



Helping the homeless and vulnerable to find their  
next meal

**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**For year ending 5 April 2021.**

Charity Name : Next Meal

Registration Number : 1183114

Address : Muswell Hill Baptist Church, Dukes Avenue,  
Muswell Hill, London N10

Trustees : Asam Ali

Benjamin Woodhead

Catherine Jane Barrett (secretary)

Claire Wormsley

Jonathan Charles Ashley-Norman QC

Madeleine Jessie Kilminster

Olalekan Oyewale Omiteru (treasurer)

Bankers : Metro Bank

### *Next Meal : An Introduction.*

Next Meal grew out of Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen in North London. Volunteers at the soup kitchen realised that just as smart phone technology can help users find their way to a cinema or a restaurant, so it might be adapted to direct the user to the nearest centre providing help and a hot meal. Out of this simple idea, Next Meal was born. A database was created into a website containing the locations of soup kitchens all around the UK and increasingly in cities outside the UK too. A simple card was produced signposting the website. The intention was to encourage a different conversation between a street homeless person, and the person who might otherwise be a passer-by. Using the website and a smart phone, directions to a place where help and food might be provided, alongside or instead of a coffee or a sandwich. Next Meal might also help the conversation between the street homeless and professionals whose work brings them into contact with them, for example the police, or council employees, medical professionals or people who run traffic infrastructure or other places where the street homeless might be encountered.

The database and the website were already well advanced when charitable status was achieved on 29 April 2019. During the first year the board of Trustees was established, and a funding partnership was achieved through Next Meal's major funders, city stockbrokers, Peel Hunt. The charity sought to establish its vision and long term plans, including seeking and finding support amongst concerned politicians.

A launch was planned to take place in the Houses of Parliament, but was delayed by the December 2019 General Election. A fresh date was fixed and a fantastic launch took place in February 2020, just before the UK onset of the Covid 19 pandemic.

As the pandemic took hold, the UK government arranged for most street homeless people to be evacuated from the streets and into temporary accommodation. There were far fewer people on the street, both homeless and pedestrians. Many soup kitchens closed. Next Meal has had to adapt to meet these challenges, has been refining its plans, enhancing its website, and focusing on how it might further its charitable objects in the aftermath of the pandemic. Members of the

Executive have focused also on direct assistance to the homeless extended by Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen.

### **Charity Structure :**

The charity functions are divided between the Trustees and the Executive. As at 5 April 2021, the Trustees are the above named and their functions included the oversight and support of the functions of the Executive. The Executive comprise Martin Stone (Chief Executive), Marie Audemard, Ralph Hinton, Oli Roxburgh and Melvin Simpson. The role of the Executive is to execute the charity activities decided upon by the Trustees in consultation with the Executive. Regular meetings were held this end until the onset of the pandemic, but were largely suspended during the year to April 2021.

Martin Stone is in day to day charge of the operations of Next Meal, and is supported in that by the other members of the Executive. Oli Roxburgh, the originator of the website, has a particular role in the provision of on-line support, Melvin Simpson with media and social media interface, and Ralph Hinton and Marie Audemard with the maintenance of and communications with the soup kitchens represented on the database.

Through the populating of the website database, it came to be appreciated that many people running soup kitchens all round the country appreciated becoming a part of the Next Meal network. A regular newsletter and blog were established for the purposes of supporting soup kitchens, and spreading experience and learning. Connections with various soup kitchens around the country have been established and nurtured, Next Meal considering the support of soup kitchens a way in which it might further its charitable purposes. Connections have also been developed with soup kitchens around the world, and through the pandemic this developed into a regular International Zoom meeting with attendees from all around the world sharing experience and encouragement.

### **Financial Review :**

Next Meal has filed a Form CC16a recording the receipts and payments accounts for the year ending 5 April 2021. These reflected receipts in the total sum of £20,151, comprising principally gifts and sponsorship from Peel Hunt, which has continued to be very supportive of Next Meal's efforts. By reason of the pandemic, expenditure has been modest. Next Meal remains unable to offer members of its Executive a salary or other form of regular remuneration. Next Meal has however made occasional gratuity payments to members of the Executive by way of thank you and in order to demonstrate Next Meal's appreciation for the extensive work undertaken.

At the end of the year the cash funds held were £12,377.

No funds were held as a custodian trustee.

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Jonathan Ashley-Norman QC

January 2022.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Next Meal

File ID number  
11055914

## Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period  
from

01-Apr-20

To

01-Apr-21

### 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, legacies and grants	20,151	-	-	20,151	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on deposit account	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	20,151	-	-	20,151	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	20,151	-	-	20,151	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Fund raising event/Launch	-	-	-	-	-
Wages and salaries	7,598	-	-	7,598	-
Printing, postage, stationery and computer supplies	176	-	-	176	-
Bank interest and charges	-	-	-	-	-
TBD	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	7,774	-	-	7,774	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	7,774	-	-	7,774	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	12,377	-	-	12,377	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	12,377	-	-	12,377	-

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

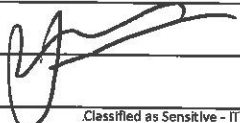
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays	20,838	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	20,838	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	Computer equipment		483	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval



J. ASHLEY-NORMAN

27/1/2022