



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	01	04	22		31	03	23
<b>From</b>							

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

OPEN ARMS FOUNDATION (KENT)

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1181533

Charity's principal address

Wyckhurst

Milli Road

Aldington, Ashford

Postcode

TN25 7AJ

### 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	Penelope Blackwell	Trustee		
2	Penelope June Fraiser	Trustee		
3	Ian John Fraiser	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)

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## Section C

## Objectives and activities

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

The prevention or relief of poverty among the homeless and those facing financial hardship in the Ashford area of Kent, by the provision of food, clothing, bedding, information and advice.

The charity has the use of donated space and time in a local church one day a week, and a local cafe on another, to provide hot drinks and food to those in need. We are able to provide clothing and various domestic requirements as the need arises, and to support people to voice their needs and to access financial and housing aid from the relevant government and local council agencies. The trustees are cognisant with and mindful of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

**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)**

**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.

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

The charity has been able to continue support for those who were previously homeless and re-homed by Ashford Borough Council during the COVID pandemic. The charity has been able to pass on regular donations of food to those in financial hardship, via the Neighbourly scheme, FareShare, Aldi Supermarket, and Pret a Manger. We have supported those with health needs to access doctor, dentist and hospital appointments, and others through court appearances, and assisting access to outside agencies such as social services, rehabilitation services, banks and Citizens Advice.

## Section E

## Financial review

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

The charity's policy is to keep potential reserves in a bank account that yields a good interest rate and to utilise said monies for the best benefit of those it seeks to help in such a way that is agreed by all trustees.

### 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.

## 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)

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Full name(s)

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<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>		
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<b>Date</b>	
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