

CORNWALL INDEPENDENT POVERTY FORUM

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023 - 2024

Charity Number
1183177

The Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum (CIPF) had undertaken a range of activities and delivered a number of projects in the year 2023 – 2024

CIPF MEETINGS

The CIPF have held 12 monthly meeting this year. Nine of these meetings have held using Zoom, with three meeting being held in person. 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 200. These meeting now include a range of organisations that help those who support the homeless.

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.

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 , Salvation Army (Falmouth) , Chy Sawel, Ro Dama, Pot Noodle Ministries, The Fishermans Mission, Glen Carne, Pheonix 333 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.

CORNISH CHRISTMAS GIVING CATALOGUE 2023

The Cornish Christmas Giving Catalogue for 2023 is now being delivered by the Diocese of Truro to provide support for the 20 voluntary and community organisations featured within the catalogue. 15 Food Banks are also included. The CIPF has helped with the distribution of the Catalogue this year.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

The CIPF have entered into a number of partnerships with organisations helping people move into work. 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 providing volunteers. Backpack Beds and tents 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.

CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 2023 – REAL LIVING WAGE FOR CORNWALL CONFERENCE

The CIPF have been able, in partnership with Cornwall Voluntary Sector Forum and Truro Food Bank, to arrange a conference for 100 people, in October 2023 and focused on the issues relating to Food Poverty and the main issue of the Real Living Wage for Cornwall. Many people contributing to the conference also covered the issues of the cost of living crisis and also the housing crisis. Four sections in the event focussed on Lived Experiences.

CHALLENGE POVERTY WEEK 2023 – ORGANISATIONS PARTICIPATING IN THE WEEK

The CIPF, in Partnership with Cornwall Voluntary Sector Form, Truro Food Bank and Newquay Food Bank and Church Action on Poverty, has delivered work in connection with Challenge Poverty week, held in October 2023. 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. Forty project and organisations participated in the week.

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 COMMUNITY MANIFESTO 2024

Following on from our 2020 Report, A Fair and Just Future for Cornwall and our 2021 Report, A Community Manifesto for Cornwall, the CIPF decided that due to the 2024 General Election, a Community Manifesto for 2024 will be prepared to present a number of Community Projects that are needed in Cornwall, to our newly elected Members of Parliament.

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

May 2024

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Chen CIPF

CORNWALL INDEPENDENT POVERTY FORUM

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Unaudited Financial Statements

Period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

Registered Charity Number 1183177

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

**Financial Statements
Period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

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**Cornwall Independent Poverty Forum
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**Trustees Report
Period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024**

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 1st April 2023 to 31 March 2024

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

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Victoria Branch
PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rev A Yates', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rev A Yates, Chair

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Statement of Financial Activities

Profit and Loss Account

Period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

		Year ended 31/03/24	Year ended 31/03/23
	Notes		
<u>Income</u>		£	£
Grants	2	1,085	5,401
Asset Transfer	3	0	3,331
Other – donations		0	300
Total Income		1,085	9,032
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Grants to Charitable Projects		1,085	9,032
Total Expenditure		1,085	9,032
Net income for the year		0	0
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 2024

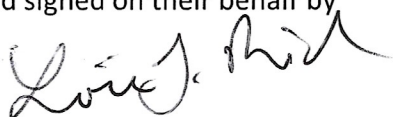
The Charity has no recognised gains or losses in the year other than the net incoming resources as shown above.

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**Balance Sheet
31 March 2024**

	Note	31/03/24 £	31/03/23 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in hand		3,653	6,117
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Total Current Assets		3,653	6,117
Current Liabilities			
Amounts held for Charitable Projects	4	3,653	6,117
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Total Current Liabilities		3,653	6,117
Current assets less current liabilities		0	0
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Net Assets		0	0
		=====	=====
Reserves			
Brought Forward		0	0
Profit for period		0	0
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Total Reserves		0	0
		=====	=====

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



Trustee (signature)

Loic Rich

Trustee name (print)



Trustee (signature)

ANDREW TATE

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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	2024 £	2023 £
2. Income – Grants		
Truro Foodbank	600	0
CCGC	485	0
Diocese	0	500
Cornwall Community Foundation	0	4,000
Newquest	0	901
	----- 1,085	----- 5,401

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Asset Transfer

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	0	3,331
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Amounts held for Charitable Projects

Crisis Fund	465	665
Back Pack Beds	289	290
End Hunger Crisis Fund	616	51
Gershe Project	368	368
Cost of Living Project	733	782
Uniform Toolkit	330	630
Homelessness Support and Counselling Project	852	3,331
	----- 3,653	----- 6,117