



THOMAS BRINGTON
FOUNDATION

Annual Report & Returns

Financial year ending: 31st March 2024

Charity Number: 1183414

Trustees

Dr Samuel Thomas

Miss Natalie Thomas

Mr Edward Thomas

Charity Number: 1183413

Auditors: Cheney & Co. 310 Wellingborough Rd, Northampton, NN1 4EP

Accountants: Cheney & Co. 310 Wellingborough Rd, Northampton, NN1 4EP

Bank: Barclays, 8 Market Street, Wellingborough, Northamptonshire NN8 1AT

Solicitors: Macfarlanes LLP, 20 Cursitor Street, Holborn, London, EC4A 1LT

Advisory capacity: Daniel Johnson, social worker.

Trustees Report for financial year ending 31st March 2024.

The Thomas Brington Foundation Trustees present their annual report and annual return for the financial year ending **2024**.

Structure, Governance and Management

The foundation registered with the charity commission on 14th May 2019. It was established following an initial gift from Robert Thomas, founder of Bob Thomas Sports Photography (BTSP). A proportion of royalties from BTSP image sales will then form an income stream to the foundation to ensure it can continue its work. The foundation does not actively fund-raise and aims to continue charitable work desired by Robert Thomas through management of its current resources and the continued production of income from photographic royalties.

At present the income stream from BTSP still comes in the form of an annual lump sum of £30,000. The current trustees are all first trustees, as per our constitution there must always be 3 trustees.

At quarterly trustee meetings, the trustees agree broad strategy for grant making and have all contributed to the administrative tasks of setting up and running a charitable foundation.

All work undertaken by the trustees is done on a voluntary basis, there is no financial remuneration for the trustees. The only expenditures the foundation incurs is a fee for a website domain, the use of an accountant for generation and filing of independent examiners report and annual returns. From 2023 we have sought the paid advice of Daniel Johnson a social worker based in north Northamptonshire to help provide background information on the applicants and to highlight the merits of each application in order to help us make more informed decisions regarding funding.

All trustees are subject to the requirements of the foundation's constitution with regards to the conflict of interest register, risk register and reserves and investments policy. These are reviewed regularly and detailed below:

Risk management - the trustees consider the risks the foundation may be exposed to. The only potential risk that the foundation would be a fall in income due to poor returns from the photographic royalties of BTSP.

Conflict of Interest - the trustees are required at each meeting to consider and declare any potential conflict of interest they may hold. As the trustees operate on a voluntary basis and have no affiliation with other charitable organisations there is minimal potential for conflicts of interest however Dr Thomas does occasionally have reason to signpost or refer patients to some of the organisations that are funded by the foundation, these are declared on our conflicts of interests register and Dr Thomas abstains from voting on these organisations when allocating grants.

Reserves & Investments - The foundation currently provides grants with the funds it receives annually so the foundation does not currently require an active investments policy. This is constantly being reviewed. Similarly, the policy on a reserve amount to be held is yet to be set. With the knowledge of a continued income stream, providing meaningful grants in the first year was prioritised over having a reserve figure. This is reviewed at least once a year during trustee meetings.

Grant Making

There is an annual deadline for grant proposals/applications from local charities and organisations. Following this deadline (which is often early in the calendar year) the trustees will meet as one of the quarterly meetings to discuss the grant applications and decide which proposals merit funding for up to £10,000 per proposal that year.

Currently the Foundation has a budget of £30,000 for grants per annum. Typically we make three grants of £10,000 each. However we are flexible, and if smaller grants are requested these may be approved, always provided that we remain within our budget.

The criteria for an application is that the charity must operate in Northamptonshire and that they work to prevent or relieve homelessness or its sequelae (namely addiction or substance misuse).

Charities and organisations are able to apply by downloading and completing an application from found at www.thomasbringtonfoundation.org or by filling in an online template through the same website.

Objectives & Aims

The main aims of the foundation are to fund education, prevention and relief of homelessness in Northamptonshire.

Providing financial grants to existing charities and organisations that work towards these ends.

The foundation aims to assist those charities and organisations that perhaps do not always qualify for government funding, those that 'fall through the cracks' in the system.

The beneficiaries of the grants are, to date, predominantly registered charities with the exception of one, which was a charitable branch of a housing group aimed at relieving homelessness.

Review of Activity 2024

4 grants were agreed in the 2023-2024 financial year.

The grants issued for 2024 were as follows:

1. Accommodation Concern - Resettlement Project - £6000 - registered charity number 1146257

New project to the foundation; this project aims to help and support individuals who are moving from temporary and supported accommodation into a permanent tenancy. Their aim is to support a minimum of 40 individuals over the course of a year. Support was to include, claiming eligible benefits and ensure the first payment is received, setting up utilities such as gas, electricity, water and phone lines, setting up payments plans, accessing household essentials, developing the skills necessary to manage their tenancy and facilitating access to additional support needs such as mental health or addiction. Beneficiaries will be taught to understand their rights and responsibilities as a tenant, paying rent, budgeting and dealing with debt.

Visited by Eddie Thomas (Trustee)

“On 13th December 2024, I visited Accommodation Concern’s headquarters in Kettering and met with CEO Jo Moore and Operations Manager, John Perry. They provided an overview of their work before giving me a tour of their offices, call centre, one-on-one support rooms, and food bank.

Over the course of 2024 our funding was dedicated to reducing first-year tenancy failures, a significant issue for many housing associations. Their efforts have resulted in a 98% success rate in maintaining tenancies. Up to the point of my visit, the program has supported 52 individuals. More broadly, their advice centre handles approximately 4,500 cases annually, with many clients requiring assistance on multiple issues. Through this work, Accommodation Concern has secured an estimated £3.5 million for their clients, including £800,000 in debt write-offs and the remainder in access to previously unclaimed benefits such as PIP.

During our discussion, Jo Moore provided feedback on our application process, suggesting that the form be converted from a PDF to a Word document to make digital completion easier.”

2. Baby Basics - Good foundations for all - £6000 - registered charity number 1168449

Charity has been supported twice previously by the foundation. continuing their current work of providing newborn packs, winter packs, equipment to new mothers who cannot afford things for newborns. Previously received positive feedback from the organisation regarding the impact of these newborn packs and how they can help facilitate getting new mothers home sooner from hospital with their babies by ensuring they have all the necessary equipment and pieces in order to successfully look after their newborns.

3. Daventry Foodbank - Food Parcels £8000 - registered charity number 1128805

Previously supported by the foundation last year, a very clear and direct aim, providing food parcels to households with limited funds dealing with the ongoing cost of living crisis, ensuring individuals are able to continue to pay their bills and trying to prevent people falling into debt or going hungry.

A visit to the Daventry food bank was made by Eddie Thomas (Trustee) to see firsthand how the money had been used.

“During my visit to the Daventry Food Bank on 11th December 2024, I had the opportunity to meet again with Angela Gee, the head of the organisation, and see firsthand the vital work being done to support the local community. They were operating from a temporary building loaned to them for the Christmas period by Daventry Council. Christmas hampers were being packed and prepared for Children and Elderly people.

The food bank continues to see steady use, and while additional facilities—such as a community larder—have helped expand the support available, demand has now plateaued. Looking ahead, Angela and her team are

considering a move to a larger space next year, which would allow them to further develop their services and reach even more people in need."

4. Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service - support for domestic abuse victims with no recourse to public funds - £10,0000 - registered charity number: 1070741.

Funded £10,000 for the second time to continue establishing this much needed service to provide shelter and support for domestic abuse sufferers who have recently entered the UK seeking asylum and have no recourse to public funds for financial support/housing etc.

As per our previous annual report information: Northamptonshire has a higher proportion of people in this situation as we have truck stops on major transport routes from major ports such as Dover and Felixstowe, meaning that Northamptonshire is often the first place HGVs will stop after arriving in the UK - Domestic abuse survivors with no recourse to public funds do not exclusively come to Northamptonshire via this route however, but it is relevant as it likely increases the total number of individuals requiring this type of support relative to other counties/regions in the UK. These individuals subsequently settle in Northamptonshire and being from unstable domestic environments with no ability to claim benefits or access support, they will frequently end up homeless or at risk of further abuse.

Plans for the future

Our website will have documented testimonials from organisations to demonstrate first hand the outcomes of successful grant proposals following their implementation.

The foundation will continue to receive grant proposals, working towards an annual review deadline and subsequent grant distribution each year.

We have streamlined our application process so that there is now an online template to be filled in rather than one that needs to be printed off and filled in.

We will be seeking further feedback from applicants regarding our application process and how this can be improved.

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements
For The Year Ended 31st May 2024
for
The Thomas Brington Foundation

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The Thomas Brington Foundation

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Report of the Trustees For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31st May 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

To provide relief of poverty and homelessness in the UK by providing grants to charities and other organisations working to prevent or relieve poverty.

Public benefit

The Charity is a public benefit entity and the trustees believe they have met the Charity Commission's public benefit criteria.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

The Charity has been successful in its handing out of grants to projects working to prevent or relieve poverty and homelessness.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The trustees' reserves policy is to ensure that there are adequate resources available to continue the charitable activities of the organisation. To this end the trustees have managed the reserves prudently and have a balance of £103,865 at the year end.

The donations received have increased this year which has resulted in a surplus for the year of £94,489.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The recruitment and appointment of trustees will rest with the trustees after determining whether their assistance will benefit the charity from the skills they offer to assist in the ruling and governing of the Charity.

Organisational structure

The Charity is made up of the three trustees and as such there is no specific formal organisational structure.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

CE017499 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1183414

Registered office

33 Charter Gate
Quarry Park Close
Moulton Park
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Trustees

Mr E D Thomas Trustee
Miss N A Thomas Trustee
Dr S R Thomas Trustee

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Report of the Trustees
For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees of The Thomas Brington Foundation are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees 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 those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 4th March 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Dr S R Thomas - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
The Thomas Brington Foundation

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Thomas Brington Foundation ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st May 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

P A Sparks

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4th March 2025

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Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		<u>125,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
MAIN		<u>30,511</u>	<u>24,893</u>
NET INCOME		94,489	5,107
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		9,376	4,269
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>103,865</u>	<u>9,376</u>

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Balance Sheet

31st May 2024

	Notes	2024 Unrestricted fund £	2023 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	5	25,000	-
Cash at bank	6	79,231	9,724
		104,231	9,724
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	7	(366)	(348)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		103,865	9,376
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		103,865	9,376
NET ASSETS		103,865	9,376
FUNDS	8		
Unrestricted funds		103,865	9,376
TOTAL FUNDS		103,865	9,376

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31st May 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31st May 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 4th March 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr S R Thomas - Trustee

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the Pound Sterling (£).

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. GRANTS PAYABLE

	2024 £	2023 £
MAIN	30,000	24,200
	2024 £	2023 £
Daventry Vineyard	8,000	4,200
Baby Basics	6,000	10,000
Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service	10,000	10,000
Accommodation	6,000	-
Total grants to institutions	£30,000	£24,200

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31st May 2024 nor for the year ended 31st May 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31st May 2024 nor for the year ended 31st May 2023.

4. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	30,000
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EXPENDITURE ON	
Charitable activities	
MAIN	24,893
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NET INCOME	5,107
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	4,269
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TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	9,376
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5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	25,000	-
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6. CASH AT BANK

	2024	2023
	Total funds £	Total funds £
Bank account	79,231	9,724
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Total	79,231	9,724
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Cash at bank is held to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due and includes all cash equivalents held in the form of short term highly liquid investments. A cash equivalent will normally have a short maturity date of, say, three months from the date of acquisition.

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	366	348
	<u><u>366</u></u>	<u><u>348</u></u>

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.6.23	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.5.24
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	9,376	94,489	103,865
	<u>9,376</u>	<u>94,489</u>	<u>103,865</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>9,376</u></u>	<u><u>94,489</u></u>	<u><u>103,865</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	125,000	(30,511)	94,489
	<u>125,000</u>	<u>(30,511)</u>	<u>94,489</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>125,000</u></u>	<u><u>(30,511)</u></u>	<u><u>94,489</u></u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.6.22	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.5.23
			£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,269	5,107	9,376
	<u>4,269</u>	<u>5,107</u>	<u>9,376</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>4,269</u></u>	<u><u>5,107</u></u>	<u><u>9,376</u></u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	30,000	(24,893)	5,107
	<u>30,000</u>	<u>(24,893)</u>	<u>5,107</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>30,000</u></u>	<u><u>(24,893)</u></u>	<u><u>5,107</u></u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

8. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.6.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.5.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	4,269	99,596	103,865
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>4,269</u>	<u>99,596</u>	<u>103,865</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	155,000	(55,404)	99,596
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TOTAL FUNDS	<u>155,000</u>	<u>(55,404)</u>	<u>99,596</u>

9. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There were no contingent liabilities at 31st May 2024 or 31st May 2023.

10. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments at 31st May 2024 or 31st May 2023.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31st May 2024.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
For The Year Ended 31st May 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	125,000	30,000
Total incoming resources	125,000	30,000
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Grants payable	30,000	24,200
Support costs		
Finance		
Accountancy fees	366	348
Computer expenses	145	145
Consultancy	-	200
	511	693
Total resources expended	30,511	24,893
Net income	94,489	5,107