

# **CORNWALL INDEPENDENT POVERTY FORUM**

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**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Unaudited Financial Statements**

**Period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

**Registered Charity Number 1183177**

**Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum  
(a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**

**Financial Statements  
Period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

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**Trustees Report  
Period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

**1. Organisational Details**

Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum (the Charity) Limited is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 29 April 2019  
Charity Registration number 1183177

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the unaudited financial statements of the Charity for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31 March 2022

**2. Principal Activities**

The object and principal activity is :-

The prevention or relief of poverty in Cornwall by providing grants, items and services to individuals in need, or other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

**3. Governing document**

The Charity is operated under the rules of its Constitution as at its date of registration 29 April 2019.

**4. Trustees**

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period were as follows:

Rev Andrew Yates - Chair  
Loic Rich  
Gavin Barker

**5. Treasurer**

Karen Harris

**6. Bankers**

The Co-operative Bank  
P.O Box 250, Delf House  
Southway, Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

**7. Registered office:**

Church House  
Threemilestone  
Truro TR4 9NH

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**8. Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

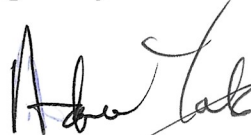
The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustee's Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a. Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b. Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c. Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d. State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- e. Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charitable Incorporated Organisation will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. 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.

Signed by order of the Trustees



Rev A Yates, Chair

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**Statement of Financial Activities**

**Profit and Loss Account**

**Period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022**

	Notes	Year ended 31/03/22	Year ended 31/3/21
<b>Income</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants	2	4,700	19,050
Other – donations		430	2,595
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>5,130</b>	<b>21,645</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Grants to Charitable Projects		5,130	21,645
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>5,130</b>	<b>21,645</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fund balance brought forward		0	0
Fund balance carried forward		0	0

There were no acquisitions or discontinued activities in the year to 31 March 2022

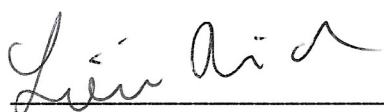
The Charity has no recognised gains or losses in the year other than the net incoming resources as shown above.

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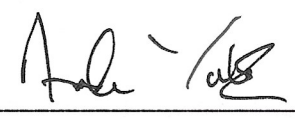
**Balance Sheet**  
**31 March 2021**

	Note	31/03/22 £	31/03/21 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank and in hand		3,879	3,317
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Total Current Assets		3,879	3,317
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Amounts held for Charitable Projects	3	3,879	3,317
		-----	-----
Total Current Liabilities		3,879	3,317
<b>Current assets less current liabilities</b>		0	0
		-----	-----
<b>Net Assets</b>		0	0
		=====	=====
<b>Reserves</b>			
Brought Forward		0	0
Profit for period		0	0
		-----	-----
Total Reserves		0	0
		=====	=====

These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees on 1/6/22 and signed on their behalf by

  
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Trustee (signature)

LORÉ RICH  
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Trustee name (print)

  
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Trustee (signature)

ANDREW YATE  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Trustee name (print)

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**NOTES**

*(forming part of the financial statements)*

**1. Accounting Policies**

**a) Charity status**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation

**b) Basis of preparation**

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102

These accounts have been prepared on an accruals and going concern basis under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and with the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view.

**c) Funds**

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor/grantee. Expenditure which meets these criteria is identified by the fund

Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the objects of a charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

**d) Income**

All income is recognised when due. Grants are accounted for when the Charity is entitled to the use of the resources, their ultimate receipt is considered probable and the amounts due are reliably quantifiable.

**e) Expenditure**

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, recognised when payable

**f) Cash at Bank and in Hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes all current account balances and cash held for use within the projects

**g) Debtors and Prepayments**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement value due.

**h) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised when payable.

**i) Statement of Cashflows**

The Charity has opted to prepare financial statements under the Charities SORP (FRS102) and is exempted from preparing a cashflow statement on the grounds it is a small company

**j) Tax**

The charity is exempt from income tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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	2022 £	2021 £
<b>2. Income – Grants</b>		
Diocese	500	3,550
Cornwall Community Foundation	4,200	15,500
	----- 4,700	----- 19,050

**Amounts held for Charitable Projects**

<b>3.</b>		489	353
	Crisis Fund	1,008	578
	Back Pack Beds	23	23
	Nightstop	790	1,722
	Comm Dev Homelessness	151	151
	End Hunger Crisis Fund	490	490
	Gershe Project	830	0
	Uniform Toolkit	98	0
	Community Manifesto	----- 3,879	----- 3,317

## **CORNWALL INDEPENDENT POVERTY FORUM**

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021 - 2022**

The Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum (CIPF) had undertaken a range of activities and delivered a number of projects in the year 2021 – 2022

#### **CIPF MEETINGS**

The CIPF have held 12 monthly meeting this year. Due to the pandemic, these meeting have held using Zoom. Local organisations have attended and presented information regarding their work and key issues, as well as providing networking support for each other. The CIPF have a membership of over 100.

#### **CORNWALL FOOD ALLIANCE**

The CIPF is a key member of the Cornwall Food Alliance; to enable the sharing of ideas and develop solutions to the problems that many our people are facing in regard to Food Poverty. The CIPF has also providing advice and support to a number of individual Foodbanks and other projects involved in helping those suffering with a lack of food, throughout Cornwall. Foodbank usage has increased by over 50% in the past year. There is considerable concern about the issues of 'Eat or Heat' and many families being placed in hotels and other temporary accommodation, with little or no food provision. Over half of people needing support from Foodbanks are in employment.

#### **CHURCH HOMELESS NETWORK**

The CIPF has organised four meetings of the Church Homeless Network, to enable a range of organisations that support the homeless to come to together, share information and ideas and support one other.

#### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT**

The CIPF have provided community development support to the following organisations: THAG, Penzance's Street Food Project, Penzance Breakfast Project, Cornwall Prayer Shawls, DISC Newquay, The Gershie Project, Truro Community Land Trust, Food Troops , Cornwall Befriending Service, Chy Sawel and Hidden Help

#### **CRISIS FUND**

The CIPF have helped a number of individuals access support from the Cornwall Community Foundation's Crisis Funds, including the St Martin in the Fields Fund.

#### **BACPACK BEDS PROJECT**

One of CIPF'S own projects, funding has been raised to provide a further 16 Backpack Beds to help those that find themselves sleeping rough with emergency shelter, distributed throughout Cornwall, through Foodbanks and other organisations supporting the homeless. Backpack Beds are not the permanent solution to preventing or relieving homelessness; but they do offer a simple and effective short term solution to help vulnerable people take the first steps away from sleeping on our streets.

## THE GERSHIE PROJECT

The project provided help and support for those that find themselves homeless in Falmouth. The project is now established as a Community Interest Company and help between 8 and 12 people each week, with their homelessness issues, as well as helping them back to employment. Most support work is now undertaken on an outreach basis.

## CORNISH CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE 2021

Another one of CIPF's projects, The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue for 2021 has again been successful with over £12000 being raised to support the 20 voluntary and community organisations featured within the catalogue. The wide distribution of the catalogue has also raised awareness of a range of issues relating to poverty and disadvantage and has also helped promote the work of the organisations featured. There were four new entries this year, these being; First Light South West, Rame Community Kitchen, The Haven and Cornwall Advocacy.

## END HUNGER CAMPAIGN AND END HUNGER CORNWALL

CIPF has become a partner in the National End Hunger Campaign, a campaign to raise awareness and address the issue of Food Poverty. CIPF have been collecting data and personal stories about the issue of Food Poverty. Also the CIPF have assisted in the formation of End Hunger Cornwall, an organisation focussing on the issues of food poverty and sustainability in Cornwall

## UNIVERSAL CREDIT

The Department of Works and Pensions have introduced their Universal Credit programme in Cornwall. The CIPF have continued to provide support to people that needs assistance with dealing with this programme, and have tried to influence our M.P.'s to make positive changes.

## PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The CIPF have entered into a number of partnerships with organisations helping people move into work. These partnerships are with Active Plus and Work Routes. Also, in terms of the homelessness work, a partnership has been established with Cornwall Housing and also with Truro Cathedral, Transformation Cornwall and the Diocese of Truro.

## THE BIG ISSUE, GENERATION RENT AND ST MARTIN'S FRONTLINE NETWORK

The CIPF have joined a number of national organisation's networks, to add to the national lobbying around housing issues and homelessness. These include The Big Issue, Generation Rent and St Martin's Frontline Network

## HOMELESSNESS IN TRURO

Support has been provided to assist those sleeping rough in Truro and also to link into the various services, including food provisions. Support is provided to the Winter Night Shelter, by proving volunteers. Backpack Beds have been issued to help in emergency situations.

## CORNWALL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The CIPF continue to support the Cornwall Community Foundation in its work and in particular by providing information in our Christmas Catalogue and also by being part of their grant panels.

### CRISIS FUNDING (COVID 19)

The CIPF has continued to secure monies from the Crisis Fund (Covid 19), to help individuals and organisations deal with additional costs that they have incurred dealing with and due to the Covid situation.

### FUNDING FOR CIPF

Funding Applications have been submitted and funding secured to ensure that the work of the CIPF is sustained. Some donations have been received.

### POVERTY HEARING (CONFERENCE)

The CIPF have been unable to organise a Poverty Hearing this year, due to the pandemic. However preparation work has now started on the latest Poverty Hearing to be held in October 2022 and will focus on the issues relating to Food Poverty, and will follow up from our 'You Can't Eat the View' Conference in 2019. The issues of Food Poverty and Food Insecurity have since become even more challenging for many people throughout Cornwall.

### CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 2021

The CIPF, in Partnership with End Hunger Cornwall, has delivered work in connection with Challenge Poverty week, held in October 2021. The main aim was to make M.P's and Councillors aware of the various projects and organisations that are currently helping and supporting those people who are suffering from poverty, by arranging for them to visit their community organisations and gain insights into the reasons why so many people within our communities are in poverty. Challenge Poverty Week was organised by Church Action on Poverty and our involvement also enables for Cornwall to be involved in the national debate.

### A FAIR AND JUST FUTURE FOR CORNWALL

A report was prepared to look at better future for Cornwall as we emerge from the first Covid 19 lockdown. The main aim was to encourage political leaders and decision makers to listen to a wide cross section of local voices. 21 articles were included in the report, by people working to serve our communities. The CIPF are continuing to raise awareness of many of the issues raised in the report.

### A COMMUNITY MANIFESTO FOR CORNWALL

Following on from the A Fair and Just Future for Cornwall Report, a further piece of work looked at encouraging local people and communities, to present ideas about proposals to help Cornwall have a more just and fairer future. 40 proposals were presented in A Community Manifesto for Cornwall, to all of our local councillors and our M.P.'s and other key decision makers. The CIPF continue to work on developing some of these proposals, particularly those relating to Food Poverty, Homelessness and A Benefit System that Works. One proposal is being developed that looks at the links between Childhood Trauma and Homelessness.

## HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Due to the current Housing and Homelessness Crisis in Cornwall, the CIPF wrote to all six of our M.P.'s to ask to meet and discuss this situation and possible solutions. We have had no responses. Those that find themselves homeless are now over 2000 people in Cornwall. The CIPF completed a Housing Survey undertaken by Cornwall Council around the issues of Housing and Homelessness, in an attempt to influence the latest Housing Strategy. Cornwall Council and Cornwall Housing have continued to provide the 'Pods' (in Camborne and Truro) for single people who are street homeless.

## WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA

There has been further development of the CIPF's website, including establishing links to various social media platforms and other organisations. A new website has been developed showing all of our recent projects, as well as projects that we support, aiming to inform and raise awareness of those people in Cornwall, who are suffering from poverty.

The image shows a handwritten signature, which appears to be 'Andrew Yates', followed by the word 'CHAIR' written in capital letters and enclosed in parentheses. Both the signature and the text are underlined.

**Andrew Yates**

**June 2022**