

## **CORNWALL INDEPENDENT POVERTY FORUM CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022 - 2023**

The Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum (CIPF) had undertaken a range of activities and delivered a number of projects in the year 2022 – 2023

### **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. Some meetings will now be held 'face to face'

### **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 organised 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. This work of the network is now included within the monthly Poverty Forum meetings

### **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, Ro Dama, Pot Noodle Ministries, Fairwinds, The Fishermans Mission, The Dockyard Collective, Glen Carne and Hidden Help

### **CRISIS FUND**

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

### **BACPACK BEDS PROJECT**

One of CIPF'S own projects, funding has been raised to provide a further 12 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 helps people with their homelessness issues, as well as helping them back to employment. Washing and drying clothes facilities are now provided with hot drinks and food, also available.

#### **CORNISH CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE 2022**

Another one of CIPF's projects, The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue for 2022 has again been successful with over £12,500 being raised to support the 20 voluntary and community organisations featured within the catalogue. 15 Food Banks are also included. 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; No one goes hungry (Probus), Food Troops, Home Start Kernow and The Fishermen's Mission

#### **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

#### **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. 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.

#### **FUNDING FOR CIPF**

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

#### **POVERTY HEARING (CONFERENCE)**

The CIPF have been able, in partnership with End Hunger Cornwall and Truro Food Bank, to arrange a conference in October 2022 and focused on the issues relating to Food Poverty, and was a 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. Many

people contributing to the conference also covered the issues of the cost of living crisis and also the housing crisis

#### CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 2022

The CIPF, in Partnership with End Hunger Cornwall, has delivered work in connection with Challenge Poverty week, held in October 2022. 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.

#### HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS

Those that find themselves homeless are now over 2000 people, including nearly 1000 families) 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 Penzance, Camborne and Truro) for single people who are street homeless. Families are placed in B and B accommodation, including in budget hotels, although no food provision is provided and locations can be inconvenient for schools and work. Our message to the Cornwall Council and our national government is that we need to build affordable houses at realistic rents.

#### CIPF's 2022 REPORT

Following on from our 2020 Report, A Fair and Just Future for Cornwall and our 2021 Report, A Community Manifesto for Cornwall, the 2022 Report features information from 3 areas of work covering poverty. The first part covers 'Voices within Poverty' looking at how to address the causes of poverty in Cornwall. The second section highlights the issues of poverty and making positive changes, as part of the 'Challenge Poverty Week' The third section 'You still can't eat the view' was a conference, featuring individuals and voluntary sector organisation, who came together to tell their stories and to take positive action for positive change, as well as showcasing the work that is being undertaken to address the sense of exclusion that comes with living with poverty.

Andrew Howell from End Hunger Cornwall, ended the conference by saying; 'The soaring cost of living will deny dignity to many people, who will be forced to chose between heating and eating, to skip meals so that their children can eat, to go cold and hungry in one of the world's richest countries. Come together to uphold people's dignity and speak out for a just solution to the cost of living crisis'

#### 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 and are dealing with the cost of living crisis.

Andrew Yates

*Andrew Yates* CHURCH CIPF  
3/7/23

# **CORNWALL INDEPENDENT POVERTY FORUM**

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**A Charitable Incorporated Organisation  
Unaudited Financial Statements**

**Period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

**Registered Charity Number 1183177**

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

**Financial Statements  
Period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

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

**Trustees Report  
Period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

**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 2022 to 31 March 2023

**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 2022 to 31 March 2023**

	Notes	Year ended 31/03/23	Year ended 31/3/22
<b><u>Income</u></b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Grants	2	5,401	4,700
Asset Transfer	3	3,331	-
Other – donations		300	430
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>9,032</b>	<b>5,130</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
Grants to Charitable Projects		9,032	5,130
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>9,032</b>	<b>5,130</b>
<b>Net income for the year</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Fund balance brought forward		0	0
Fund balance carried forward		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

There were no acquisitions or discontinued activities in the year to 31 March 2023

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 2023**

	Note	31/03/23 £	31/03/22 £
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash at Bank and in hand		6,117	3,879
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Total Current Assets		6,117	3,879
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Amounts held for Charitable Projects	4	6,117	3,879
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Total Current Liabilities		6,117	3,879
<b>Current assets less current liabilities</b>		0	0
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<b>Net Assets</b>		0	0
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<b>Reserves</b>			
Brought Forward		0	0
Profit for period		0	0
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<b>Total Reserves</b>		0	0
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These financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees on 14/6/23  
and signed on their behalf by



Trustee (signature)

LOIC RICH

Trustee name (print)



Trustee (signature)

ANDREW YATES

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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	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>2. Income – Grants</b>		
Diocese	500	500
Cornwall Community Foundation	4,000	4,200
Newquest	901	-
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	<b>5,401</b>	<b>4,700</b>
 <b>3. Asset Transfer</b>		
A charity with the same objects closed during the year, the balance of cash under the asset lock was transferred to Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum	<b>3,331</b>	-
 <b>4. Amounts held for Charitable Projects</b>		
Crisis Fund	665	489
Back Pack Beds	290	1,008
End Hunger Crisis Fund	51	151
Gershe Project	368	490
Cost of Living Project	782	0
Uniform Toolkit	630	830
Counselling and Financial Support	3,331	0
Community Manifesto	0	98
Nightstop	0	23
Comm Dev Homelessness	0	790
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	<b>6,117</b>	<b>3,879</b>