



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31/01/2024 Period start date To 31/01/2025 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"><li>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.</li><li>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.</li><li>3. Undertake personal Bible study with beneficiaries who wish to take part in such acts of worship corporately or individually.</li><li>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.</li></ol> <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><b>Men's Shed Project</b> An opportunity for isolated men to come together over wood working, skilled tasks and tea &amp; biscuits to be in community together.</p> <p><b>Community Garden Project</b> An opportunity to come together in open space and see growth of flowers and vegetables as well as relationship, community.</p> <p><b>Befriending Project</b> 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><b>Volunteers</b> We started the year with 17 active volunteers and continue to have 15 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><b>2024</b></p> <p><b>Mens Shed</b> 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. This year the portacabins have been replaced and doubled in number and capacity.</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><b>Community Garden</b></p> <p>Although time investment is limited the garden space was able to be enjoyed throughout the summer.</p> <p>A number of beneficiaries and their families enjoy the opportunity to work in the garden.</p> <p>We had our own Garden tea party in September which was really well attended and a lovely day.</p> <p>We are so grateful to the volunteers for bringing their beneficiaries and for the team from Men's shed.</p> <p><b>Befriending</b></p> <p>Although a reducing size we are always grateful for the huge impact the befriending service has on the individuals it serves.</p> <p>We saw 4 of our beneficiaries die through the year. At the end of the year we had 16 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>Portacabin - Mens Shed - Planning and grant application approved and replacement and extension completed in partnership with The Kings Centre.</p> <p>Mens Shed - 4 volunteer leaders on both Tuesdays and Wednesdays Holding a Trustee vacancy</p> <p><b>We had 3 Trustees meetings through the year:</b></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 £23,671 through the year with payments totalling £21,749. This made a small surplus of £1,922</p> <p>£4,929 of this income was from individual donors with £1,399 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	Income and outgoings are commensurate with the organisations size and activities. With £15,005 unrestricted funds available. The cash held is not considered excessive by the Trustees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>n/a</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>n/a</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>n/a</b>
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> <p>Andy Wyatt stepped down as Chair in October 2024 as did Michelle Reisinger. The Trustees agreed to keep this under review.</p>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? ( <a href="#">e.g unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	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	01/02/2024 to 01/11/2024	
2	Paul Reisinger	Trustee / Operations		
3	Michelle Reisinger	Trustee	01/2/2024 to 01/11/2024	
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


## Other optional information

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Graeme Gentry

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair (Acting)

Date

26/11/25

## Section A Receipts and payments

### A1 Receipts

Donations received

Gift aid reclaim

Men's Shed Income

Grants/Gifts

Sub total(Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Sub total

Total receipts

### A3 Payments

Men's Shed/Community Garden

Client Support

Telephone

Printing and stationery

DBS checks

Insurance

Room hire

Just giving fees

Salaries

Website

Computer Expenses

Reimbursement to volunteers for shopping

Training

Catering

Photography

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Sub total

Total payments

Net of receipts/(payments)  
A5 Transfers between funds  
A6 Cash funds last year end  
Cash funds this year end

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

B1 Cash funds

B2 Other monetary assets

B3 Investment assets

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

B5 Liabilities


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




## Sharing Lives

Receipts and payments accounts  
For the period from

1st February 2024

Unrestricted funds  
to the nearest 

Restricted funds  
to the nearest 

	6495	-
	777	-
	1399	-
	15000	-
		-
-		-
-		-
	23671	-
-		-
-		-
-		-
	23671	-
	20049	-
	178	-
	370	-
-		
	189	
	208	
	292	
	216	
-		
-		
-		-
	247	-
-		-
-		-
-		-
	21749	-
-		-
-		-
-		-
	21749	-

	1922	-
-		-
	13612	-
	15534	-

Details

Bank

Total cash funds  
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Details

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Signature

1172541

To


31st January 2025

Endowment funds  
to the nearest 

Total funds  
to the nearest 

-	6495
-	777
-	1399
-	15000
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-	-
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-	-
-	23671
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-	23671
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-	20049
-	178
-	370
-	-
-	182
-	208
-	133
-	216
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-	1525
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-	145
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-	21749
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-	-
-	-
-	21749


-	1922
-	
-	13612
-	15534

Unrestricted funds  
to nearest 


15005

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15005

Agreement Error  
Unrestricted funds  
to nearest 

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Restricted funds  
to nearest 

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Restricted funds  
to nearest 

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Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

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Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

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Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

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-  
-  
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Print Name

CC16a

Last year  
to the nearest 

4113  
1084  
1788  
1800

-  
-  
-  
-

8785

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8785

3234  
501  
309  
136  
169  
208  
110  
216

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1216

-  
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52

-  
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6151

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6151

	2634
-	
	14019
	16653

Endowment funds  
to nearest 

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OK  
Endowment funds  
to nearest 

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Current value (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval