



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From: 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 Period start date**

**To: 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 Period end date**

**Charity name: Grit Street Aid**

**Charity registration number: 1183979**

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit the relief of poverty amongst those who are homeless, facing homelessness or rough sleepers in Greater Manchester who are in need, hardship and distress on account of their social and economic circumstances, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of clothing, bedding, food and drinks, helping to assist in the provision of temporary accommodation, information, advice, employment and education assistance, also signposting on issues related to healthcare, addiction and housing.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Using a mobile support service to provide food, clothing, bedding, and other daily living essentials to those who are rough sleepers in Greater Manchester. In addition, we assist users to access temporary accommodation. We also support users to access other services which help with employment and education advice. We provide signposting on healthcare, addiction and housing issues.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and future plans and policies.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	During this period, we recruited two volunteers to manage back office duties, including book-keeping and social media input.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The work of the volunteers enabled GSA to build a solid structure and create awareness of the charity's work within the homeless community.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	We provide mobile support services to homeless people in Greater Manchester, we operate these 5 days a week. On average we support 39 people per week with food, drink etc.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives		
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity has an in-year surplus of £23,906 with a carry forward of £449, making a total of £24,355.</p> <p>The trustees aim to maintain free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated) at a level, which equates to approximately three months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered. Amount of reserves held £24,355.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The trustees aim to maintain free reserves (unrestricted funds not invested in fixed assets or otherwise designated) at a level, which equates to approximately three months of charitable expenditure. The trustees consider that this level will provide sufficient funds to respond to applications for grants and ensure that support and governance costs are covered.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£24,355
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no issues raised about the charity continuing as a going concern.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>GSA have been active in its efforts to secure restricted and unrestricted funding and was successful in securing a grant from the National Lottery to enable our charity to employ a full-time person in the role of Project Coordinator. We also secured funding from the Manchester Airport Community Fund towards the purchase of an ecargo bike, which will help us to extend the current service within the homeless community.</p>
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		We were also in discussions with supermarkets about the possibility of in-store fundraising, and early indications suggest that Morrisons supermarket, Swinton, will allow us to raise awareness of GSA and potentially collect donations in July, 2024.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We were successful in increasing the volume of reserves during this financial year. This are held in our bank account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	At the beginning of this period, the charity began to recover financially, and with the help of sizeable grants awarded to GSA in May, June, July and September 2023, we recovered sufficiently enough to build on our efforts during the previous year. We remain confident because of the service we provide that we will secure further grants to help expand our operations in 2024-2025.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document ( <a href="#">trust deed</a> , <a href="#">royal charter</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g <a href="#">unincorporated association</a> , <a href="#">CIO</a> )	Para 1.25	<b>CIO</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider	Para 1.51	We worked in collaboration with Manchester Homelessness Partnership and the Street support network link with various partners such as "on the out, cornerstones,

network with which the charity works		<p>The amblehurst hotel and the statutory services in the 10 borough's of greater Manchester to allow our service users access with these agencies to the help they needed the most.</p> <p>We hope to continue this positive trend toward accessibility for all our service users in the coming year</p> <p>Other partners we worked along side during this period were Emmaus, Asda and Greggs at which time we were able to receive notable donations of camping equipment, fresh food and a successful grant award.</p> <p>GSA are planning to improve our service in the areas of project management and communications to supply better delivery of current services with Ecargo Bike relief aid and possible office space.</p> <p>We believe if these aims are realised we will see greater traffic on media platforms and ultimately boost awareness of who we are and what we do to the wider public.</p> <p>Thankfully we are still seeing the same consistency of funding coming but are still aware that we need to be more creative for finding new ideas to help improve our free reserves to maintain and support our current levels of running costs.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Grit Street Aid
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183979
Charity's principal address	c/o Wythenshawe Forum Library Civic Centre Forum Grove Wythenshawe MANCHESTER M22 5RX

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Karen Courcoux	Chair		
2	Malcolm Chisolm			
3	Glen Tabois			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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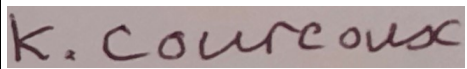
## Other optional information

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## Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Karen Courcoux	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	28/01/2025	



# **GRIT STREET AID**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Charity number 1183979

Company number CE017905

GRIT STREET AID  
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT	2024	2023
	£	£
INCOME		
Donations and Legacies	35,415	20,589
Other income	-	1,080
Total income	35,415	21,669
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable Expenditure	(5,801)	(20,791)
Salary	(6,208)	(12,128)
Total Expenditure	(12,009)	(32,919)
NET MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS	23,906	(11,250)
FUNDS BROUGHT FORWARD	449	11,699
FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	24,355	449

GRIT STREET AID BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 31 MARCH 2024

BALANCE SHEET	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash at bank and in hand	24,355	949
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accruals and other payable	-	500
NET CURRENT ASSESTS / (LIABILITIES)	24,355	449
FUNDS	24,355	449

GRIT STREET AID  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

GRANTS AND DONATIONS

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Albert Hunt	5,000		5,000	-	-	-
Albert Hunt		20,000	20,000	-	-	-
Jacob's Ladder	-	-	-	250	500	750
General	1,410	10	1,420	-	55	55
Manchester Airport Fund	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-
M.Chisholm	-	-	-	283	-	283
Aviva Community Fund	-	-	-	162	-	162
Duchy of Lancater Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
Leeds Building Society	-	-	-	-	1,000	1,000
The Charity Services	3,000	-	3,000	3,000	-	3,000
Crowdfunder UK	120	-	120	-	10,660	10,660
Groundwork UK	375	-	375	-	3,125	3,125
Salford Community	-	-	-	-	554	554
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Total:	12,405	23,010	35,415	4,695	15,894	20,589

GRIT STREET AID  
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Salary costs	4,727	1,481	6,208	12,128	-	12,128
Equipment	-	-	-	410	-	410
Food, Clothing and other costs	911	609	1,520	393	-	393
Van hire and running costs	2,174	-	2,174	18,674	-	18,674
Telephone and communications expenses	215	-	215	438	-	438
Staff and volunteer expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	1,021	-	1,021	599	-	599
Office cost and other costs	812	-	812	277	-	277
Bank charges and fees	60	-	60	-	-	-
Professional fees - Report	-	-	-	-	-	-
Professional fees - Accountancy	-	-	-	-	-	-
Allocated to restricted funds	-	-	-	(27,794)	27,794	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>9,920</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>12,009</b>	<b>5,125</b>	<b>27,794</b>	<b>32,919</b>

CREDITORS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and other payables	-	500
<b>Total:</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>500</b>

GRIT STREET AID  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ANALYSIS OF COMPANY NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Fund balances at March 31 are represented by:	£	£	£	£	£	£
	2,835	21,520	24,355	349	100	449

TAXATION

The Company is a registered charity and is entitled to claim annual exemption from UK corporation tax.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

There were no capital commitments authorised and contracted for at the end of both years.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

GRIT STREET AID

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 MARCH 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1183979

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent  
examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [ ] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

David Rayner

Date:

18 December 2024

Name:

DAVID RAYNER

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

N/A

(if any):

N/A

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## Section B

## Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.