



Helping the homeless and vulnerable to find their
next meal

ANNUAL REPORT

For year ending 5 April 2025.

Charity Name : Next Meal

Registration Number : 1183114

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

Trustees : Alexander Michael

Asam Ali resigned in 2024

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 2025, 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.

Charity Structure :

The charity functions are divided between the Trustees and the Executive. As at 5 April 2024, 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.

During the year ending April 2025 there were significant developments in Next Meal. It became increasingly apparent that a more formal structure, generative of more formal and professional business plans and structural documents were necessary to be produced. In the Summer of 2024, Pippa Bagnall* was introduced to Next Meal, and over the following months she prepared the business plans intended to lift Next Meal into its Next Phase, a service for which fees were charged and agreed.

Martin Stone remained in day-to-day charge of the operations of Next Meal, and continued with visits to Burnley, Paddington and active as the face of Next Meal. Between around January and April 2025, Martin increasingly felt that he has brought Next Meal to the point where, if it was to move to the Next Phase, he was not best placed to lead that transition. Additionally, he felt the call of other projects, and as the Trustees universally acknowledged and had greatly valued, Martin's great skill lies in his fantastic ability to see where he might make a positive difference to an urgent need and help. So it was in April 2025 Martin resigned from Next Meal.

The Trustees were universally hugely appreciative of all he has achieved.

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Charity Registration Number 1183114 | Chief Executive Martin Stone
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Ralph Hinton remained in control of the maintenance of the Next Meal website and communications with the soup kitchens represented on the database.

Financial Review:

Next Meal has filed a Form CC16a recording the receipts and payments accounts for the year ending 5 April 2025. These reflected receipts in the total sum of £17,235, comprising principally gifts and donations. Expenditure continued to be modest. Next Meal remained unable to offer members of its Executive a salary or other form of regular remuneration. However, the Trustees considered it appropriate that Martin and Ralph ought to receive some remuneration for their time and commitment.

The total payments in the year to 5 April 2025, including in respect of Martin Stone's time and expenses was £5000.

Payments to Ralph in the same period were £2000.

The total fees paid to Pippa Bagnall during this period were £3000.

The other payments made reflected generally the costs associated with running the website.

At the end of the year the cash funds held were £12,961.21.

No funds were held as a custodian trustee.

*Pippa Bagnall is a qualified nurse and an independent consultant with considerable experience of clinical care, leadership, policy, strategy, fundraising and service improvements. She has over 20 years of working and volunteering in the homelessness sector.

For and on behalf of the Board of Trustees

Jonathan Ashley-Norman KC

January 7th 2026 reviewed 11 March 2026.



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Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

06/04/2024

To

05/04/2025

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					
	17,235	-	-	17,235	14,464
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	17,235	-	-	17,235	1,155
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	17,235	-	-	17,235	1,155
A3 Payments					
Wages/salaries/gratuities	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Expenses - travel etc	1,814	-	-	1,814	-
Media	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	11,814	-	-	11,814	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	11,814	-	-	11,814	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,421	-	-	5,421	9,236
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	9,517	-	-	-	12,961

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		9,517	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	12,961	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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 asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Jonathan Ashley-Norman	11-Mar-26	