

With



Period start date			Period end date		
1st	November	2023	31st	October	2024
From			To		

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Oxford Winter Night Shelter

Other names charity is known by OWNS

Registered charity number (if any) 1175750

Charity's principal address 57c St Clement's Street

Oxford

Postcode

OX4 1AG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity as at 31st October 2024

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Revd Mary Gurr	Chair		
2	April Hall	Secretary		
3	Marion Fiddes	Treasurer		
4	The Hon Mary-Ann Sheehy	Safeguarding Officer		
5	Jane Mitchell	Fund raiser		
6	Paul Thompson	Deputy Safeguarding Officer		
7	Zachary Jackman			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Incorporated
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Personal knowledge based on skills and experience and appointed by the Trustee body.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Working with Christian churches and other organisations to provide support for homeless people in Oxfordshire by relieving need and providing skills for self-sufficiency, as well as providing practical and spiritual support.
Informing and educating the general public, both individuals and communities on the needs of the homeless.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity has two distinct initiatives: a winter night shelter for rough sleepers which runs from Jan – March each year and The Living Room open all year 4 days a week.

The Living Room is a referral only day centre. Referrals come from the City Council's outreach team and also other local voluntary agencies. It is a welcome sanctuary both for rough sleepers (50%) and those who are vulnerably housed. Guests appreciate both the practical facilities: shower, clothes washing equipment, some food, laptops and also the emotional encouragement: volunteers who will listen without judging. It used a total of 26 volunteers. These come from all walks of life, with an age range of 19-80+. Some are from a faith background and others not. All have a real desire to work alongside homeless people. The volunteers at The Living Room worked a total of 686 shifts, which total 1715 hours.

The Night shelter ran for three months from 3rd January to 31st March, accommodating a total of 30 different guests, rotating between 7 different venues all in the centre of Oxford. There were 126 volunteers representing a total of 3248 hours worked.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant-making; N/A
- policy programme related investment; N/A
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**The Living Room**

It is not easy to assess the main achievements but we take clients who are considered by other agencies to be hard to reach. Typically, these have been people who for one reason or another have failed to engage with the authorised agencies. Using a gentle approach and now working with a person who has had lived experience, and also a short-term Occupational Therapy student some of our guests have gained confidence, realised their abilities and started to engage with the authorities who can move them on – into settled housing and ultimately employment both paid and unpaid. Part of the process has seen them become willing to further their recovery by accessing, for example, additional support at Turning Point, mental health advice from MIND and educational and vocational support at Crisis and Aspire.

Following a survey of women who are homeless, with support from the City Council's outreach team, we opened a monthly meeting for women only. The frequency was increased to twice a month. So far this has been accessed by no more than 3 women at a time, but we hope that by offering this service to other voluntary agencies, the numbers will increase.

The Winter Night Shelter

This has been a valuable but sadly necessary experience for guests who were rough sleeping and would otherwise have been out on the streets in the coldest months. The dormitory accommodation is not suitable for all, but those who did access it, some for almost every night, found it a safe and warm environment. Approximately 40% were housed by the end of the season. Some decided to continue their engagement with OWNS by coming to The Living Room

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is our stated policy that we should keep reserves enough to ensure our service runs for at least a further two years to provide consistency for our guests and our employees which pertains to the day service, The Living Room, as well as the night shelter should it be needed. In particular this is to provide limited protection re redundancy costs for our employees and the cost of our remaining period of lease until the next break clause.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity's main sources of funds are grants, University colleges and churches, and individual giving. Expenditure has achieved our stated aims and we are in our sixth year in 2023/24, with funding for an estimated two years to cover redundancy costs and remaining lease costs until the next break clause, together with our current regular giving base. Our investment policy is to invest the major part of our reserves with the ethical CAF Bank (Shawbrook) and also with a Barclays Savings Account for more immediate expenditure needs as necessary.

Section F

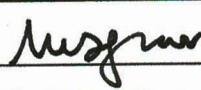

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	MARY SANDRA GURR	MARION FIDDES
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	17.8.25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
1st November 2023

To

Period end date
31st October 2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	11,724	-	-	11,724	14,160
Donations	46,466	-	-	46,466	50,884
Gift Aid	3,876	-	-	3,876	3,523
Interest	1,595	-	-	1,595	1,086
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	63,661	-	-	63,661	69,653
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	63,661	-	-	63,661	69,653
A3 Payments					
Project Manager & Assistant costs	61,204	-	-	61,204	57,232
Project running costs	18,391	-	-	18,391	19,495
Fund-raising & publicity costs	576	-	-	576	427
IT and Rota system costs	1,814	-	-	1,814	2,824
Professional Charges	135	-	-	135	110
Counselling fees	-	-	-	-	715
Phones and accessories	295	-	-	295	391
Office costs & misc.	528	-	-	528	564
Insurance	790	-	-	790	-
Grants to other bodies	50	-	-	50	-
Sub total	83,783	-	-	83,783	81,758
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	83,783	-	-	83,783	81,758
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20,122	-	-	- 20,122	- 12,105
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	157,840	169,945
Cash funds this year end	137,718	-	-	137,718	157,840

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Shawbrook (CAF) deposit account	80,000	-	-
	Barclays bank deposit account	51,702	-	-
	Barclays bank current account	6,016	-	-
	Total cash funds	137,718	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			



	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid due	3,500	-	-
	Lease deposit	1,500	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Electricity Invoice	Unrestricted	186	
	Cleaning Invoice	Unrestricted	270	
	NEST (pensions)	Unrestricted	164	
	HMRC (PAYE)	Unrestricted	1,396	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mary Gurr	17/08/25
	Marion Fiddes	17/08/25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Oxford Winter Night Shelter

On accounts for the year
ended

31 October 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1175750

Set out on pages

1 and 2

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

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; ~~or~~.

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

Signed:

JRC

Date:

18/8/25

Name:

John Robert Chadwick

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

Associate, Chartered Governance Institute UK and Ireland

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Nr Wantage

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UK and Ireland

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.