Committee	-	1,233	1,233	-	-
LCC INW Community Committee	-	617	617	-	-
John Lewis Partnership PLC	-	1,050	1,050	-	-
Gary Chappelow Memorial Fund	-	200	200	-	-
	<u>25,990</u>	<u>69,457</u>	<u>73,032</u>	<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>20,915</u>

restricted fund purposes given overleaf

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3 Restricted funds continued

Fund name	Purpose of restriction
NLCF Awards for All	Towards Men Shed costs, including signage, disability access, security and activities.
VAL Household Support Fund	Support with food, fuel and other essentials.
LCC ABCD	For Asset Based Community Development work on the Beckhills.
LCC Stay Well this Winter	Towards winter wellbeing activities.
Leeds Christian Community UPA	Support with food, fuel and other essentials in relationship to InterACT Pantry, Meanwood. This grant is paid in arrears.
LCC Mice	Towards Christmas hot meals and winter food support.
Sainsbury's Neighbourly Found'n	To buy food for the Pantry.
VAL Warm Spaces	To support costs of providing warm spaces. The transfer was for a contribution towards the core running costs in order for InterAct to remain sustainable, which was written into the funding agreement.
LCC Youth Building	Capital funding for youth building.
The Mears Foundation	Towards trips and activities of our choosing.
Nat. Lottery C'mty Fund (NLCF)	Partnership youth work, including building repayments, with Thrive Leeds.
LCC HAP Olympics	Towards equipment for Meanwood Olympics.
Windmill Community Transport	For community trips.
LCC Beckhill Film	Ringfenced for Beckhill resident use following monies made from filming on the estate.
LCC INE Community Committee	For Meanwood Olympics 2024.
LCC INW Community Committee	For Meanwood Olympics 2024.
John Lewis Partnership PLC	For summer activities.
Gary Chappelow Memorial Fund	Medals for attendees of Meanwood Olympics.

4 Related party transactions

Trustee expenses

No trustee received any expenses during this year or the previous year.

Trustee remuneration and benefits

No trustee received any remuneration or benefit during this or the previous year.