



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/23
Period end date

Period start date To 31/03/24

Charity name:OPEN ARMS FOUNDATION (KENT)

Charity registration number:1181533

Objectives and Activities

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	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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.

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	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.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.	Para 1.18	The Trustees are cognisant with and mindful of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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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>The charity has continued to support those who are homeless and others who were previously homeless and have since been rehomed, to maintain their placements.</p> <p>The charity has been able to pass on regular donations of food for those in financial hardship, via the neighbourly scheme, FareShare and Aldi Supermarket.</p> <p>We have also supported those with health needs to access doctor, dental and hospital appointments, and others through court appearances and legal procedures. I</p> <p>The charity has also assisted with access to other agencies of support such as social service, rehabilitation services, banks and Citizens Advice.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We are a small charity and dependant on donations both financial and practical. We receive consistent donations which are sufficient for the charities needs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	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 a way that is agreed by all trustees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£400.00
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	

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	
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	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Trust
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	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected on unanimous agreement of the existing 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	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Open Arms Foundation (Kent)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1181533
Charity's principal address	Wyckhurst Mill Road Aldington Ashford Kent TN25 7AJ

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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 Anne Blackwell	Trustee		
2	Penelope June Fraiser	Trustee		
3	Ian John Fraiser	Trustee		
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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

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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)		
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Full name(s)	Penelope Blackwell	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	
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Date	28/01/2025
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