

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1174545

North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

Financial statements

For the period ended 31 October 2024

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Charity Information

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CHARITY NUMBER:	1174545
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT:	Foundation Model Constitution
REGISTERED OFFICE:	67 Meadow Street Weston-Super-Mare BS23 1Ql
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Report of the Trustees

For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the company for the period ended 31 October 2024.

The information set out on page 1 forms part of this report.

OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Objectives set for the Financial Year 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024 and how these have been met

To promote equality and diversity

To attend at least 4 Schools/Education providers and provide support to pride festivals and/or awareness days

We have exceeded this objective with attendance to Clevedon School, Gordano School, Priory Academy for the Day of SEND, and the hosting of 3 North Somerset Community Pride Events in Portishead, Clevedon & Nailsea in June 2024.

We also attended and supported Taunton Pride, the Pill Music Festival, Sporting fest 2024, Sporting Weston's Open Day in Cleeve, the Broadoak School Festival of Culture for the second year running. We also attended and supported the 1st Backwell Summer Fun day hosted at Backwell School.

Please see the NSLGBT+ Forum Timeline for 2023 to 2024 for a detailed breakdown of how this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

To continue to link in with local BME support services and providers in the area to provide and support a "joined-up" approach to the needs and interests of the LGBT+ Community within the BME Community. The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum continues to build and maintain a strong relationship with Race Equality North Somerset and are recognised by this fellow Charity as the "Go to" resource for all LGBT+ Related Matters within North Somerset for the BME Community that approaches RENS.

Please see the NSLGBT+ Forum Timeline for 2023 to 2024 for a detailed breakdown of how this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

To continue to provide the community with an accessible safe space for our groups and smaller fundraising events to take place and encourage individuals to "drop in " during weekdays and weekends to access support and signposting.

We have exceeded this objective as we relocated our HQ which was based at 68 Meadow Street, to a larger venue across the road, 67 Meadow Street in August 2024. Our location has been fully established since March 2022 and is open 4 out of 7 days during the week (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays) for drop ins, support, signposting, and where we also have held our Support Groups and smaller fundraising Jumble Sales. As we now have a larger venue, we are able to host and hold multiple events and welcome more individuals into our Safe Space than previously.

Please see the NSLGBT+ Forum Timeline for 2023 to 2024 for a detailed breakdown of how this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

To reduce social isolation and combat all forms of discrimination

To continue to provide activities outside of our normal support group structure such as "Excursions", "Picnics", and "Awareness & Fundraising Events", while utilising new venues and contacts made with other areas of our community which are under represented, such as BME networks, Older individuals and local support services.

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum has been able to provide the following activities during the period 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024:

Weekly Jumble Sales & Fundraising Events

Cohesive activities alongside Race Equality North Somerset at Health & Wellbeing promotion days across North Somerset.

Working alongside Home Instead - A local care provider to support their "Health Information Day" and to support their "Pride Day" at their offices in Worle.

Working from local Community Hubs and attending events promoting Equality, Diversity and Inclusion alongside our Community Partners, to include Portishead Youth Centre, The Other Place, North Somerset Training Hub, Priory School, Clevedon Literary Festival.

Working closely with a local neurodivergent CIC (Bridging The Gap Together!) to support Parents, Carers and Young People who are questioning their sexuality and/or gender and who also identify themselves as part of the Neurodivergent community with an invisible condition.

Continuing the running a monthly LGBT+ Quiz night in Portishead at a local Community establishment (The Poacher), and further establishing relationships with other local venues in Clevedon (The Old Inn), and Nailsea (Ring 'o' Bells) to set up other fundraising activities for the LGBT+ Community of North Somerset.

Attending the Broadoak Academy Festival of Culture event in June 2024.

Holding our last ever Rumble in the Jumble event

Setting up and hosting the second Portishead Community Pride day in June 2024.

Setting up and hosting the first ever Clevedon Community Pride day in June 2024.

Setting up and hosting the first ever Nailsea Community Pride day in June 2024

Please see the NSLGBT+ Forum Timeline for 2023 to 2024 for a detailed breakdown of how this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

To raise awareness of the work that the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum does within the community exploring other North Somerset Towns & Villages and holding events in these locations.

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To continue to promote our HQ as a safe space for individuals to report hate Crime, where all reports are considered and heard, and to promote to lesser-known or utilised methods of Hate Crime Reporting to ensure that hate Crime Figures for North Somerset are true, accurate and reflect what is "Actually" happening in our area.

Previously all of our Promotional Leaflets on the back panel included the importance of reporting Hate Crime and how to identify this. We have since produced a specific LGBT+ Hate Crime Leaflet which goes into more detail about all types of Hate Crime and how to report this using various methods.

All Trustees & Volunteers who cover our HQ during weekdays and weekends make themselves available to anyone who comes into HQ with a question, query or issue and will always look to escalate to our Safeguarding Lead (Steve Winter-Gray) any enquiries where there is a concern that links to a potential Hate Crime or incident.

Please see the NSLGBT+ Forum Timeline for 2023 to 2024 for a detailed breakdown of how this objective has been achieved and exceeded.

The North Somerset LGBT+ has the following methods of contact for any enquiries or messages to be sent to ourselves, to include Hate Incidents:

Phone (Switchboard Covered and a specific option is available to report Hate Crime which goes direct to Avon & Somerset Police)

Email (4 shared Mailboxes in Operation, checked daily)

Community WhatsApp (Via Facebook and direct)

Instant Messaging (Instagram, TikTok)

In person (HQ Opening Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays - 12:00pm till 5:00pm, Sundays 12:00pm till 4:00pm)

Online Forum & Discussion Boards (Moderated by DBS Checked Trustees & Volunteers)

To promote and support good health and wellbeing

To work closely with local support services in our area to promote, support, and demonstrate the 5 ways to mental wellbeing supported by the NHS as detailed below:

Connect with other people

Be physically active

Learn new skills

Give to others

Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness)

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum have established a strong working relationship with Curo, who provide the North Somerset Council Community Connect for Over 50's, the Housing First Programme for Rough Sleepers and Street Homeless individuals in North Somerset, and the Gordano Valley Primary Care Network Social Prescribing Service on behalf of the NHS for individuals from 16+, who work to the 5 Ways of Wellbeing across North Somerset.

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Two of the Charity Trustees work for Curo to support the delivery of these services across North Somerset and cascade information, resources and support to the Trustees & Volunteers of the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum to ensure these are fully embedded in the range of activities and groups that we run for the LGBT+ Community.

For greater context, Curo is a West of England housing association, Curo provides great homes and high quality care and support services across the region.

They're one of the largest landlords in the South West, with a diverse portfolio of affordable and market rented homes.

They own and manage more than 13,000 homes; properties that their 25,000 residents call home. they're building hundreds of new homes every year for rent and sale.

They own a range of property, from starter homes to Grade I Listed Buildings, in locations from rural villages to city centres. They have an extensive long-term development and land acquisition programme, working to build hundreds of new homes every year.

They invest in neighbourhood services to make the areas where they support communities thrive, sustainable places where people want to live and work.

They provide award-winning support services to a wide range of residents, including homeless young people and families, older and disabled people, and those affected by mental health issues or memory loss.

They support customers into education and work, and offer apprenticeships, training and graduate placement programmes.

They are West of England specialists. They provide homes and services across Bath, Bristol and beyond. They currently operate across eight local authority areas, which are mainly in the West of England. This area covers Bath & North East Somerset, Bristol, North Somerset, South Gloucestershire, Mendip and West Wiltshire. They also have a small number of homes in Cotswold District.

As a housing association they have no paid shareholders. They create profit for purpose, reinvesting the surpluses from their commercial house-building business into their core social purpose.

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About us - The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

We are the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum...

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum has been a registered charity since 2017. Our current chair Steve Winter-Gray joined the team in 2019, bringing the charity to a wider audience through a variety of exciting fundraising events, community drop-ins and activities.

The Forum is proud to be independently run and we are not affiliated with any other LGBT+ organisations.

Whilst the Forum supports local LGBT+ organisations in their aims, we remain dedicated to supporting the whole district of North Somerset rather than a single location. We are also determined that our activities, events and HQ remain affordable (often free), accessible and fun, and rely solely on donations and charitable grants to continue operating. It is in this way the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum is unique in what we offer the communities of North Somerset.

Who We Are

We are a locally based registered charity formed to support members of the LGBT+ community, to include their friends and families within North Somerset.

Our Aim

North Somerset LGBT+ Forum is a voluntary organisation whose aims are to provide a voice for the LGBT+ community of North Somerset and to be the primary organisation for LGBT+ matters within this locality.

Our Vision

Our vision is that North Somerset is fully inclusive of and engaged with the LGBT+ population and that North Somerset is a friendly and welcoming place to live in and visit for members of the LGBT+ community.

Our Mission

To provide a platform for LGBT+ voices to be heard through activities, drop-in sessions, social activities and social media. To contribute to the development and maintenance of LGBT+ inclusive services in North Somerset through engagement with statutory, non-statutory bodies and organisations. To listen and respond to real-time feedback from members of our community, including our allies and those individuals from other marginalised communities regarding the support needed within the North Somerset area and respond accordingly within the capacity of the charity and the trustees and volunteers who support us.

Our HQ & Weekly Drop Ins

Our old HQ, located at 68 Meadow Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1QN, and our newly relocated HQ, located at 67 Meadow Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1QL is open during the week on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12:00pm till 5:00pm for anyone to drop in and grab a drink and biscuit with the team and have a chat about the support services that we can signpost individuals to.

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During our weekday opening hours, between 12:00pm and 3:00pm all members of the community are welcome to come into our HQ to meet the team, receive help, support, and signposting, or just stop for a coffee and a chat.

Between the hours of 3:00pm and 5:00pm, we offer a Closed Space to specific catchments within our community who make require some additional support:

Mondays: 50+: 50+ is a social drop-in that meets every week at our HQ. 50+ is for community members aged 50 and over, of all identities, to meet with each other and socialise.

Wednesdays: Family+: Family+ is drop-in for teenagers and young adults who identify as LGBT+ and/or neurodivergent, to socialise with others. It is also an opportunity for parents, guardians, carers and relatives to ask questions in a safe space. Supported by Bridging the Gap Together!

Fridays: Trans+: Trans+ is a weekly social drop-in for community members who identify as transgender, non-binary or are perhaps questioning their gender. We use 'trans' as an umbrella term for those who are transgender, non-binary, genderqueer, genderfluid, agender, are of non-Western gender identities and those who have a trans history.

In addition, on Sundays we open our HQ on Meadow Street from 12:00pm till 4:00pm for an "Open House" session called Coffee, Cake & Chatter, which is a space available and open to all members of the LGBT+ Community, our Allies, and anyone else who shares our values. Anyone between the ages of 13 years of age upwards can come into our HQ unaccompanied to use our space, chill out, chat to the team, play games, do crafts, or just "Be".

Individuals under the age of 13 are also welcome to join us on Sundays, but must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or carer, or a responsible adult over the age of 18.

The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum also continues to support the LGBT+ community through our online forums and discussion boards moderated by our DBS checked Trustees and Volunteers.

Our Events

Rumble in the Jumble

Calling all bargain hunters! If you love pre-loved items, the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum holds regular jumble sale stalls crammed with donated goodies. These events are facilitated by our trustees and volunteers and take place at our HQ on Meadow Street, 10am-4pm on Sundays prior to a Bank Holiday Monday. This year we delivered our last ever Rumble in The Jumble, after 5 years of delivering all these events. The North Somerset LGBT+ Forum will be now focussing on alternative funding streams to replace our Rumble in The Jumble Events

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North Somerset Community Prides (Portishead, Clevedon, & Nailsea)

For the first time ever, the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum stepped forward, recognising the lack of a Pride event in North Somerset due to the absence of Pride in Weston, and Weston-Super-Mare Pride, to deliver something entirely different.

"Community Pride Events Across North Somerset"

Utilising the infrastructure of local Pubs in the Portishead, Clevedon & Nailsea areas of North Somerset, the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum were able to plan, organise and execute 3 Community Pride events in these smaller North Somerset Towns which were entirely self-funded from local authority grants, charity fundraising events, and stallholder fees:

Nailsea: Saturday, June 8th, 12 pm to 6 pm at the Ring O' Bells.

Portishead: Sunday, June 23rd, 12 pm to 6 pm at Portishead Youth Centre, Harbour Road.

Clevedon: Saturday, June 29th, 12 pm to 6 pm at the Old Inn, Walton Road.

GAYme

GAYme is a monthly LGBT+ board game night open to everyone to enjoy, in a fully accessible venue. There are board games, card games and even computer games! Don't worry if you are attending alone, as our volunteers will make sure you feel at home. There's also a Tuck Shop on site! Please note, under-13s need to be accompanied by an adult. You can find the Bridging the Gap Together! hub at 59 - 61 Meadow Street, Weston-Super-Mare, BS23 1QL. Entry is free, and there's no need to book.

Drag Diva Lock Down Live

These events saw a large number of Drag Queens, LGBT+ performers and their amazing fans descend onto Weston for a night of loud, proud and hilarious acts and performances.

August 2021 saw the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum collaborate with the founder and creator of the Facebook Group, "Drag Diva Lock Down " Paul Doble to help support and host Drag Diva Lock Down Live, on Westons iconic Grand Pier. This event raised a total of over £1700 towards the work we do.

Drag Diva Lock Down returned to Weston in 2023 and was held at the iconic and historic Winter Gardens Pavilion and Ballroom on Saturday 4th February 2023.

This event raised a total of £1418.28

In 2024, the location for what was expected to be the last Drag Diva Lock Down Live event changed to the amazing Grand Atlantic Hotel, located on Weston-Super-Mare's Seafront.

This event raised a total of £3086.07! - This was split between The RNLI (40%) and the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum (60%) - £1756.46

Believe it or not, the event in 2025 has not only already been suggested, but the dates have been booked to take place on Saturday 5th April 2025. Watch this space for next years update.

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Our Journey so far...The NSLGBT+ Forum Timeline

September 2019 - October 2020

Weston-Super-Mare Pride incorporated as a Community Interest Company

New Trustee (Steve Winter-Gray) joins NSLGBT+ Forum to support the transition of Weston-Super-Mare Pride to a CIC from a Charity Objective.

Steve Winter-Gray Becomes Vice Chair of NSLGBT+ Forum

Steve Winter-Gray becomes new Chair of NSLGBT+ Forum

New Trustee Team appointed with Paul Doble joining as Vice Chair

Weston-Super-Mare Pride officially steps away from North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

New objectives set for Charity

Charity rebrand starts

Office Clear-out, and set up new base of operations - Second Floor, Front Office, 21 Boulevard, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1NR

Our first fundraising event under New Management - Rumble in the Jumble & Community Support Day

Covid-19 Lockdown Starts - Charity activities restricted

Rumble in the Jumble is born - Our first of many jumble sales at Weston Rugby Club to fundraise to keep our office open

Support groups created from feedback at Rumble in the Jumble events

1st of each physical support groups take place with Covid restrictions in place

Covid-19 Second Lockdown measures introduced

Nov-20

Support Groups moved online

Fixed Internet access installed into Second Floor, Front Office, 21 Boulevard, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1NR

Fundraising where possible continues (Weather dependant)

Dec-20

Rumble in the Jumble Christmas Stall takes place outside Saxons Estate Agents, 21 Boulevard, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1NR

We hold our first North Somerset LGBT+ Forum Online Fundraiser - Christmas Cracker - Broadcast live across Facebook Live for four hours

Apr-21

Lockdown restrictions lifted, NSLGBT+ Forum receive donation of PPE, support group face-to-face sessions recommence

May-21

Rumble in the Jumble stalls start outside our office above Saxons Estate Agents, 21 Boulevard, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1NR due to good weather.

Jun-21

Rumble in the Jumble stalls cease due to hate incident - Safety Concerns

Jul-21

Attendance at Taunton's 1st Pride in Goodlands Gardens

Aug-21

Drag Diva Lock Down Live - Grand Pier, Weston-Super-Mare

Oct-21

Attendance to Broadoak Academy Celebration Day

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Nov-21

NSLGBT+ Forum explores expanding our office location

Attendance and support provided to Weston-super-LesFic

Attendance and support provided to NSPCWT transitions fayre

Dec-21

NSLGBT+ Forum moves into new premises located at 68 Meadow Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North Somerset, BS23 1QN

NSLGBT+ Forum holds its first ever World AIDS Day vigil outside the Town Hall in Weston--super-Mare

January 2022 to March 2022

Refurbishment of Community Space (Front of House) 68 Meadow Street, Weston-Super-Mare, North

Mar-22

NSLGBT+ Forum opens for the first time and sets regular opening hours as follows:

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 12:00pm till 5:00pm

Sundays: 10:00am till 4:00pm

Apr-22

Attendance to the NSPCWT Social Communication & Autism Fayre

May-22

UK Aids Memorial Quilt Exhibition - The Winter Gardens, Weston-Super-Mare

Guest Talk at University Centre Weston

Ritz Social Club Quiz Night - Hosted by NSLGBT+ Forum

First ever GAYme evening at The Sanctuary Cafe

Jun-22

Joint hosting of the Weston College LGBT+ Prom at Loxton Campus

Attended Sidcot School Festival of Peace

Hosted a pop up at Broadoak School

Attended Bristol Pride Parade

Guest Speaker for North Somerset Council LGBT+ Steering Group

Jul-22

Attended Taunton Pride

Aug-22

Attended and set up Rumble in the Jumble Roadshow at Portishead Beacon Hub

Supported the launch party for In Weston - New Lifestyle Magazine, and were featured as a Centrefold Charity

Interviewed by Radio Bristol for our BIG Rumble in the Jumble

Sep-22

Prize Bingo Fundraising evening at Proud Bar

Attended and Co-hosted the "Every Victim matters" Hate Crime training Session, delivered by SARI.

Met with the WISH Clinic to establish a working relationship for support to LGBT+ individuals and where to go to get protection and contraception.

Supported Lavender Vespers LGBT+ Queer Cabaret evening in Glastonbury

Hosted the first Sidcot School LGBT+ Pride Picnic

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Oct-22

Supported a Rumble in the Jumble Roadshow and Community Support Day in Portishead at The Beacon Hub

Entered the North Somerset Carnival Club Circuit to attend the following Carnivals:

Burnham-on-Sea

Weston-Super-Mare

Bridgwater

Supported Lavender Vespers LGBT+ Queer Cabaret evening in Glastonbury

Started our first LGBT+ Socialites Coffee, Cake & Chatter afternoon at Waterstones in Sovereign Centre

Held our first ever Radical Book Fayre alongside The Sanctuary Cafe

Nov-22

Steve Winter-Gray interviewed Dr Rupert Whitaker (Terrance Higgings former partner) in advance of our World AIDS Day memorial concert to be held on 30th November 2022

Attended Bridgwater Carnival

Held a Rumble in the Jumble and LGBT+ Meet Up event in Portishead at The Beacon Hub

Did not attend Highbridge & Burnham-on-Sea Carnival due to Homophobic attitudes towards NSLGBT+ Forum Charity from HBoS Chair.

Attended & supported Weston-super-Lesfic 2022 at North Worle Scout Hut

Attended & supported Lavender Vespers in Glastonbury and supported their fundraising efforts with a Quiz

Attended the JHF Orchard in Kenn, Clevedon to link forces with them as an organisation supporting young people with challenging behaviour.

Attended Glastonbury Carnival

Attended the International Day towards Violence Against Women at supported with a poem reading

Attended & supported the North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together Transitions Fayre event at the Tropicana in Weston

Attended & supported the Trans Pride Southwest Community Day 2022 at The Station in Bristol.

World AIDS Day Memorial Concert Held on 30th November 2022.

Dec-22

Attended & supported Lavender Vespers in Glastonbury with an NSLGBT+ Forum Support Stall

Held our first Young Socialites Christmas Party in collaboration with Bridging The Gap Together!

CLOSED HQ for 2 Weeks for our Trustee & Volunteer Christmas Break

Jan-23

Supported the Portishead Wellbeing Partnership with an attendance to their monthly meeting to explain all about the NSLGBT+ Forum

Started our first Coffee, Cake & Chatter events at Waterstone Cafe in The Sovereign Centre

SWG attended Mental Health Training provided by Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Trust Foundation at Blackrock Training Centre, alongside Avon & Somerset Police new recruits.

Arranged and attended a meeting with North Somerset Community Learning, Alliance Homes Community Hub, Community Connect, NSLGBT+ Forum and Bridging the Gap Together! - Venue visits and Networking.

Supported Pride in Weston with Grant Applications towards the running of Pride in Weston/UK Pride 2023.

Supported Bridging The Gap Together! with Grant Applications towards the running of the BTGT! Hub in Meadow Street.

Supported the first Tenants Union Meeting in Weston-Super-Mare through provision of a Community Venue & refreshments to enable this to go ahead.

Held the concluding meeting for the Highbridge & Burnham-on-Sea Carnival Club issues created in November 2022 with a joint statement issued by both organisations to the community bringing the whole matter to a close.

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Feb-23

Installed an LGBT+ History Month section as part of a Pride in Weston collaboration at GLOW 2023 showing a number of LGBT+ Icons throughout History.

Supported Bridging The Gap Together! with Grant Applications towards the running of the BTGT! Hub in Meadow Street.

Supported the 2nd Drag Diva Lock Down Live event at The Winter Gardens in Weston-Super-Mare, helping to raise £3,086.07 for the NSLGBT+ Forum

Attended an engagement event with the Jack Hazeldine Foundation (JHF) to talk about collaborative working.

Attended the Highbridge & Burnham-on-Sea Carnival Committee AGM in Burnham-on-Sea to show solidarity with their new incoming Chair.

Held a number of weekly "Watch Together" events in collaboration with Bridging The Gap Together! as part of LGBT+ History Month. Films watched were Love Simon, Pricilla Queen of the Desert, and Pride.

Received a finalist nomination and attended the Shout OUT Radio Listeners Awards in Bristol at The Old Market Assembly.

GAYme evening moved from Sanctuary Cafe due to owners selling up to Bridging The Gap Together! Hub as a new collaboration to ensure Neurodivergent individuals as part of the LGBT+ Community have a safe space to socialise.

Held our second Radical Book Fayre.

Mar-23

Supported the second Tenants Union Meeting in Weston-Super-Mare through provision of a Community Venue & refreshments to enable this to go ahead.

Attended and supported the North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together Social Communication & Autism Fayre at The Tropicana Weston-Super-Mare

Arranged, attended and supported a meeting to discuss a local Town Councillors conduct regarding comments made about the Trans Community on Facebook, and to discuss next steps.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with North Somerset People First (NSPF) to talk about collaborative working.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with Eddystone Trust to talk about collaborative working.

Supported Bridging The Gap Together! with a UKSPF Grant Application towards the running of the BTGT! Hub in Meadow Street as a collaborative effort.

Apr-23

Arranged, attended and supported our first fundraising Quiz in collaboration with The Poacher in Portishead.

Attended The Ritz Quiz Night in Burnham-on-Sea where the NSLGBT+ Forum were benefiting from monies raised on the evening.

Arranged, attended and supported the showing of Kinky Boots at The Playhouse, Weston-Super-Mare where the NSLGBT+ Forum benefited from the collections that took place during the evening after the show.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with the Mayor of Weston-Super-Mare (Sonia Russe) to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Attended and supported the Weston-Super-Mare Town Council Anti-Racism share and tell evening, held at Weston Museum, Weston-Super-Mare.

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May-23

Arranged, attended and supported the first Queer Death Cafe at Forum HQ as part of the Good Grief Festival in Weston-Super-Mare.

Arranged, attended and supported the first planning meeting for Bournville Pride 2023 at Forum HQ.

Arranged, attended and supported a Eurovision Party/Fundraiser in collaboration with Weston Hornets at their Clubhouse at Hutton Moor.

Attended and supported The Highbridge and Burnham-on-Sea Carnival Royalty event where the NSLG+ Forum were invited to be judges for the entries.

Attended and supported The Portishead Spring into Wellbeing event where the NSLG+ Forum held a stall alongside other community wellbeing partners at Somerset Hall in Portishead.

Attended, participated and supported The Pride in Weston Tide Dash event where the NSLG+ Forum held a stall at Kewstoke Village Hall.

Arranged, attended and supported the first Portishead Pride Community Day event held at The Poacher in Portishead.

Arranged, attended and supported the first Young Socialites Cinema Trip in Weston-Super-Mare to watch Guardians of the Galaxy.

Jun-23

Attended and supported the Raising of the Rainbow Flag for Weston Town Council at Grove House in Grove Park Weston-Super-Mare alongside the Mayor of Weston, and Pride in Weston.

Attended and supported the Beautifully Proud launch event at Weston Museum alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Attended and supported the Clevedon Literary Festival at Clevedon Community Centre alongside other community organisations.

Attended and supported the first ever Bournville Pride event at Bournville Park.

Attended and supported the Home Instead Community Information Day at Weston-Super-Mare Library and Town Hall alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Attended and supported the second LGBT+ Prom event at Weston College Loxton Campus.

Attended and supported the first Festival of Culture event at Broadoak Academy.

Arranged, attended and supported the first Portishead Youth Centre LGBT+ Chat & drop in evening.

Arranged, attended and supported the first LGBT+ Midsomer Country Stroll from Uphill Boathouse.

Arranged, attended and supported the first Socialites LGBT+ Makeup Workshop event in collaboration with Bridging The Gap Together!

Arranged, attended and supported a Tom Marshman - Section 28 Tea Party (NSLG+ Forum 50+ Drop In) at Forum HQ.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with the Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorders Association to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLG+ Forum does in the community.

Attended and supported the Gordano School LGBT+ Pride Fest event in Portishead

Attended and supported the Clevedon School LGBT+ Pride Fest event in Clevedon.

Jul-23

Arranged, attended and supported the first Crystals, Cocktails and Tarot drop in evening at Vibe Bar in Weston-Super-Mare.

Attended and supported the Bristol Pride Parade at Castle Park in Bristol.

CLOSED HQ for 2 Weeks for our Trustee & Volunteer Summer Break

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Aug-23

Arranged, attended and supported the Dungeons & Dragons sessions at Bridging The Gap Together! with an affordable Tuck Shop.

Attended an engagement meeting with the colleagues at Portishead Library to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Attended and supported the Sporting Weston SportingFest event at Kewstoke Village Hall, and Sporting Westons Training Ground.

Attended and supported the Amnesty International Garden Party at Goldney Hall in Bristol, alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with Super Culture to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Arranged, attended and supported the first Rainbow Readers Queer Book Club evening at Forum HQ in Weston-Super-Mare.

Arranged the BIGGEST Rumble in the Jumble EVER! across 4 venues in Meadow Street

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with Nailsea Town Council and The Grove Leisure Centre to talk about collaborative working, arranging a Nailsea Pride Community Day, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with Helen Yeo, Mental Wellbeing & Community Development Manager from North Somerset Council to talk about collaborative working, Suicide Prevention and Support for the LGBT+ Community, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Sep-23

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with the Carlton Centre to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Attended and supported the Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary Fun Day and Dog Show at Ashton Court in Bristol, alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with the new Mayor of Weston-Super-Mare to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Attended and supported Taunton Pride at Vivary Park in Taunton, alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Attended and supported the Weston College Freshers Fayre events at Southwest Skills Campus, Knightstone Campus, and Loxton Campus, alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Arranged, attended and supported the first Good Old Gays Cameret evening at The Front Room in Weston-Super-Mare.

Attended and supported the first Bridgwater Pride at Bridgwater Independent Market in Bridgwater, alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Attended and supported Pride in Weston & UK Pride 2023 at Grove Park in Weston-Super-Mare, alongside other Community Leaders and Organisations.

Supported the Pride in Weston & UK Pride 2023 Pride Parade to go ahead at Knightstone Island in Weston-Super-Mare, alongside the Pride in Weston Team.

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Oct-23

Attended and supported the Weston Literary Festival at Weston Library and Town Hall with a Radical Book Stall, alongside other community organisations.

Moved our Coffee, Cake and Chatter sessions to Forum HQ and increased these to weekly events on Sundays.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with Jo Arnold from Off The Record North Somerset to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with North Somerset Libraries to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with Julia Penn from Next Link Domestic Abuse Support to talk about collaborative working, and show the work that the NSLGBT+ Forum does in the community.

Arranged and attended an engagement meeting with North Somerset Council during a NSLGBT+ Forum Trustee meeting to talk about North Somerset Council's Corporate Plan.

Attended and supported the WATCH TOGETHER myGwork Panel Black History Month: Celebrating Black Voices event in collaboration with Race Equality North Somerset at The Other Place.

Attended and supported the HeART of Weston Launch event on Meadow Street, alongside other community leaders and organisations.

Arranged, attended and supported a meeting with The Playhouse in Weston-Super-Mare, alongside Pride in Weston and North Somerset Council to conclude and resolve the issues from a previous Hate Incident that took place at their venue. This also included the setting up of a competition to win Pantomime Tickets purchased by the NSLGBT+ Forum for members of the LGBT+ Community to attend this later on in the year.

Nov-23

Hosted the Portishead Poacher Quiz to fundraise for North Somerset LGBT+ Forum and provide information and outreach support.

Met with the Mind in Somerset Team to arrange a Monthly Drop In at our HQ

Attended and Supported collecting for the Bridgwater Carnival

Attended and Supported collecting for the Highbridge & Burnham-on-Sea Carnival

Hosted & Attended a monthly LGBT+ Outreach Drop In at Portishead Youth Centre

Attended and Supported collecting for the Weston-Super-Mare Carnival

Attended a networking meeting at Winterstoke Hundred Academy with Off The Record & Bridging The Gap Together!

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Supported the hosting and running of Weston-super-Lesfic at North Worle Scout Hut

Hosted a "Watch Together" event at Bridging The Gap Together! Hub - To watch and critic the film "Barbie"

Presented to Portishead Town Council in order to benefit from a Town Council Grant

Attended a feedback and roundtable event to support Avon & Somerset Victims Voice Project Group

Attended and supported Trans Pride South West with an Information and Supporters Merchandise Stall

Attended and supported the International Day Against Violence Against Women March in Weston-Super-Mare

Attended and supported the Somerset FA Rainbow Laces Campaign - Season 23/24 event at King George V Playing fields, Cleve

Hosted GAYme - Our monthly Board GAYme and Neurodivergent friendly social evening

Attended the RITZ Quiz Night in Burnham-on-Sea to raise awareness and visibility of the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum, and benefit from the Quiz & Raffle Monies raised.

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Nov-23 Continued

Supported the Domestic Abuse Uncomfortable Truths and DAHA Webinar hosted by North Somerset Council

Supported the hosting of the Super Culture Queer Book Club (Rainbow Readers) at Forum HQ

Dec-23

Held a World AIDS Day Vigil by lighting up the Grove Park Bandstand, and the Silica Statue on Weston High Street in Red for World AIDS Day

Held our BIG Christmas Rumble in The Jumble and Coffee, Cake and Chatter event across multiple venues in Meadow Street

Attended the "Explore North Somerset" event on The Grand Pier to promote the services and support provided by the North Somerset LGBT+ Forum

Hosted the Portishead Poacher Quiz to fundraise for North Somerset LGBT+ Forum and provide information and outreach support.

Took 20 individuals to The Playhouse for the Christmas Pantomime - Fully funded by NSLGBT+ Forum

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Attended and supported the Posset Christmas Market by hosting an Information & Tombola Stall at The Poacher in Portishead

Hosted and organised an individually funded trip to Hull and Amsterdam as an "Away" Team Building trip for the North Somerset LGBT+ individuals.

Hosted the Black Cat Retro Music Quiz to fundraise for Weston-Super-Mare Foodbank

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Hosted our Neurodivergent friendly NSLGBT+ Forum Christmas Party alongside our GAYme evening.

Attended the Community Matters Portishead Town Council meeting to thank the Town Council for their kind help & support in the form of a Grant

Closed for our Christmas Break for 2 Weeks to give the NSLGBT+ Forum Team a well-deserved break

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ during our Christmas Break

Hosted a pre-Christmas Coffee, Cake & Chatter session on Friday 22nd December 2024 to support anyone who is struggling during the festive period

Hosted a post-Christmas Coffee, Cake & Chatter session on Friday 29th December 2024 to support anyone who is struggling during the festive period

Jan-24

Hosted the Portishead Poacher Quiz to fundraise for North Somerset LGBT+ Forum and provide information and outreach support.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Hosted a meeting with Quartet Community Foundation & Bridging The Gap Together! to discuss how collaborative working benefits the community for greater funding opportunities.

Attended the Self-ham: understanding and responding (Mental Health Training) session hosted by North Somerset Council's Public Mental Health Team

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Presented to Weston Town Council in order to benefit from a Town Council Grant

Attended a meeting with Weston Town Council to discuss and support plans for Beautifully Proud 2024 in Weston-Super-Mare.

Attended and supported the SSE Energy - Clarity Research Session to better inform them of Charity support needed from the Energy Sector

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Jan-24 Continued

Hosted and supported the Eddystone POCT (Sexual Health) Testing session at Forum HQ - Funded free of Charge for Eddystone

Attended and supported the Weston Town Council Anti-Racism Working Group meeting at Weston Museum.
Attended and supported a meeting with ARA Recovery For All to discuss Gambling Harms within the LGBT+ Community and how we can support this.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Attended the Domestic Abuse Basic Awareness session hosted by North Somerset Council's Public Mental Health Team

Supported the hosting of the Super Culture Queer Book Club (Rainbow Readers) at Forum HQ

Hosted the Black Cat Retro Music Quiz to fundraise for North Somerset LGBT+ Forum and provide information and outreach support.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ

Met and engaged with Weston Foodbank to discuss issuing of Foodbank Vouchers & Parcels from Forum HQ

Attended a further Beautifully Proud planning meeting with Weston Town Council at Weston-super-Museum

Hosted GAYme - Our monthly Board GAYme and Neurodivergent friendly social evening

Attended and supported the Avon Fire and Rescue Service wellbeing weekend at Weston-Super-Mare Fire Station providing information, and outreach support with a Merchandise and visibility stall.

Hosted a "Whovian" Knit 'n' Knatter session at Forum HQ for our Young Socialites Group

Feb-24

Attended Time to Talk Day hosted by Mind North Somerset at the Winter Gardens, Weston-s-Mare.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

Attended Designated safeguarding network lead meeting.

Ran an outreach/drop in session at Nailsea School in conjunction with OTR.

Ran an outreach/drop in session at Broadoak Academy in conjunction with OTR.

Hosted the Portishead Poacher Quiz to fundraise for North Somerset LGBT+ Forum and provide information and outreach support.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

Hosted a GLOW collaborative session at Forum HQ to prepare displays for GLOW.

Attended and supported Avon Fire and Rescue Service Wellbeing Weekend providing information and increasing awareness.

Ran a monthly LGBT+ drop in at Portishead Youth Centre.

Hosted and supported Eddystone POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

Hosted Young Socialites Half term get together at Forum HQ.

Ran Diversity and Inclusion Awareness session at Folk Hall, Portishead in conjunction with SARI.

Attended IAG North meeting.

Attended LGBT+ stakeholder event.

Attended Embracing Diversity: an LGBT+ community engagement event at The Station, Bristol.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

Attended meeting with BBC Radio Bristol in Weston-S-Mare at The Healthy Living Centre.

Hosted and helped run Rainbow readers book club at Forum HQ with Super Culture.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Feb-24 Continued

Attended Beautifully Proud catchup meeting.

Ran Return of the Nineties Replay fundraiser at Queenshilling, Bristol.

Attended Spring into Wellbeing 2024 at Portishead.

Ran a research trip to ST Mary's church, Henbury in preparation for Weston Museum display as part of Beautifully Proud.

Attended Together for SEND meeting.

Ran a Beads and Bracelets making event for young members of the community at Forum HQ.

Attended a Pride month catchup meeting at Weston Museum.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

Hosted and supported Eddystone POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Attended Ramadan Celebration at the Winter Gardens.

Attend A day of Send at Bristol BAWA club.

Hosted and supported Eddystone POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Attended Making Funding Connections: conversations with a funder, The Hive, WSM.

Supported the hosting of a Mind Support session at Forum HQ.

Hosted NHS talking therapies feedback session at Forum HQ.

Hosted and helped run Rainbow readers book club at Forum HQ with Super Culture.

Mar-24

Host North Somerset Mind session at the Forum HQ.

Run and host planning meeting for Beautifully Proud project, creating a display for Weston Museum.

Attend Spring into Well being event at Portishead.

Attend a Pride month catch up at Weston Museum.

Attend a Pride in Weston catch up meeting.

Host a North Somerset Mind session at Forum HQ.

Host and support a POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Host North Somerset Mind session at Forum HQ.

Attend a Ramadan celebration at the Winter Gardens.

Host and support a POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Host North Somerset Mind session at Forum HQ.

Attend a Making fundraising connections conference at The Hive.

Host a meeting with Talking Therapies Equalities team to give feedback on services available and gather information.

Apr-24

Organise and run a fundraising quiz and information event at The Poacher Inn, Portishead.

Support and attend Drag Diva Lockdown Live event at The Grand Atlantic Hotel in Weston-Super-Mare to raise funds for the RNLI and the charity.

Run an outreach session at Portishead Youth Centre, supporting young people in the North Somerset area.

Attend LGBTQIA+ community in North Somerset meeting.

Organise and run a fundraising quiz at The Black Cat in Weston-Super-Mare.

Host and support POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Attend a planning meeting at Broadoak School for their Festival of Culture

Host and attend Gambling Harms Awareness Training to be able to better signpost members of the community.

Host and support Rainbow Readers book club at HQ, run by Weston Super Culture.

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Apr-24 Continued

Attend Weston Town Council Annual meeting at the Blakehay Theatre and contribute as a guest speaker, showcasing our role in the community and contributions made.

May-24

Organise and run a fundraising quiz and information event at The Poacher Inn, Portishead.

Run a Kindness Rocks project at Forum HQ for members of the community.

Run an outreach session at Portishead Youth Centre, supporting young people in the North Somerset area.

Organise and run a fundraising quiz and information event at The Ring O Bells, Nailsea for Nailsea Pride event.

Run an outreach session at Winterstoke Hundred Academy in conjunction with Off The Record to raise awareness and visibility of LGBT+ issues.

Host and support POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Organise and run a fundraising quiz and information event at The Old Inn, Clevedon for Clevedon Pride event.

Run an outreach session at Gordano to raise awareness and visibility of LGBT+ issues.

Attend and run a stall at The Poacher, Portishead to support the local LGBT+ community.

Organise and run a fundraising quiz at The Black Cat in Weston-Super-Mare.

Organise and run a fundraising bingo and information event at The Ring O Bells, Nailsea for Nailsea Pride event.

Run a Kindness Rocks project at Forum HQ for members of the community.

Organise and run fundraising bingo and information event at The Old Inn, Clevedon for Clevedon Pride.

Host and support Rainbow Readers book club at HQ, run by Weston Super Culture.

Attend and support Raising the Rainbow flag event, run by Weston Town Council in Grove Park.

Jun-24

Attended RENS AGM at The Other Place, Weston-Super-Mare to facilitate community cooperation.

Organise and host Nailsea community Pride Day at the Ring O Bells in Nailsea, providing a celebration for the local community.

Run an outreach session at Portishead Youth Centre, supporting young people in the North Somerset area.

Attend and run a stall at Home Instead Health Care information day, providing support and education opportunities for members of the public and other organisations.

Attend and run a stall at Broadoak Festival of culture to raise awareness of the LGBT+ community and support members of the community.

Attend and run a stall at Sidcot School Peace Festival to raise awareness of the LGBT+ community and support members of the community.

Organise and run Good Old Gays 2 at the Front Room in Weston-Super-Mare, providing a social opportunity for members of the community and Allies.

Organise and run Big Gay Retro Quiz at the Blakehay theatre in Weston-Super-Mare to fundraise for the charity.

Host and support POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Organise and host Portishead community Pride Day at the Poacher Inn, Portishead, providing a celebration for the local community.

Set up Beautifully Proud exhibition of local LGBT+ icons at Weston Museum in place for 1 week).

Attend and support Clevedon School Pride fest with an information stall and activities.

Attend and support Pride in Gordano School with an information stall and activities.

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

Jun-24 Continued

Organise and host Clevedon community Pride Day at The Old Inn, Clevedon, providing a celebration for the local community.

Attend and support Bridgwater Pride, running a stall to provide information of our services and sell merchandise.

Jul-24

Attend the Anti-racism Working Group at Weston Museum.

Host and support Rainbow Readers book club at HQ, run by Weston Super Culture

Aug-24

Attend a Beautifully Proud evaluation meeting with Matt Hardy for Weston town council.

Attend and organise a raffle for Ritz Quiz at The Ritz Social Club, Burnham-on-Sea, raising money for the charity.

Attend a follow up meeting with Portishead Youth and Community Centre concerning future collaboration.

Host and support Rainbow Readers book club at HQ, run by Weston Super Culture

Sep-24

Host and support POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ.

Attend Pill Music Festival, running a stall to raise the awareness of LGBT+ issues and support members of the

Attend Engaging with the LGBTQ+ communities in North Somerset meeting.

Attend a follow up meeting with Portishead Youth and Community Centre concerning future collaboration.

Attend and run a stall at Weston College South West Skills campus Freshers Fair to raise awareness of the charity and LGBT+ issues.

Attend and run a stall at Weston College Knightstone campus Freshers Fair to raise awareness of the charity and LGBT+ issues.

Attend and run a stall at Weston College Loxton Road campus Freshers Fair to raise awareness of the charity and LGBT+ issues.

Attend Embracing Diversity: an LGBT+ community engagement event at Bristol and follow up event with Avon and Somerset police.

Attend a Beautifully Proud planning meeting at Weston Museum.

Attend Taunton Pride, running a stall to raise the awareness of LGBT+ issues and support members of the community.

Attend Nailsea Volunteers Fair to recruit volunteers for the team.

Host and support Rainbow Readers book club at HQ, run by Weston Super Culture

Organise and run Daytime club event at The Loft, Weston-Super-Mare to provide a safe social event for members of the community and fund raise.

Oct-24

Host and support POCT testing and information session at Forum HQ

Attend and run a stall at YMCA Wellness Day at YMCA, Weston-Super-Mare.

Host and support Hate Crime awareness week event with TDT at Forum HQ.

Attend and run a stall at Day of SEND event, Priory School to support members of the public and raise awareness of the charity and LGBT+ issues.

Host and support Rainbow Readers book club at HQ, run by Weston Super Culture

Social Media and accessibility increased throughout the year, we also made a conscious decision to remove the Charity from X (Formally Twitter) due to the hostility of the platform and how its values no longer align with our own.

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OBJECTIVES AND REVIEW OF PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT.

The objectives for the forth-coming period are:

To promote equality and diversity:

- To attend at least 4 Schools/Education providers and provide support to pride festivals and/or awareness days
- To deliver one workshop to the BME community to link in with local BME support services and providers in the area to provide and support a "joined-up" approach to the needs and interests of the LGBT+ Community within the BME community.
- To attend Weston Mela 2025 to support and link with the BME community in North Somerset.
- To continue providing all demographics of our community with an accessible safe space for our groups and smaller fundraising events to take place and encourage individuals to "drop in" during weekdays and weekends to access support and signposting.
- To continue to promote our HQ, events, and drop-ins as fully accessible safe spaces for all, including members of the neurodivergent community, and ensure events are affordable or free to attend.

To reduce social isolation and combat all forms of discrimination

- To continue to provide activities outside of our normal support group structure such as awareness and fundraising events, social gatherings, and all other events while utilising new venues and contacts made with other areas of our community which are under-represented.
- To hold three Community Pride Events across three main towns in the district (Clevedon, Nailsea and Portishead), as well as delivering and promoting three additional events at each location.
- To continue to promote our HQ as a safe space for individuals to report hate crime, where all reports are considered and heard, and to signpost and encourage hate crime reporting to ensure that hate crime figures for North Somerset are true, accurate and reflect what is "actually" happening in our area.
- To provide a 'warm hub' and 'community living room' to all members of our community including allies during the winter months.

To promote and support good health and wellbeing

- To ensure all of our community activities and groups demonstrate the NHS 5 Ways to Mental Wellbeing as detailed below:

Connect with other people (e.g. Gayme, Socialites, quiz nights)

Be physically active (e.g. dog walks, club nights)

Learn new skills (e.g. make-up tutorials, comic workshops)

Give to others (e.g. supporting the local foodbank, carnival collections, litter picking)

Pay attention to the present moment (mindfulness) (e.g. craft sessions, crystals)

ACCOUNTS

The attached statement of account complies with the Charities Act 1993, the Statement of Recommended Practice 2000 and the charity's governing document.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

..... S Winter-Gray - Trustee

Date:

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities
For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

Charity law requires to prepare the Trustees' Report and financial statements for each financial year which give a true view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its financial activities for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements the Trustees are required to:

- a) Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) Make judgments and estimates that are responsible and prudent;
- c) State whether the policies adopted are in accordance with SORP (FRS 102) and with applicable accounting standards, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the Financial Statements;
- d) Prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will continue operating.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the Financial Statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Statement of Financial Activities

For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

		31.10.24	31.10.23
		Unrestricted Fund	Total Fund
	Notes	£	£
<u>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</u>			
Donations and legacies		21,397	16,074
Grants		8,808	1,656
Other income		0	169
Total		<u>30,205</u>	<u>17,899</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE ON</u>			
Raising funds	2	7,885	6,204
Charitable activities		20,528	12,451
Total		<u>28,413</u>	<u>18,655</u>
<u>NET INCOMING / OUTGOING RESOURCES</u>			
		<u>1,792</u>	<u>-756</u>
<u>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</u>			
Total funds brought forward		6,932	7,688
<u>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</u>		<u>8,724</u>	<u>6,932</u>

Balance Sheet

For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

		31.10.24	31.10.23
		Unrestricted Fund	Total Fund
	Notes	£	£
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>			
Tangible assets	6	1,248	1,123
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>			
Cash at bank		7,476	5,809
		<u>7,476</u>	<u>5,809</u>
<u>CREDITORS</u>			
Amounts falling due within one year	8		
<u>NET CURRENT ASSETS</u>		<u>7,476</u>	<u>5,809</u>
<u>TOTAL NET ASSETS</u>			
<u>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		8,724	6,932
<u>CREDITORS</u>			
Amounts falling due after more than one year			
<u>NET ASSETS</u>		<u>8,724</u>	<u>6,932</u>
<u>FUNDS</u>			
Unrestricted funds	9	8,724	6,932
<u>TOTAL FUNDS</u>		<u>8,724</u>	<u>6,932</u>

The financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on

..... And were signed on its behalf by:

.....

Mr Steven John Winter-Gray - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life at a rate of 25% reducing balance.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

The interest element of these obligations is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities over the relevant period. The capital element of the future payments is treated as a liability.

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Notes to the Accounts - continued
For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

2. RAISING FUNDS

	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
Building		
Depreciation	416	374
Sale of tangible fixed assets	215	-
Rent	5,664	5,700
Repairs and maintenance	1,590	130
	<u>7,885</u>	<u>6,204</u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 October 2024 nor for the year ended 31 October 2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.10.24	31.10.23
Volunteers during the year	10	15

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	10,500
Grants	7,230
Other income	169
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	6,204
Charitable activities	12,451
NET INCOME	- 756
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	7,688
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>6,932</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

6. FIXED ASSETS

	Plant and Machinery	Fixtures and Fittings	Totals
	£	£	£
COST			
At 1 November 2023	822	1,229	2,051
Additions	295	560	855
Disposals	- 622 -	30 -	652
At 31 October 2024	495	1,759	2,254
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 November 2023	- 456 -	472 -	928
Charge for Year	- 89 -	327 -	416
Disposals	316	21	337
At 31 October 2024	- 229 -	778 -	1,007
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 October 2023	366	757	1,123
At 31 October 2024	266	981	1,247

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Trade debtors	-	-

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.10.24	31.10.23
	£	£
Trade creditors	-	-

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 01.11.23	Net movement in funds	At 31.10.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	6,932	1,791	8,724
TOTAL FUNDS	6,932	1,791	8,724

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 01.11.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.10.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	7688	-756	6932
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>7688</u>	<u>-756</u>	<u>6932</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 October 2024.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For the Period Ended 31 October 2024

	31.10.24 £	31.10.23 £
<u>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</u>		
Donations and legacies		
Card income	11,605	8,007
Donations	9,103	7,230
Etsy sales	689	838
Charitable activities		
Grants	8,808	1,656
Other income		
Other income	-	169
Total incoming resources	30,205	17,900
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Accountancy fees	504	504
Advertising and PR	761	663
Bank charges	-	11
Computer expenses	123	-
Depreciation	416	374
Donations	330	374
Events	12,758	6,905
Insurance	631	631
Legal fees	172	167
Light and heat	628	636
Loss / profit on sale of tangible fixed assets	215	-
Post and stationery	1,837	1,117
Rates and water	346	581
Rent	5,664	5,700
Repairs and maintenance	1,590	130
Staff training and welfare	1,305	140
Telephone and fax	252	305
Travel and subsistence	882	416
Total resources expended	28,414	18,654
<u>NET LOSS / PROFIT</u>	1,791	- 754