

# ABOVE US ONLY SKY?

England & Wales · Charity number 1182693

## Details

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Other names	ABOVE US ONLY SKY
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-03-29
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS CHRISTIAN ORIGINS AND HERITAGE, THE RELIEF OF POVERTY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF EMERGENCY AND OTHER ACCOMMODATION, ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE.

**Activities:** The charity aims to meet the immediate needs of the homeless, providing arctic-grade, waterproof sleeping bags to rough sleepers. Bags of Hope containing essential items, including toiletries and underwear, are also distributed to those in need.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

## Geography

- Barking And Dagenham
- City Of Westminster
- Essex
- Havering
- Norfolk
- Redbridge
- Surrey
- West Sussex

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£5,033	£12,000	-	-
2023-12-31	£5,080	£11,286	-	-
2022-12-31	£11,512	£1,886	-	-
2021-12-31	£7,578	£1,637	-	-
2020-12-31	£11,289	£2,127	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Roydon Warren Hearne</b>	Chair	2019-02-18
Alan Lindsay Burnet		2019-02-18
John Sparks		2019-02-18
Kurt Randall Erickson		2019-02-18
Rev Kenneth Ronald Perkins		2019-02-18

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# Accounts

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**ABOVE US ONLY SKY**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

OBJECTS

The Objects of the charity are the relief of poverty for the homeless by meeting their immediate needs, as an expression of Christian faith.

THE CHARITY: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The charity began as a response to meeting homeless people who were developing hypothermia as a result of sleeping rough in the winter. The main thrust of the charity's activities is to provide warm, waterproof military-grade sleeping bags. Another means of providing relief is through warm clothing, such as fleeces, and necessary toiletries for the homeless.

The charity works very closely with Christian partner organisations, including Church-Without-Walls, East London Mission and Canning Town Friars, who are dealing with the homeless on a daily basis. This ensures that the needs that are being met by the charity are genuine. The work of the charity is conducted solely by a team of volunteers, who give their time and expertise freely to serve the needs of the homeless. The Trustees also volunteer with partner organisations, meeting with individuals who are homeless and assessing their needs.

THIS YEAR

The number of arctic-grade, waterproof sleeping bags given out in 2024 in the London Boroughs and surrounding areas was 146 (2023 – 233). In addition, 80 warm fleeces were provided to those in need. From the grant fund, we provided much-needed toiletries to our regular partners and to the women and children in temporary accommodation in a local refuge.

Above Us Only Sky's main focus continues to be on the immediate needs of the homeless, giving out life-saving sleeping bags and warm fleeces where there is need. A stock of 71 sleeping bags remained at the end of the year.

Our team of volunteers continued to manage the charity's finances, administration and stock, and the Trustees wish to express their grateful thanks to all who continue to work to meet the charity's aims and objectives.

The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

NEXT YEAR

The charity will continue to purchase and distribute warm, waterproof sleeping bags for as long as funds allow, and the need remains. The Trustees will also consider supporting the homeless with their individual needs as they arise.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received £5,033 in income during the year (2023: £5,080). Regular donations dropped slightly during the year. Expenditure was similar to the previous year, with a total of £12,000 (2023: £11,286), with the difference being mainly due to purchasing more sleeping bags to replenish the low stock brought forward from the previous year. The resulting net decrease in funds for the year was £6,967 (2023: decrease of £6,206).

The charity aims to hold enough in reserves to buy stocks of sleeping bags (the cost of which have increased exponentially in recent years) to cover well into the next financial year. The trustees consider that the year-end balance of £22,379 will enable the charity to continue meeting the needs of the homeless into 2025 and beyond.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on:**

**and signed on its behalf by:**

## Above Us Only Sky?

### Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income received</b>				
Regular donations		2,976		3,105
One-off donations		1,429		1,277
Grants/Awards		-		-
Gift Aid claims - HMRC		628		698
		<u>5,033</u>		<u>5,080</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Sleeping bags, jackets, fleeces	10,041		8,497	
General support for homeless	-		747	
Other expenses	728		545	
Fundraising expenses	50		50	
Grant fund - toiletries	1,181		1,447	
		<u>12,000</u>		<u>11,286</u>
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u><u>- 6,967</u></u>		<u><u>- 6,206</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet at  
31st December 2024**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u><b>22,379</b></u>	<u><b>29,346</b></u>
<b>Opening balance</b>	29,346	35,552
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>	<u>- 6,967</u>	<u>- 6,206</u>
<b>Closing balance</b>	<u><b>22,379</b></u>	<u><b>29,346</b></u>

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Funds for the year ended  
31st December 2024

	Opening balance	Income	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<i>Warm Fund</i>	-	360	(360)		-
<i>Grant Fund</i>	3,048	-	(1,181)		1,867
	<b>3,048</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>(1,541)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,867</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Fund</i>	19,573	4,045	(10,041)		13,577
<i>Gift Aid</i>	5,225	628	(418)		5,435
	<b>24,798</b>	<b>4,673</b>	<b>(10,459)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,012</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
<i>Emergency Accommo</i>	1,000				1,000
<i>Travel home</i>	500				500
	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>29,346</b>	<b>5,033</b>	<b>(12,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>22,379</b>

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**ABOVE US ONLY SKY**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

OBJECTS

The Objects of the charity are the relief of poverty for the homeless by meeting their immediate needs, as an expression of Christian faith.

THE CHARITY: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The charity began as a response to meeting homeless people who were developing hypothermia as a result of sleeping rough in the winter. The main thrust of the charity's activities is to provide warm, waterproof military-grade sleeping bags. Another means of providing relief is through warm clothing, such as fleeces, and necessary toiletries for the homeless.

The charity works very closely with Christian partner organisations, such as Church-Without-Walls, East London Mission and Canning Town Friars, who are dealing with the homeless on a daily basis. This ensures that the needs that are being met by the charity are genuine. The work of the charity is conducted solely by a team of volunteers, who give their time and expertise freely to serve the needs of the homeless. The Trustees also volunteer with partner organisations, meeting with individuals who are homeless and assessing their needs.

THIS YEAR

The need for sleeping bags in 2023 saw a significant increase from the previous year, and additional stock was purchased to meet demand. A total of 233 arctic-grade sleeping bags were given out during the year in London boroughs and the surrounding areas by our partners. In addition, 110 warm fleeces and 21 tents were provided to those in need. From the grant fund, we provided much-needed toiletries to our regular partners, and also continued to meet a need for toiletries from a local charity providing a refuge for women and children who are homeless due to domestic abuse.

Above Us Only Sky's main focus continues to be on the immediate needs of the homeless, giving out life-saving sleeping bags and warm fleeces where there is need. A stock of 4 sleeping bags remained at the end of the year.

Our team of volunteers continued to manage the charity's finances, administration and stock, and the Trustees wish to express their grateful thanks to all who continue to work to meet the charity's aims and objectives.

The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

NEXT YEAR

The charity will continue to purchase and distribute warm, waterproof sleeping bags for as long as funds allow and the need remains. The Trustees will also consider supporting the homeless with their individual needs as they arise.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received £5,080 in income during the year (2022: £11,512). Both regular and one-off donations were down slightly on the previous year, and the previous year's figures also included a grant of £4,073 for the purchase of toiletries for the homeless. Expenditure was considerably higher this year, at a total of £11,286 (2022: £1,886), as stock held over from the previous year had been distributed and purchases of sleeping bags, fleeces and tents were needed. The resulting net decrease in funds for the year was £6,206 (2022: increase of £9,626).

The charity aims to hold enough in reserves to buy stocks of sleeping bags (the cost of which have increased exponentially in recent years) to cover well into the next financial year. The trustees consider that the year-end balance of £29,346 will enable the charity to continue meeting the needs of the homeless into 2024 and beyond.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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## Above Us Only Sky?

### Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income received</b>				
Regular donations		3,105		3,585
One-off donations		1,277		3,028
Grants/Awards		-		4,073
Gift Aid claims - HMRC		698		826
		<u>5,080</u>		<u>11,512</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Sleeping bags, jackets, fleeces	8,497		-	
General support for homeless	747		-	
Other expenses	545		704	
Fundraising expenses	50		50	
Grant fund - toiletries	1,447		1,132	
		<u>11,286</u>	<u>1,132</u>	1,886
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u><u>- 6,206</u></u>		<u><u>9,626</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet at  
31st December 2023**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u><u>29,346</u></u>	<u><u>35,552</u></u>
Opening balance	35,552	25,926
Net increase/ (decrease) in funds	<u>- 6,206</u>	<u>9,626</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>29,346</u></u>	<u><u>35,552</u></u>

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**Funds for the year ended  
31st December 2023**

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<i>Warm Fund</i>	896	810	(1,706)		-
<i>Grant Fund</i>	4,495	-	(1,448)		3,048
	<b>5,391</b>	<b>810</b>	<b>(3,154)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,048</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Fund</i>	23,900	3,571	(7,898)		19,573
<i>Gift Aid</i>	4,761	698	(234)		5,225
	<b>28,661</b>	<b>4,269</b>	<b>(8,132)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,798</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
<i>Emergency Accommod</i>	1,000.00				1,000
<i>Travel home</i>	500.00				500
	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>35,552</b>	<b>5,079</b>	<b>(11,286)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>29,346</b>

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OBJECTS

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THE CHARITY: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The charity began as a response to meeting homeless people who were developing hypothermia as a result of sleeping rough in the winter. The main thrust of the charity's activities is to provide warm, waterproof military-grade sleeping bags. Another means of providing relief is through Bags of Hope, which contain necessary toiletries, underwear and winter accessories, such as hats and gloves. The charity has also been involved in contributing to 'Starter Packs' for the newly-housed.

The charity works very closely with Christian partner organisations, such as The Salvation Army and Church-Without-Walls, who are dealing with the homeless on a daily basis. This ensures that the needs that are being met by the charity are genuine. The work of the charity is conducted solely by a team of volunteers, who give their time and expertise freely to serve the needs of the homeless. The Trustees also volunteer with partner organisations, meeting with individuals who are homeless and assessing their needs.

THIS YEAR

The need for sleeping bags in 2022 remained low in comparison to pre-pandemic figures, and stock held was more than enough to meet the current needs. A total of 133 arctic-grade sleeping bags were given out during the year in London and the surrounding areas by our partners. The charity was able to benefit from a further grant from Goldman Sachs Gives, which is restricted to the purchase of toiletries. We continued to provide much-needed toiletries to our regular partners, but also met an urgent need for toiletries from a local charity providing a refuge for women and children who are homeless due to domestic abuse.

Above Us Only Sky continues to focus on the immediate needs of the homeless, giving out life-saving sleeping bags and warm fleeces where there is need. A stock of 89 sleeping bags remained at the end of the year.

Our team of volunteers continued to manage the charity's finances, administration and stock and the Trustees wish to express their grateful thanks to all who continue to work to meet the charity's aims and objectives.

The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

NEXT YEAR

The charity will continue to purchase and distribute warm, waterproof sleeping bags for as long as funds allow and the need remains. The Trustees will also consider supporting the homeless with their individual needs as they arise.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received £11,512 in income during the year (2021: £7,578). Regular donations were down slightly on the previous year. A grant of US\$ 5,000 was received from Goldman Sachs Gives (£4,073), restricted to the purchase of toiletries for the homeless. Expenditure was low this year, at a total of £1,886 (2021: £1,637). This was mainly due to the fact that no sleeping bags were purchased during the last two years. The resulting net increase in funds for the year was £9,626 (2021: £5,941).

The charity aims to hold enough in reserves to buy stocks of sleeping bags and bivvies to cover well into the next financial year. The trustees consider that the year-end balance of £35,552 will enable the charity to continue meeting the needs of the homeless into 2023 and beyond.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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**and signed on its behalf by:**

## Above Us Only Sky?

### Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income received</b>				
Regular donations		3,585		3,930
One-off donations		3,028		3,017
Grants/Awards		4,073		-
Gift Aid claims - HMRC		826		631
		<u>11,512</u>		<u>7,578</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Sleeping bags, jackets, fleeces	-		-	
General support for homeless	-		-	
Starter packs	-		-	
Other expenses	704		691	
Fundraising expenses	50		50	
Grant fund - toiletries	1,132		896	
		<u>1,886</u>	<u>896</u>	<u>1,637</u>
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u><u>9,626</u></u>		<u><u>5,941</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet at  
31st December 2022**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	<u><u>35,552</u></u>	<u><u>25,926</u></u>
Opening balance	25,926	19,985
Net increase/ (decrease) in funds	<u>9,626</u>	<u>5,941</u>
Closing balance	<u><u>35,552</u></u>	<u><u>25,926</u></u>

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**Funds for the year ended  
31st December 2022**

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<i>Warm Fund</i>	536	360			896
<i>Grant Fund</i>	1,553	4,073	(1,132)		4,495
	<b>2,089</b>	<b>4,433</b>	<b>(1,132)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,391</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Fund</i>	18,007	6,253	(360)		23,900
<i>Gift Aid</i>	5,829	826	(394) -	1,500	4,761
	<b>23,836</b>	<b>7,079</b>	<b>(754) -</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>28,661</b>
<b>Designated Funds</b>					
<i>Emergency Accommodation</i>				1,000	1,000
<i>Travel home</i>				500	500
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>1,500</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>25,926</b>	<b>11,512</b>	<b>(1,886)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,552</b>

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THE CHARITY: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

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The charity works very closely with Christian partner organisations, such as The Salvation Army and Church-Without-Walls, who are dealing with the homeless on a daily basis. This ensures that the needs that are being met by the charity are genuine. The work of the charity is conducted solely by a team of volunteers, who give their time and expertise freely to serve the needs of the homeless. The Trustees also volunteer with partner organisations, meeting with individuals who are homeless and assessing their needs.

THIS YEAR

The need for sleeping bags in 2021 was still very low in comparison to pre-pandemic figures. A total of 65 arctic-grade sleeping bags were given out during the year in London by our partners. These were distributed from stock already held. We continued to be in contact with the organisations who regularly support rough sleepers throughout the year and were able to provide much needed toiletries to the homeless.

Above Us Only Sky continues to focus on the immediate needs of the homeless, giving out life-saving sleeping bags and warm fleeces where there is need. A stock of 122 sleeping bags remained at the end of the year.

Our team of volunteers continued to manage the charity's finances, administration and stock and the Trustees wish to express their grateful thanks to all who continue to work to meet the charity's aims and objectives.

The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

NEXT YEAR

The charity will continue to purchase and distribute warm, waterproof sleeping bags for as long as funds allow and the need remains. The Trustees will also consider supporting the homeless with their individual needs as they arise.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received £7,578 in income during the year (2020: £11,289). Both one-off donations and regular donations were down on the previous year. Expenditure was minimal in 2021, coming in at a total of £1,637 (2020: £2,127). This was partly due to the fact that no sleeping bags needed to be purchased during the year. The resulting net increase in funds for the year was £5,941 (2020: £9,162).

The charity aims to hold enough in reserves to buy stocks of sleeping bags and bivvies to cover well into the next financial year. The trustees consider that the year-end balance of £25,926 will enable the charity to continue meeting the needs of the homeless into 2022 and beyond.

#### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

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## Above Us Only Sky?

### Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2021

	2021		2020	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income received</b>				
Regular donations		3,930		4,510
One-off donations		3,017		6,021
Grants/Awards		-		-
Gift Aid claims - HMRC		631		758
		<u>7,578</u>		<u>11,289</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Sleeping bags, jackets, fleeces	-		184	
General support for homeless	-		-	
Starter packs	-		183	
Other expenses	691		1,175	
Fundraising expenses	50		50	
Grant fund - toiletries	896		536	
		<u>1,637</u>	<u>536</u>	<u>2,127</u>
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u><u>5,941</u></u>		<u><u>9,162</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet at  
31st December 2021**

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		<u><b>25,926</b></u>		<u><b>19,985</b></u>
<b>Opening balance</b>		19,985		10,824
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u>5,941</u>		<u>9,162</u>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<u><b>25,926</b></u>		<u><b>19,985</b></u>

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**Funds for the year ended  
31st December 2021**

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<i>Warm Fund</i>	176	360			536
<i>Grant Fund</i>	2,449		(896)		1,553
	<b>2,625</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>(896)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,089</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Fund</i>	11,810	6,587	(390)		18,007
<i>Gift Aid</i>	5,550	631	(352)		5,829
	<b>17,360</b>	<b>7,218</b>	<b>(742)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,836</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>19,985</b>	<b>7,578</b>	<b>(1,637)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,926</b>

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England & Wales - Charity number 1182693

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# Accounts

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**ABOVE US ONLY SKY**  
**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

OBJECTS

The Objects of the charity are the relief of poverty for the homeless by meeting their immediate needs, as an expression of Christian faith.

THE CHARITY: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The charity began as a response to meeting homeless people who were developing hypothermia as a result of sleeping rough in the winter. The main thrust of the charity's activities is to provide warm, waterproof military-grade sleeping bags. Another means of providing relief is through Bags of Hope, which contain necessary toiletries, underwear and winter accessories, such as hats and gloves. The charity has also been involved in contributing to 'Starter Packs' for the newly-housed.

The charity works very closely with Christian partner organisations, such as The Salvation Army and Church-Without-Walls, who are dealing with the homeless on a daily basis. This ensures that the needs that are being met by the charity are genuine. The work of the charity is conducted solely by a team of volunteers, who give their time and expertise freely to serve the needs of the homeless. The Trustees also volunteer with partner organisations, meeting with individuals who are homeless and assessing their needs.

THIS YEAR

There was not a great need for the charity's services in 2020. As the pandemic swept into the UK early in the year, and during the lockdowns, there were many schemes to temporarily house the homeless to protect them from COVID-19, as they were deemed to be particularly vulnerable. This meant that there was little demand for our arctic-grade sleeping bags during the year. In total during 2020, 78 sleeping bags were given to the homeless in London and the surrounding areas through our partner organisations, who regularly support rough sleepers and are ideally placed to assess the needs of those homeless that they come into contact with.

Above Us Only Sky continues to focus on the immediate needs of the homeless, giving out life-saving sleeping bags and warm fleeces. Fleeces are purchased as they are needed, and a stock of 87 sleeping bags remained at the end of the year. It is expected that these will be given out during the next few months.

Our team of volunteers continued to manage the charity's finances, administration and stock and the Trustees wish to express their grateful thanks to all who continue to work to meet the charity's aims and objectives.

The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

NEXT YEAR

It is difficult to predict the needs of the homeless in 2021, however the charity will continue to purchase and distribute warm, waterproof sleeping bags for as long as funds allow and the need remains. The Trustees will also consider the individual needs of the homeless as they arise.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity received £11,289 in income during the year (2019: £15,223). One-off donations were lower than in previous years, although the charity received a large donation of £5,000 at the beginning of 2020, which boosted income. Expenditure was low at £2,127 (2019: £22,321), as no sleeping bags were purchased during the year. This resulted in a net increase in funds for the year of £9,162 (2019: net decrease of £7,098).

The charity aims to hold enough in reserves to buy stocks of sleeping bags and bivvies to cover well into the next financial year. Due to the cyclical nature of the charity's income, with a large proportion being received towards the end of the year, and the increasing costs of sleeping bags, the trustees consider that the year-end balance of £19,985 will enable the charity to continue meeting the needs of the homeless into 2021 and beyond.

## STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the profit and loss of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:-

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- Make adjustments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- Prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Acts. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The trustees confirm that the accounts comply with current statutory requirements and those of the Charity's trust deed.

**Approved by the Board of Trustees on:**

**and signed on its behalf by:**

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### Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st December 2020

	2020		2019	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Income received</b>				
Regular donations		4,510		4,885
One-off donations		6,021		4,629
Grants/Awards		-		3,781
Special events		-		-
Gift Aid claims - HMRC		758		1,928
		<u>11,289</u>		<u>15,223</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Sleeping bags, jackets, fleeces	184		20,064	
General support for homeless	-		98	
Starter packs	183		76	
Other expenses	1,175		1,288	
Fundraising expenses	50		-	
Grant fund - toiletries	536		796	
		<u>2,127</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>22,321</u>
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u><u>9,162</u></u>		<u><u>- 7,098</u></u>

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**Balance Sheet at  
31st December 2020**

	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>				
Cash at bank and in hand		<u><b>19,985</b></u>		<u><b>10,824</b></u>
<b>Opening balance</b>		10,824		17,922
<b>Net increase/ (decrease) in funds</b>		<u>9,162</u>		<u>- 7,098</u>
<b>Closing balance</b>		<u><b>19,985</b></u>		<u><b>10,824</b></u>

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**Funds for the year ended  
31st December 2020**

	<b>Opening balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Payments</b>	<b>Adjustments</b>	<b>Closing balance</b>
<b>Restricted Funds</b>					
<i>Warm Fund</i>	-	360	(184)		176
<i>Grant Fund</i>	2,985	-	(536)		2,449
<i>Womens's Fund</i>	-	-	-		-
	<b>2,985</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>(720)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,625</b>
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>					
<i>General Fund</i>	2,376	10,171	(738)		11,810
<i>Gift Aid</i>	5,462	758	(670)		5,550
	<b>7,839</b>	<b>10,929</b>	<b>(1,408)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,360</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>10,824</b>	<b>11,289</b>	<b>(2,127)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,985</b>