



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2023 **Period start date** **To** 31st March 2024 **Period end date**

Charity name: The Together Centre

Charity registration number: 1173335

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Together Centre has a vision to make the centre a place of possibility. We want the Centre to be a place where people can come together, feel safe, well and happy, learn, grow and feel a sense of pride and ownership. The centre aims to support and provide for vulnerable individuals/families struggling through the financial economic crisis. We also envisage the Centre to be a hub of creativity and achievement, with access to beautiful and accessible green spaces.
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>To provide community resources and facilities for all to use, but with a specific focus on vulnerable families.</p> <p>To provide a range of inclusive activities for the above to participate in.</p> <p>Low-cost food provisions.</p> <p>Low-cost secondhand clothing, household items and furniture.</p> <p>To provide an introductory space for mental health services and to offer healthy eating advice and promote exercise in-house.</p> <p>To help people, particularly vulnerable families, to access services and facilities to improve their wellbeing. To develop a community presence as an inclusive, creative, and 'green' hub.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>To further or benefit the residents of Tameside and the neighbourhood, without distinction of sex, sexual orientation, race or political, religious or other opinions by associating together the said residents and the local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the residents.</p> <p>In furtherance of these objects but not otherwise, the trustees shall have power:</p> <p>To establish or secure the establishment of a community centre and to maintain or manage or cooperate with any statutory authority in the maintenance and management of such a centre for activities promoted by the charity in furtherance of the above object.</p> <p>Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the CIO for the purposes which are not charitable in accordance with [section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005] and [section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008]</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We have had changes to our centre manager and a trustees this year. We intend to work on a policy for grant making for next year.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	As above
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers play a huge role within our charity. From helping and collecting for the Food Pantry, sorting and helping people that attend our Charity Shop to running activity sessions sharing a skill they have. Currently, we have recruited 35 dedicated active volunteers. Our allotment team who are

		also volunteers provide an excellent range of activities for the community and also for local disabled schools and a group of children from another school that have mental health problems and are anxious. We worked out recently that the hours our volunteers contribute are 110 hours per week - 5,720 per year. If converted to minimum wage for example purposes only, this amounts to £65,436.80. This is truly amazing!
Other		

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>Recently, we have opened a charity shop, ensuring low prices for our beneficiaries to be able to purchase clothes, household items and other items donated to the centre. Our charity shop is based in our portacabin, it has two rooms and a kitchen. One room is a charity shop, the other room we have are converting into a warm, safe space for those that struggle with their mental health. Feedback from our beneficiaries is that the centre can be busy and vibrant and build a barrier to access for those with mental health problems. The space will offer refreshments and be an introductory to branching out into the centre to join in with activities or even become volunteer! Our Food Pantry has been successful. We offer around 2-3 bags of food including staple items, freezer, chilled, fresh fruit and veg and personal hygiene and cleaning items for £3.75. Between 01/04/2023 and 31/03/2024 – 1669 individuals/families collected food from the pantry. During last year we collected 126 Tesco evening donations. Our pantry users took 2646kg of food home with them, cooked 6301 meals equivalent and 50443kg of Co2 savings. All this food would have otherwise been thrown away. We run our pantry on Fridays and Saturdays to ensure those working have the opportunity to attend. We have no criteria to become a member of our pantry apart from living in Tameside. During the financial economic</p>

		crisis, any family could struggle to purchase food. Our wellbeing activities continue throughout the week and we have lots of plans for the future.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Together Centre's finances have had the Trustees full attention over the last 6 months. The accounts have been scrutinised and multiple changes have been initiated. Employee PAYE and Volunteer costs are noticeably high. A new Centre Manager has been employed with extensive management experience and leadership skills. The Trust has also welcomed a new trustee/treasurer with key qualities and knowledge to add to the diverse range of expertise the Board of Trustees. Staff costs have reduced significantly along with volunteer expenses as shown in the projected costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not currently hold reserves. This has been discussed and as soon as we feel we are in a position to hold reserves this will be completed
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	This has not yet been set up, the centre has a new centre manager and treasurer – reserves will be discussed with the board of trustees this year. The trustees are keen to have unrestricted funds set aside to use towards the charities aims and objectives or to protect ourselves from any future financial drops in income.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

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	Dawson Lane	Chair		Membership
2	Mark Collier	Trustee		Membership
3	Ann Murphy	Trustee		Membership
4	Susan Quinn	Trustee		Membership
5	Jackie Lane	Trustee		Membership
6	Christine Salah	Trustee		Membership
7	Paul Rippon	Trustee		Membership
8	Lyndsey Bertenshaw	Treasurer/Trustee		Membership
9	Margaret Sidebottom	Trustee		Membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution dated 20th January 2017
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Dated 20th January 2017
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	Voluntary application and selection by membership election

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Together Centre at Loxley House
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1173335
Charity's principal address	287 Birch Lane Dukinfield SK16 5AU

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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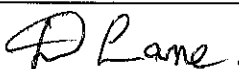
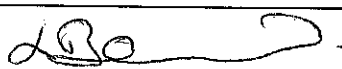
Other optional information

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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)		
Full name(s)	DAWSON LANE.	LYNOSEI LOUISE BERTENSHAW
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	TREASURER
Date	22/10/2024	

THE TOGETHER CENTRE

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

THE TOGETHER CENTRE

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

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THE TOGETHER CENTRE
GENERAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

CHARITY: The Together Centre (Registered Charity no.1173335)

ADDRESS: 287 Birch Lane
Birch Lane
Dukinfield
SK16 5AU

ACCOUNTANT: MB Accountancy and Payroll Services Ltd
131 Brendon Drive
Audenshaw
Manchester
M34 5RW

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT TO
THE TRUSTEES OF THE TOGETHER CENTRE

In accordance with instructions given to me I have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of The Together Centre and from information and explanations supplied to me.

MB Accountancy and Payroll Services Ltd
131 Brendon Drive
Audenshaw
Manchester
M34 5RW

The Together Centre
Profit And Loss Account
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>Income</u>				
Fund raising	10,669		10	
Grants and donations	27,950		50,492	
Room hire	9,790		8,878	
Services	44,070		24,080	
Workshops	<u>19,581</u>		<u>4,731</u>	
		112,060		88,191
<u>Cost of sales</u>				
Fund raising expenses	142		120	
Meal provision	7,268		16,991	
Resources	6,910		15,685	
Volunteer costs and expenses	<u>23,896</u>		<u>24,662</u>	
		<u>38,216</u>		57,458
Gross Profit		73,844		30,733
<u>Administration costs</u>				
Accountancy	618		446	
Bank charges	335		0	
Computer and software costs	876		576	
Depreciation	1,680		2,557	
Equipment expensed	0		194	
Insurance	1,768		534	
Motor expenses	6,470		2,808	
Professional fees	423		415	
Stationery and printing	2,843		1,894	
Sundry expenses	265		467	
Telephone and internet	3,530		5,990	
Uniform	0		649	
Wages costs	<u>75,250</u>		<u>54,047</u>	
		94,058		70,577
<u>Establishment costs</u>				
Property repairs	2,098		3,111	
Rates	0		374	
Repairs and maintenance	3,574		897	
		5,672		4,382
Net profit/-loss		-25,886		-44,226

The Together Centre
Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>FA - equipment, fixtures & fittings</u>			
Cost - b/fwd	2,611	1637	
Cost - additions	2556	974	
Depn - b/fwd	784	327	
Depn - charge	<u>876</u>	<u>457</u>	
	3,507		1,827
<u>FA - motor vehicle</u>			
Cost - b/fwd	10,500	0	
Cost - additions	0	10500	
Depn - b/fwd	2100	0	
Depn - charge	<u>1680</u>	<u>2100</u>	
	6,720		8,400
<u>Bank</u>			
Current account	30,609	56538	
Petty cash	<u>0</u>	<u>2257</u>	
	30,609	58795	
<u>Creditors</u>			
Accruals	1137	824	
Net wages	0	1658	
PAYE and NI	<u>2485</u>	<u>3440</u>	
	3622	5922	
	26,987		52873
Net assets	<u>37,214</u>		<u>63100</u>
<u>Funded By</u>			
<u>Profit and loss account</u>			
Brought forward	63,100	107326	
Net profit	<u>-25,886</u>	<u>-44226</u>	
	37,214		63100
Total funds	<u>37,214</u>		<u>63100</u>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

The Together Centre

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1173335

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

04/10/2024

Name:

J V Fidler

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

F.C.C.A.

Address:

80 Joel Lane

Gee Cross, Hyde

Cheshire, SK14 5LF

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of
any items that the
examiner wishes to
disclose.**