



THREE PEAS

Charitable Incorporated Organisation No 1172777

ANNUAL REPORT and Financial Statements

for the year to 30 September 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charity Name: Three Peas

Registered Charity number: 1172777 (England and Wales)

Charity's Registered Office: 54 Mount Ararat Road,
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the year ending 30 September 2024

1. STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trustees present the report and financial statements for Three Peas from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024. The charity is governed by its Constitution. The trustees are responsible for the overall management and control of the charity. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015), (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees:

The Constitution provides for a minimum of three trustees. Should there be a requirement for new trustees they would be identified and appointed by the current trustees taking into account their relevant skills, knowledge and experience. Trustees are confirmed in their post at the Annual General Meeting. A new trustee would receive a copy of the current Constitution, the previous year's Annual Report and Accounts, and a copy of the Charity commission leaflet "The Essential Trustee: What You Need to Know".

Operation and Risk Management:

The trustees administer the charity along with two additional members, and meetings are held monthly. The trustees are aware of their duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error. The charity maintains a risk register and policy and areas of potential operational risk are reviewed at these meetings. Financial sustainability is the main risk for the charity. However, this is monitored by regularly reviewing and reporting of the available funds and ensuring sufficient funding is in place ahead of any new commitment, and by carefully vetting all recipients of funds.

2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose of the Charity:

The purpose of the charity is to operate for the benefit of the public in the prevention or relief of poverty of refugees in Europe and the developing world by providing grants, items, and services to individuals in need and/or charities or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Aims and Activities

Three Peas is committed to providing essential grassroots support to vulnerable refugees in Europe. Activity to date has been focussed on Greece, with principal projects in northern Greece, Athens and on the islands of Lesbos and Samos. Through its close working

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relationship with different organisations on the ground Three Peas are able to respond quickly to the ever-changing crisis and to provide relief and benefit for refugees both in and around the refugee camps and in the community.

Public Benefit

The trustees, in making their decisions, have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are committed to ensuring that their support reaches refugee communities and vulnerable families most at risk and in need. To this end Three Peas have chosen to support:

- *Projects in community spaces, supplying food, medical support, clothing and other essentials to individuals with little or no other means of support*
- *Logistics, supporting one of Greece's biggest warehouse for reception and distribution of food and non-food goods*
- *Housing projects for vulnerable young adults and families on Lesbos*
- *Health and sports projects to facilitate mental and physical wellbeing and to support integration in local communities*
- *Sourcing and deliveries of essential goods and supplies, such as clothing, baby equipment, toiletries and medical supplies, to organisations providing for refugees.*

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

The number of refugees arriving in Greece has increased significantly as compared to 2023, despite receiving little attention from the international press. Those arriving on Greek shores are mostly confined to what are now 'closed and controlled' camps where basic needs and medical, legal services are threadbare. Refugees and asylum seekers declining to be housed in those camps find themselves with no support.

Since the beginning of conflicts at the borders of Europe, and more recently in the Middle East, funds channelled towards support to non-governmental organisations active in Greece are at an all-time low and we continue to see many of these NGOs having to close their operations. For those still running, the on-going inflation in combination with a decrease in donations has greatly reduced their services and reach.

While we have also been impacted by a reduction of donations, our available funds have allowed us to maintain our support to our long-established partners, helping them stabilise their level of support and services to the communities in need. However, maintaining such support has meant that for the first time ever, we have had to make the difficult decision to discontinue the support to one of the partners we had taken onboard more recently.

As always, we followed the actions and impact on the ground of all partners we support via online meetings, direct communication by electronic means and detailed reporting, as well as in-person visits.

A fundraiser in support of the Attika warehouse was organised to help them at a time when other donors have pulled out or reduced their support.

GREECE Mainland and Islands

Lack of funds in Greece has greatly impacted our partners. Though it is increasingly difficult to raise funds, we are grateful to have been able to maintain our support to almost all existing partners, either directly or by our sister charity in Germany, Three Peas eV.

Athens

The non-registered and paperless refugee population in **Athens** is still high, with very little or no access to state help, leading many vulnerable individuals to homelessness, police pick-ups, trafficking and prostitution.

We continue to support STEPS, an organisation serving the refugee and homeless communities. With other NGOs closing down or reducing their operations, STEPS is one of the few organisations remaining that run a food distribution centre offering both cooked meals and food items for those with means to prepare their own meals. To increase their reach despite the limited resources available, STEPS is cooperating with other NGOs and is in the process of launching a new Free Market and Open Kitchen Project that will allow them to serve even more people in need. In addition, STEPS continues to provide legal and medical help on street outreach mission.

We were also able to maintain our monthly payments to Attika Human Support Warehouse. Based in Athens, Attika Warehouse is one of the main goods reception and distribution centres and its closure would catastrophically affect many support groups throughout the whole country -mainland and the islands- and the population they serve.

We continue to support Yoga Sport for Refugee Athens, who consistently offer high quality sport courses and participate in local sport activities (races, tournaments etc), thus encouraging a healthy physical and mental life style. They also train volunteers from the international and refugee communities to take on some responsibility in the running of the classes or of the centre. Due to financial constraints this year we had to focus on covering expenses related to the sport space, and could no longer support the rent of the volunteer training office.

Due to the lack of funds, and in order to be able to maintain our core support to our long term partners in Athens and the islands, we had to make the very difficult decision to discontinue our support of HipHop4Hope at this time. We are hopeful that HipHop4Hope will succeed in obtaining alternative funding to continue to run their dance classes in community and sport centres, as well as to organise free street events open to all, catering to an age-range often forgotten, the late teen young adult.

Samos

We maintained our support to Just Action, now one of the very few remaining organisations serving the refugee and most vulnerable populations on Samos. Just Action also strives to create positive links and common goals between the refugee and local communities, while creatively and innovatively limiting the environmental impact of their work. We help them maintain the quality of the food packs they distribute and fund bus tickets, allowing camp inhabitants to travel from the faraway camp to the town centre where they can find the Just Action free shop as well as legal help and healthcare services provided by other organisations.

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On **Lesbos** we carry on financing *Attika Human Support's* housing programme.

OTHER PROJECTS

A significant amount of work, both internal and by an external partner, went into updating the Three Peas website to better reflect our scope of activities and facilitate communication with our supporters.

4. FUNDRAISING

Our supporters have been our lifeline. We are grateful to those private supporters who donated to us either through one-off or regular donations, and those who organised private fundraisers to benefit us.

Throughout the year we also received support from several publishers through auctioning of our patron's artwork and the selling of Christmas book cards.

Scholastic UK have continued to support Three Peas through donations resulting from the sale of their book *KIND* written by Alison Green and illustrated by 38 illustrators and the *KIND Activity Book*. They make it possible for us to carry on helping the amazing work of our partner-organisations on the ground.

5. FUTURE PLANS

Three Peas intend to continue to focus on Greece as funds and goods donations are at an all-time low.

Through those difficult times, we realise that we have built relationships with amazing partners in Greece. Through their skill, determination and careful management of resources, all are still operating. Our plan is to carry on supporting them and the extraordinary work they do with such humanity and efficiency as best we can, and to also stay approachable for emergency help.

There are several events and projects in the pipeline that will help raise additional funds:

1st line Auction

Three Peas has obtained handwritten notes of writers and other artists with the first line of one of their famous books or other works of art. The notes, together with a certificate of authenticity, will be auctioned in November 2024. We are immensely grateful to all the authors and artists who so generously agreed to participate and contribute to this project.

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Hymn for Three Peas

Our patron, Roxanna Panufnik, has composed a Hymn for Three Peas, which will be performed by choirs throughout the world, who pay a small contribution to acquire the partiture. Many of the choirs will combine their performance with a fundraiser in support of Three Peas.

New book

A new book in collaboration with Scholastic, written by Alison Green and illustrated by our patron Axel Scheffler ("Welcome") will be released in 2025.

As well as raising much needed funds, we hope these projects will further develop and widen our connection with our communities here in the UK and abroad.

6. THANK YOU

Our thanks go to our donors and to those who follow our work and spread the word.

Many volunteers contribute to Three Peas' activities in a variety of ways, through helping at events with catering, facilitating, organising, and hosting, and through their own fundraising efforts on our behalf. We would particularly like to thank our team of Three Peas 'Angels' for their tireless support in this respect.

We would like to thank our patron composer Roxanna Panufnik whose humanity aligns so well with ours and our patron illustrator Axel Scheffler for offering their time, energy and connections in support of our work, and for their commitment over the years.

Our thanks also go to all our funders, for their donations in kind, Macmillan for their support through auctioning of Axel's work, and Renard Press with the publication of *The Fir Tree* book cards.

Our special thanks go to the amazing team at Scholastic for their donations from the sales of *KIND*, its author Alison Green and the amazing group of illustrators of *Kind* and *the Kind Activity Book* who all gave their work, and without whom our scope of activities and impact would be much reduced. We are immensely grateful to Scholastic, Alison Green and Axel Scheffler for agreeing to expand their support by working on the release of a new book in support of Three Peas, which we expect to provide additional funds to support those in need for many years to come.

To our incredibly kind and caring community, thank you for your trust!

7. FINANCIAL REVIEW

The financial period covered by this report are the 12 months ending 30th September 2024.

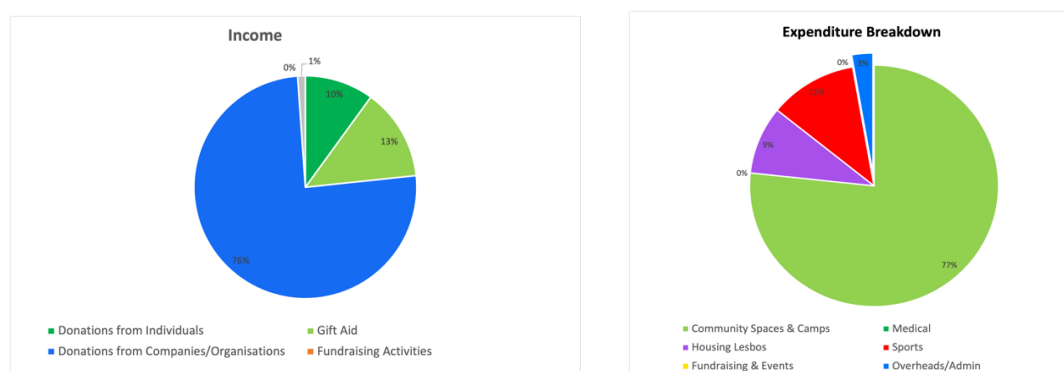
At the balance sheet date, the Charity had free reserves amounting to £69,507 being the excess of income over expenditure generated on unrestricted funds since commencement. During the year the Charity provided funds of £84,260 to support refugees in Greece.

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As noted above the Charity relies on voluntary support and donations in kind. An accurate estimate of the monetary value for this could not be determined and therefore no account of these is recorded in the financial statements.

The Charity does not have a reserves policy at present, but it seeks to ensure that it continues to raise sufficient income to allow it to continue to provide support as and when it is required.

Visual summary



8. DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have taken advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the report above.

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

Signed on behalf of the trustees of Three Peas Signature:

Full Name: Martina Riot

Position: Trustee

Date: 10th December 2024

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of Three Peas

I report on the accounts of Three Peas for the period ended 30th September 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes, set out on pages 13 to 14.

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. My examination has been undertaken so that I might state to the Charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an independent examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and the Charity's Trustees as a body, for my examination, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider 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.

It is my responsibility to:

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


Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 a 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 145 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act
- have not been met; or
- b) 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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10th December 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities For the year to 30th September 2024

	<u>Note</u>	<u>30 September 2024</u>	<u>30 September 2023</u>
Income and endowments:			
Grants and private donations		60,733	24,555
Donation from book sales		26,701	36,860
Income from trading activities		470	8,449
Interest received		985	771
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Total		88,889	70,635
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Expenditure on			
Raising funds	3	2,963	3,010
Charitable activities	4	84,958	126,507
Other costs	5	2,715	3,162
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Total		90,636	132,679
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Other gains/(losses) – foreign exchange		-	-
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Net movements in funds		(1,747)	(62,044)
Total funds brought forward		71,254	133,298
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Total funds carried forward at 30 th September 2024		£69,507	£71,254
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Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at bank	70,617	69,493
Cash in hand	140	140
Accrued income	-	3,325
	<hr/> 70,757	<hr/> 72,958
Current liabilities		
Creditors - accruals	(1,250)	(1,704)
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Net current assets	69,507	71,254
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Total net assets	<u>69,507</u>	<u>71,254</u>
Represented by:		
Restricted funds	-	-
Unrestricted funds	69,507	71,254
	<hr/> 69,507	<hr/> 71,254
	<u>69,507</u>	<u>71,254</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 10th December 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Martina Riot

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Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2024

Notes

1. Background

Three Peas is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered in England and Wales under registration number 1172777 and its principal office is 54 Mount Ararat Road, Richmond, TW10 6PJ.

2. Principal Accounting Policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1st January 2015), (Charities SORP FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Three Peas meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost.

(b) Going concern

The ability of the charity to undertake its activities is largely dependent upon the receipt of donations and revenue from trading activities. Those revenues cannot be guaranteed and are heavily dependent upon the efforts and contributions of the trustees.

The trustees manage the activities of the charity based upon its level of reserves and anticipated guaranteed future income. Because of this the trustees consider that the continuing viability of the trust is assured and that it is therefore appropriate to prepare accounts on the going concern basis.

(c) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are accounted for on a receivable basis and recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to the funds, any performance conditions attached to an award have been met, it is probable that income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably

(d) Expenses

Expenses are accounted for on an accruals basis.

(e) Reserves

Income received for a restricted purpose less related expenditure is recorded as a restricted fund. All other income is recorded as unrestricted.

(f) Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities are translated into pounds sterling at the exchange rate prevailing at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Gains or losses arising on the retranslation of balance sheet items are accounted for in the Statement of Financial Activities.

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3. Expenditure on raising funds

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Events	-	2,816
Website	2,962	
Publicity and other costs	1	194
	<hr/> 2,963	<hr/> 3,010
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4. Expenditure on Charitable Activities

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Project expenditure	84,260	126,022
Miscellaneous expenditure	698	485
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5. Other Costs

	<u>2024</u> £	<u>2023</u> £
Accountancy (including independent examiner's fee of £750)	1,891	1,804
Bank charges	824	1,358
	<hr/> 2,715	<hr/> 3,162
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The Charity had no employees and no trustees received any expenses. The Trustees are considered to be the key management of the charity.

6. Reserves

	Restricted Reserves £	Unrestricted Reserves £	Total Reserves £
At 1 st October 2023	-	71,254	71,254
Excess of expenditure over income	-	(1,747)	(1,747)
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At 30 th September 2024	-	69,507	69,507
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