

Worcestershire Churches Supporting Adoption and Fostering

Also known as Home for Good Worcestershire

Charitable Incorporated Organisation Number 1177902

Trustees Annual Report 2024 - 2025

Worcestershire Churches Supporting Adoption and Fostering, which operates as Home for Good Worcestershire (abbreviated in this report to HfGW) was established on 11th April 2018 and is registered at 24 Moreland Road, Droitwich Spa, WR9 8RN.

HfGW is a small Worcestershire based charity. It is affiliated to the national Home for Good Charity. All the trustees are local people, having a broad range of relevant professional knowledge and expertise. Care is taken to ensure that the board of trustees has a breadth of skills to meet HfGW's responsibilities as a charity and to provide guidance, advice and support to volunteers and those who are supported by HfGW.

Trustees during the year were:

Stuart Watkins (chair of trustees)

Rose Parker

Sharon Price

Alison Lloyd (appointed 3/3/2025)

Joy Pollock (resigned 10/6/2025)

Lee Curtis (resigned 31/7/2024)

Objectives

HfGW is a charity that seeks to ensure that every child in care can thrive in a safe and loving foster or adoptive family that is right for them. HfGW's vision and belief is that the Church in Worcestershire can, and should, be part of the solution. HfGW works to put vulnerable children on the Church's agenda, inspire Christians to step up to foster or adopt, and equip churches and local groups to offer much-needed support to families who are fostering or have adopted.

HfGW seeks to do this by coordinating and resourcing a network of people, churches and local champions across Worcestershire to raise awareness of the needs of vulnerable children and young people, inspiring individuals to explore fostering and adoption and equipping churches to understand and support them.

The Board's own objectives for the year 2024 - 2025 were to ensure continuation and growth of the activities already undertaken by volunteers and to establish the necessary governance requirements as a charity.

HfGW's operational priorities are:

- Extending the number of churches and individuals reached to encourage them to engage with fostering and adoption across the whole of Worcestershire
- Strengthening the existing family support group and exploring the possibilities of starting new groups outside Worcester city.
- Maintaining the availability of practical support for carer and adoptive families
- Maintaining strong relationships with the local children's services and voluntary organisations.

- Governance priorities were to create and implement key policies regarding safeguarding, volunteer management, information management and financial processing

Activities

- During 2024-25 there were a number of changes within the charity: 2 trustees stepped down (one due to a family illness and one due to taking on full-time work); a new trustee was appointed; the charity moved its bank account to the Co-operative Bank; and we had to change our registered address due to the sale of the church premises we were previously registered at.
- We continued to provide the same level of activity as previous years
- We held 5 Support Groups on 16/3/2024, 22/6/2024, 12/10/2024, 4/12/2024, and 1/2/2025. Each of these was attended by approximately 40 people (carers and children). The feedback is consistently positive. One carer wrote that *I think the activities are really great and I am so grateful for the groups. It feels like an amazing treat. Such a gift.*
- Prepared and circulated nearly 300 Christmas Stockings to Care Leavers in Worcestershire. This was a collaborative effort involving local churches, schools, Worcestershire's Care Leaver Service and local volunteers. Feedback from the young people and their workers was overwhelmingly positive. One young person said: *"The fluffy socks were a godsend – it's hard to explain just how grateful I was for having warm feet.* Another said: *"Chocolate coins! I had these when I was little."*
- Sought to extend links with local churches and champions. We have good links with the Baptist Union, the Diocese of Worcester, the Methodist Church and a number of Free Churches.
- Employed a part-time Administrator
- Unfortunately, our part-time Development Worker had to resign from the role as she had taken up a full-time post, and we were unable to recruit a replacement during this year

Planning Ahead

The trustees' priorities for 2025-2026 will continue to be:

- Grow the number of Support Groups and Summer Activities
- Develop stronger links with churches across the county
- Continue to fundraise for our core activities and development work

Financial

Our total income for 2024 - 2025 was £3,671.46 and our Expenditure was £7,095.69, resulting in a deficit for the year of -£3,424.23, which was covered by our reserves. The increased deficit was due to the trustees deciding to return part of a grant that had been awarded to HfGW to appoint a full-time Development Worker. As the trustees had been unable to appoint a Development Worker, and funding a full-time role no longer fitted our priorities, the trustees agreed that it was right to return £1,800 to the local charity that had made a grant to us.

Unrestricted funds are held to provide for general running expenses, such as a part-time paid administrator (10 hours per month), annual insurance, DBS registration and checks. As at 31/3/2025 we had unrestricted funds of £2,682.56, which was similar to the previous financial year.

Thanks

HfGW could not operate without the immense personal commitment of trustees and volunteers who willingly give of their time and great skills. The trustees wish to place on record their recognition and thanks to all those who work with HfGW for the benefit of carers and their children in Worcestershire.

Signed: STUART WATKINS

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Chair of Trustees

Date: 26 January 2026

Signed: ROSE PARKER

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Trustee

Date: 26 January 2026

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Income Statement

For the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	2023/24		2024/25	
	£	P	£	P
Income*	4,959.	80	3,671.	46
Expenditure*	5,875.	63	7,095.	69
Surplus for the Year	-915.	83	-3,424.	23

* See Notes 1 and 2

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Statement of Financial Affairs as at 31st March 2025

	31-03-2024		31-03-2025	
	£	p	£	P
Current Assets				
Balance as per Bank Statement	8386.	63	4,962.	40
Represented by				
Accumulated General Fund	2,083.	16	1,685.	65
Accumulated Restricted Funds	7,219.	30	6,700.	98
Surplus for the Year (General Funds)	-397.	51	996.	91
Surplus for the Year (Restricted Funds)	-518.	32	-4,421.	14

Audited by: PHILIP MOORE

Signed: PHILIP MOORE

Date: 2 January 2026

Chairman: STUART WATKINS

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Date: 26 January 2026

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Note 1

These accounts have been drawn up on a receipts and payments basis. They are based on the bank statements and information supplied by the treasurer.

Note 2

1.0 Income

	2023/24		2024/25	
	£	p	£	P
(a) Gifts				
Personal Donations	1,710	00	1,290.	00
Church and Organisation Donations	2,501	00	2,032.	26
	4,211.	00	3,322.	26
(b) Gift Aid Reclaim			316.	32
(c) Restricted Donations (Christmas Stockings Project)	730.	26	20.	00
(e) Bank Interest	18.	54	12.	88
TOTAL INCOME	4,959.	80	3,671.	46

2.0 Expenditure

	2023/24		2024/25	
	£	p	£	P
Donations to Home for Good (National)	828.	98		
Administrative Services bought in	810.	00	907.	50
Bank Charges	60.	00	60.	00
Insurance	241.	72	291.	73
Support Group (Worcester)				
Craft	212.84		395.14	
Food	340.47		516.53	
Venues and Entertainment	393.70		331.00	
Administration	585.00	1,531. 91	1,057.50	2,300. 17
Gifts to Carers & Social Workers	175.	35		
Publicity	98.	11	23.	00
Champions' Events	137.	90		
Thirtyone:Eight Membership Fee	145.	00	150.	00
Stockings Project (from restricted donations)				
Purchases	329.56		475.79	
Administration	315.00	644. 56	487.50	963. 29
Development Worker			600.	00
Other Expenses			1,800	00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	5875.	63	7,095.	69

Note 3 Assets and Liabilities

A value of £432.79 was due for services provided and expenses incurred before the end of the year by Esther Loveridge, the charity's part-time administrator. These were invoiced and paid in April 2024.

Gift Aid to the value of £316.32 was claimed in 2024/25 financial year, which relates to donations received in 2023/24. £315.00 was due at the end of 2024/25, which has been claimed during 2025/26.

Note 4 – Funds Analysis

Fund Name	B/f	Income	Expenditure	Fund Transfers	Increase / Decrease	Balance
Stockings Fund - Restricted	538.37	982.26	850.79		131.47	669.84
Development Worker - Restricted	4,010.00	0.00	2,400.00		-2,400.00	1,610.00
Worcester Support Groups - Restricted	151.61	0.00	151.61		-151.61	0.00
County-wide Support Groups - Restricted	2,001.00	0.00	2,001.00		-2,001.00	0.00
Total Restricted & Designated Funds	6,700.98	982.26	5,403.40		-6,031.14	669.84
		2,689.2				
General Funds	1,685.65	0	1,692.20		996.91	2,682.56
Total Funds at Bank	8,386.63					4,962.40

The trustees are grateful to the Lasletts Charities for their support, whilst further support for the Development Worker post was sought. Due to no further such income being received and a reduced expenditure for this work being agreed, the trust reimbursed £1,610 to Lasletts during the year at their request.

Payments to Trustees

Joy Pollock received £600 in return for services provided to the charity as the Development Worker. This was authorised by trustees during the previous financial year in line with the governing documents and funded through a restricted fund.

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