

# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1<sup>st</sup> July 2021

To

30 June 2022

## Section A

## Reference and administration details

Charity name

Clothe Me – Thank You

Other names charity is known by

Clothing Collective

Registered charity number (if any)

1178825

Scratch Hub – Battersea Arts Centre

Lavender Hill Road

London

Postcode

SW11 5TN

### 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	Antony Wroe	Chair		
2	Eleri James	Trustee		
3	Margaret Breen	Trustee		
4	Trudi Ballard	Trustee		
5	Alan Duncan	Trustee		
6	Karen Penney	Trustee		
7	Olivia Houghton	Trustee		
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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)

Antony Wroe

## Section B Structure, governance and management

### Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	CIO Foundation
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by the existing trustees.

### 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.

## Section C Objectives and activities

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

The relief of poverty or financial hardship in particular but not exclusively by providing grants via redeemable vouchers for everyday clothing to individuals and families in financial need. The redeemable vouchers are able to be redeemed exclusively at participating charity shops throughout the United Kingdom of Great Britain.

**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)**

Designed to bridge the gap between charity shops and people that cannot afford to clothe themselves and their families by providing access to clothing stock held at charity shops. Clothing Collective provides a monetary value voucher redeemable in partner charity shops, enabling people in need to choose their own clothes with dignity without having to rely on hand-outs.

The vouchers are offered to people in crisis redeemable at partner charity shops. When they are spent, a secondary benefit occurs by raising funding for the shops own charitable cause, with Clothing Collective returning the cash value of the voucher back to them.

#### **How does it work?**

- Money raised through donations and online retail partnerships
- Donations converted into vouchers
- Vouchers distributed to people identified through a network of food banks and charities
- Vouchers can be spent in any of our partner charity shops
- Charity shops exchange the voucher for money for their own cause

#### **Why is it needed?**

There are daily studies on the increase of rough sleeping, homelessness and households in poverty, with recent examples showing an increase of nearly a third in rough sleepers over the past [year](#), and pockets in large cities with two-thirds of children living in [poverty-hit families](#). Reports show that more than one in five of the UK population (22%) is in [poverty](#), and whilst food banks have appeared across the UK to provide support, there are less options for finding [clothing](#).

The charity trustees declare that any debts and other liabilities of the CIO have been settled or otherwise provided for in full in accordance with its constitution.

#### **Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**



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

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Clothing Collective partners with third party charities such as Food banks and shelters, etc. who work with vulnerable people, identifying needs by assessing their requirements accessing clothes. By partnering with these third-party charities, they are able to distribute the vouchers on our behalf in a structured and professional environment which is vital to our operations, as Clothing Collective doesn't distribute vouchers directly to individuals.

This year we have again managed to attract volunteers to join the charity who have been willing and able to make contributions to the development of the charity.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

With the events we had set up in 2021 namely the London Landmark Half Marathon and the London Marathon out of the way, we were able to assess the benefits from having taken part in these events.

Setting them up and finding enough supporters to run in the marathons for us is a very time-consuming operation. This is compounded by the fact Clothing Collective is a little-known charity so it's particularly difficult to attract runners to run for us at this stage in our development.

Given the financial investment required to take part in these events and the excessive time involved managing them, the monetary return received was disproportionate to the investment in time and money put in.

Therefore, we decided to relook at our priorities for the year ahead which we identified as being imperative we recruited new trustees to the board who would be able to bring their skills and experience to the charity.

We identified we needed trustees with skills in business development to steer the way ahead building new relationships within the corporate sector and PR & Communications who would be able to steer getting the charity name to the wider audience.

In addition to this we formally partnered with Charity Retail Association who are rolling out the introduction of their very own gift card. This is a significant development for us and it immediately opens up all members of the CRA who opt into accepting their gift cards to us. In addition, it automatically removes a layer of business development where Clothing Collective would have had to undertake to sign up shops to accept our vouchers. With this partnership we are relieved from that onerous task and responsibility and of the chore of maintaining a regular relationship with the shops as this is all taken care of by the CRA. The forecast of new shop signing up to the gift card scheme is in the region of 3,000 shops by the end of the year.

The development of working with the CRA and their Gift Card scheme, means Clothing Collective will replace issuing our paper-based vouchers in favour of issuing Gift Cards instead.

We have made some progress where we have recruited volunteers who are working on developing our website with the intention of building our own database of supports allowing us to keep in touch with them.

We have identified an agency where we have outsourced our fundraising activities such as grant applications. It is early days yet and not enough time has elapsed for us to assess the result of the project, but should it be successful as we anticipate, we would expand using the outsourced agency.

We have continued to receive enquiries from different organisations requesting support in providing them with our vouchers which has been encouraging in the sense our name and reputation has grown. We have had to be selective when considering these requests to support such causes due to our own limited funding.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We hold enough reserves to meet any liabilities.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

### 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.

With the introduction of the CRA gift card, this allows the charity greater control of our finances as we are purchasing gift cards in advance where we are able to monitor their use such as redemption or expiry from the back-end portal the CRA provides to us.

## Section F

## Other optional information

We have met our key objectives this year in recruiting new trustees to the board.

Next year we are looking to secure more sustainable financing to fund our new Gift Cards which are able to be redeemed at charity shops nationwide.

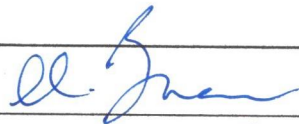
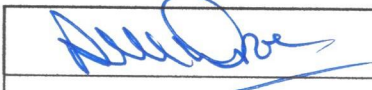
## Section G

## 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)

Antony Wroe

Margaret Breen

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Trustee

Date

25/08/22



## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2021	To	Period end date 30/06/2022
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations & Grants	34,962	-	-	34,962	8,317
Interest & Other Income	7	-	-	7	0
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>34,968</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,968</b>	<b>8,317</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>34,968</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,968</b>	<b>8,317</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Purchase of charity gift cards / vouchers	3,785	-	-	3,785	320
Administrative Expenses	4,124	-	-	4,124	3,429
NPG Grant Starter Pack	5,000	-	-	5,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>3,749</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,909</b>	<b>3,749</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>22,060</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,060</b>	<b>4,568</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11,896</b>	<b>7,536</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>33,956</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,956</b>	<b>12,104</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Current Account	2,709	-	-
	Savings Account	31,247	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>33,956</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Start up loan	Unrestricted fund	1,000	No due date
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Anthony W206	25/8/22
		Margaret Breen	25.8.22





Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Clothe Me - Thank you

On accounts for the year  
ended

30th June 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1178825

Set out on pages

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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 30/06/2022.

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 (other than that disclosed below \*) 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.

*\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

*Michael Jones*

Date:

*7/9/2022*

Name:

*Michael Jones*

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

A.C.C.A

Address:

Bevan Buckland LLP, Ground Floor, Cardigan House

Castle Court, Swansea Enterprise Park

Swansea, SA7 9LA

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.**