



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 APRIL 2023

Period start date To

Period end date 31 MARCH 2024

Charity name: UNITED BY WOOL- HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Charity registration number: 1180751

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our primary aim is the relief of poverty in the UK and overseas by providing : items and services to individuals in need or charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We are a small charity based in Oldham, Lancs. We respond to urgent appeals for help as well as providing regular items to specific organisations. As a means to achieve our objectives we set up a charity shop(154a Huddersfield Road Oldham OL4 2RD) and knit and natter groups. The shop acts as a base for all our charitable activities and generates income for the charity from sale of goods donated for the purpose, and is used for holding events and meetings. Most of the items for sale in the shop have been made and donated by the charity supporters. The exception is the new yarn which is purchased by the charity from wholesalers and sold at a profit for charity funds. Those who benefit from our work are mainly babies and children (based in the Uk and overseas)although we do get requests for teenage and adult items. Most items are handmade by our members, but some items are sourced from other charity shops and/or retailers. We make direct and indirect deliveries of donations: clothing, blankets, toiletries, toys and baby essentials. The beneficiaries fall into the following groups: Refugees, Homeless, Those fleeing domestic abuse and those trapped in poverty. This year we have distributed donations to: Buddy Bag Foundation, Bradford Baby Bank,

		Abernecessities Baby Bank, Mission with Borders, Operation Orphan Ukraine, Auntie Pam's Baby Bank, Dress a Child, Crochet and Knit for Syria, POPI Baby Bank, The Hub Oldham and various individual appeals from homeless charities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	At present we do not have a policy for making cash grants as this is not the charities intention to provide anything other than non-cash donations
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not have policy for investment as this is not something the charity does at this time
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The charity is run by volunteers who give their time and resources for free. The volunteers and members are considered the backbone of the organisation. Without their generous support the charity would not succeed. Through their generous support we have ensured that many people in need have received help with the basic living essentials. The opinions and ideas of the volunteers and members are taken into account in decision making. Feedback is welcomed and regularly received. We post regular updates regarding the charity's activities on the charity's facebook page. Members regularly post pictures, messages and suggestions. The volunteers engage in most aspects of the charity, from receiving, sorting, storing, packaging and delivering donations to assist in the running of the shop, distribution of goods, fund raising events and long term projects of knit and natter groups.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Continued support of all the beneficiaries of our work. In doing this many people have had access to essentials to keep them warm, clothe their children and have use of the most basic needs. We continue to find new outlets for our donations and in doing so reach more people.</p> <p>We also continue to grow our facebook group and therefore increase our donations and are therefore able to help more people</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We were able to meet all requests made to us for help
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising continues to be a large part of our activities.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We do not have any investments
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The charity has set up a deposit account, which is easily accessible if needed. This is to cover emergencies, appeals or unexpected bills. This account runs alongside our current account
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£20,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no current uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principle sources of funds are from sale of goods in the shop and online, and fundraising
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	At this time we do not see any risks facing the charity. As long as we are able to continue to rent our current premises and continue to grow our members we see no reason that the charity should not continue
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust Deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Any new trustee will be appointed on merit, taking into account skills knowledge and experience. A meeting of current trustees is held to discuss any new prospective trustees. Appointment of new trustees must be agreed by all trustees

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Training of new trustees will be undertaken by the founder (Jeanette Nawaz). New trustees will be enrolled into the group via our facebook page. They will be given access to the shop and encouraged to take part in all activities in order to gain an overview of the organisation
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The overall lead is taken by Chair. This includes networking, paperwork, research, governance. Book keeping and accounts are undertaken by the treasurer. The secretary keeps minutes and is also the public face of the group (facebook). Fundraisers organise our fundraising events. All trustees cove the shop on a rota basis with at least one volunteer
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	United by Wool - Helping Those in Need
Other name the charity uses	UBW
Registered charity number	1180751
Charity's principal address	154A Huddersfield Road Oldham OL4 2RD

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	Jeanette Nawaz	Chair/Co ordinator		
	2	Pauline Hutchinson	Treasurer		
	3	Janet Hough	Secretary		
	4	Catherine harwood	Fundraiser		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) J Nawaz

Full name(s) Jeanette Nawaz

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc) Chair

Date 16/02/2025

UNITED BY WOOL
CHARITY ACCOUNTS YEAR END 31 MARCH 2024

OPENING BALANCE 1/4/2023	£2896.78	
INCOME	£22 979.09	
PURCHASES & EXPENDITURE		££23 271.42
BANK CHARGES		
TRANSFERS TO SAVINGS		
CLOSING BALANCE		£2604.45
TOTALS	£25 875. 87	£25 875.87