



NEXT MEAL

Helping the homeless and vulnerable to find their
next meal

ANNUAL REPORT

For year ending 5 April 2023.

Charity Name : Next Meal

Registration Number : 1183114

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

Trustees : Alexander Michael

Asam Ali

Benjamin Woodhead

Catherine Jane Barrett (secretary)

Jonathan Charles Ashley-Norman KC

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.

During the year to April 2023, Martin Stone in his Next Meal capacity, but also in co-operation with the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen deepened the earlier connections with various charitable provision in Burnley, delivering principally food but also other necessities to Burnley.

This work, and developing connections in the Burnley area, enabled Martin to identify and explore the possibility of using geo-thermal heating technology to provide heating via the extensive network of disused mines under Burnley. Next Meal resolved to permit Martin to continue geo-thermal community exploratory work in Burnley on behalf of Next Meal, recognising that though on the fringes of its constitutional charitable objects, the activity was within the general scope of the public benefit and the relief of poverty of the financially disadvantaged. The work in this field commenced in the year to 2022 continued during the year to 2023, and has included meetings involving Burnley based charities, politicians and industries looking to come together in ways that might enable the project to advance.

Charity Structure :

The charity functions are divided between the Trustees and the Executive. As at 5 April 2023, 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), Ralph Hinton and Oli Roxburgh, Marie Audemard is stepping back from his previous semi-formal involvement. The role of the Executive is to execute the charity activities decided upon by the Trustees in consultation with the Executive. Occasional meetings were held to this end during the year to April 2023.

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, 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 2023. These reflected receipts in the total sum of £1154.82, comprising principally gifts, which has continued to be very supportive of Next Meal's efforts. Expenditure continues to be modest. Next Meal remains unable to offer members of its Executive a salary or other form of regular remuneration. However, in light of the greater expenditure of time on the part of Martin Stone, the Trustees considered it appropriate that he ought receive some remuneration for his time incurred. In 2023, Next Meal made payments to Martin by way of the refund of expenses incurred. The total payments in the year to 5 April 2023, including in respect of Martin's time and expenses was £10,391.28

At the end of the year the cash funds held were £10,795.08.

No funds were held as a custodian trustee.

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Jonathan Ashley-Norman KC

31 January 2023.

		Receipts and payments accounts	CC16a
For the period from	To		

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 £
A1 Receipts					
	1,155	-	-	1,155	4,114
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,155	-	-	1,155	4,114
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,155	-	-	1,155	4,114
A3 Payments					
Wages/salaries/gratuities	7,340	-	-	7,340	-
Expenses - travel etc	2,982	-	-	2,982	-
Media	69	-	-	69	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,391	-	-	10,391	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,391	-	-	10,391	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 9,236	-	-	- 9,236	4,114
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 9,236	-	-	- 9,236	4,114

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 £
B1 Cash funds		10,795	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,795	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

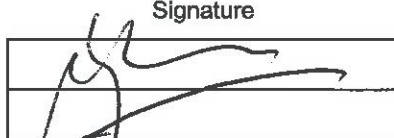
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Jonathan Ashley-Norman	31/1/24
	Olalekan Omiteru	