



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **31/01/2023** Period start date To **31/01/2024** Period end date

Charity name: **Sharing Lives**

Charity registration number: **1172541**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>To advance the Christian faith and share the love of Jesus for the benefit of the public in Chessington, Epsom, Kingston-upon-Thames and the surrounding areas in accordance with the statements of belief appearing in schedule 1.</p> <p>In order to advance the Christian faith, in addition to living out, sharing and demonstrating the love of Christ, we undertake the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Seek to advance the Christian faith and engage more people in following the Christian faith by making Bibles and Christian literature available. Distributing this both door to door and making it available in the community centre and other public spaces.2. Offer free transport to those wishing to attend worship services, Bible studies and church events, including educational, social and spiritual activities for people of all ages.3. Undertake personal Bible study with beneficiaries who wish to take part in such acts of worship corporately or individually.4. Through all the above, improve the moral and ethical framework of the lives of people of all ages, and also the moral and ethical framework of the local surrounding communities within which we work. <p>The relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill health, social or economic circumstances or other disadvantage by the provision of services designed to improve their life skills, employment opportunities and reduce their social isolation and through sharing the love of Jesus.</p>

Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Men's Shed Project An opportunity for isolated men to come together over wood working, skilled tasks and tea & biscuits to be in community together.</p> <p>Community Garden Project An opportunity to come together in open space and see growth of flowers and vegetables as well as relationship, community.</p> <p>Befriending Project The visiting of vulnerable adults who are isolated by way of infirmity and age as well as disability.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees have a good knowledge of the projects delivered by the charity and are satisfied that they meet the charitable objects and meet public benefit test by reducing isolation, improving wellbeing and increasing community.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Volunteers We started the year with 20 active volunteers and continue to have 17 in place. We are hugely grateful for the great investment of time our volunteers make to engage with people outside of their normal sphere. This brings increased relationship, kindness, peace and community to a host of beneficiaries.</p>

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>2023</p> <p>Mens Shed Twice each week on a Tuesday and Wednesday our Mens shed opens for a day. It is hugely popular and sees 17 men come together in community.</p> <p>Housed in a portacabin alongside The Kings Centre in Chessington we are both at the heart of the community and the heart of Church life.</p> <p>One beneficiary who uses the service described the impact on him as "life changing" at a local council meeting in 2023.</p> <p>The ability to get friendship and kindness from people who know they too are weak and yet loved by the Lord Jesus is transformative.</p>

		<p>Community Garden</p> <p>Although time investment is limited the garden space was able to be enjoyed throughout the summer.</p> <p>We had our own Garden tea party in July which was really well attended and a lovely day. Dressed with bunting the garden looked amazing.</p> <p>We are so grateful to the volunteers for bringing their beneficiaries and for the team from Men's shed.</p> <p>Befriending</p> <p>Although a modest size we are always grateful for the huge impact the befriending service has on the individuals it serves.</p> <p>6 new referrals in 2023 that we were able to accept. We saw 2 of our beneficiaries die through the year. At the end of the year we had 20 beneficiaries being visited by the team of volunteers.</p> <p>We are very privileged to be able to go into peoples homes and build meaningful friendships with them.</p> <p>Many have been supported to get out to community events, coffee shops, church services and Sharing Lives events.</p> <p>We thank God for the impact the service has.</p> <p>2023 Time line for Sharing Lives:</p> <p>14th January 2023 Safeguarding Training 28th January - Trustee's Meeting 9th February - Operations Meeting 4th March - Volunteers morning tea 16th April - Beneficiaries Tea 13th May - Trustees meeting 22nd June - Operations meeting Saturday 8th July - Garden Tea Party 30th September - Trustees Meeting 9th December - Mens shed stall in TKC Christmas Market event 17th December - Sharing Lives tea with KCC carol service.</p> <p>Started taking payments by card using Sum Up card reader</p> <p>Videos on Website - Fred</p> <p>Portacabin - Mens Shed - Planning and</p>
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		<p>grant application being considered and planned for in partnership with The Kings Centre.</p> <p>Mens Shed - 4 volunteer leaders on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays Holding a Trustee vacancy</p> <p>March 2023 - Boundaries policy updated March 2023 - All volunteers re-issued safeguarding policy</p> <p>One new volunteer in 2023. 17 volunteers active at the end of the year.</p> <p>We had 3 Trustees meetings through the year:</p> <p>28th January - Trustee's Meeting 13th May - Trustees meeting 30th September - Trustees Meeting</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity made an income of £7,078 through the year with payments totalling £6,815. This made a small surplus of £263.</p> <p>£4,015 of this income was from individual donors with £1,302 coming from woodworking projects that the Men's Shed produced.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Income and outgoings are commensurate with the organisations size and activities. With £15,008 unrestricted funds available. There are a number of possible future costs that would require fundraising for that could cost upwards of £20,000. This includes possible staffing and capital expenditure for the mens shed. Therefore, the cash held is not considered excessive by the Trustees.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	n/a
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>Recruitment of Trustees has been a challenge. The charity is a small size and this does not materially impact the delivery of projects.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by Trustees One nominated by Kings Church Chessington (Formerly Chessington Evangelical Church)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Sharing Lives
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1172541
Charity's principal address	The Kings Centre, Chessington. KT9 2GZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Wyatt	Chair of Trustees		
2	Paul Reisinger	Trustee / Operations		
3	Michelle Reisinger	Trustee		
4	Graeme Gentry	Trustee		
5	Caroline Gentry	Trustee		
6	Marie Green	Trustee		
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Andy Wyatt</i>	
Full name(s)	Andrew Wyatt	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	30/10/24	



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1st February 2023

To

31st January 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations received	4,015	-	-	4,015	4,113
Gift aid reclaim	761	-	-	761	1,084
Men's Shed Income	1,902	-	-	1,902	1,788
Grants/Gifts	1,000	-	-	1,000	1,800
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,078	-	-	7,078	8,785
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,078	-	-	7,078	8,785
A3 Payments					
Men's Shed/Community Garden	3,707	-	-	3,707	3,234
Client Support	242	-	-	242	501
Telephone	346	-	-	346	309
Printing and stationery	182	-	-	182	136
DBS checks	208	-	-	208	169
Insurance	133	-	-	133	208
Room hire	216	-	-	216	110
Just giving fees	-	-	-	-	216
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-
Website	1,525	-	-	1,525	1,216
Computer Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement to volunteers for shopping	-	-	-	-	-
Training	111	-	-	111	-
Catering	145	-	-	145	52
Photography	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,815	-	-	6,815	6,151
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,815	-	-	6,815	6,151
Net of receipts/(payments)	263	-	-	263	2,634
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,812	-	-	13,812	14,019
Cash funds this year end	13,875	-	-	13,875	16,653

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank	15,008	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,008	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approvalAndy Wyatt
Graeme GentryAndrew Wyatt
Graeme Gentry30/10/2024
30/10/2024