

**Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Mothershare  
Charitable Incorporated Organisation ('the CIO'). Charity Number  
1185295**

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the period ended 31 March 2024, which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of the report**

As the trustees of the CIO, 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 CIO's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination, giving me cause to believe that in any material respect: Accounting records were not kept in respect of the CIO as required by section 130 of the Act, or The accounts do not accord with those records.

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



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ACA Chartered Accountant  
30<sup>th</sup> January 2025

# **Annual Report and Financial Statements**

## **for the period ending 31 March 2024**

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### **Trustees, report for the period ending 31 March 2024**

#### **Reference and administrative details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors.**

The Trustees during the financial period up to and including the date the report was approved were:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Kimberley Shedden	Chair	Appointed September 2019
Jacqueline Taylor		Appointed September 2019
Olivia Dunn		Appointed September 2019
Trevor Snell		Appointed February 2023
Angela Shaw		Appointed August 2023

#### **Charity Number**

The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, **number 1185295**, on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Principal Address**  
16 Bank Edge Road  
Illingworth  
Halifax  
HX2 8JU

**Bankers**  
Virgin Money  
7 Waterhouse Street  
Halifax  
HX1 1XZ

**Independent Examiner**  
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**Structure, governance and management:**

The Charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 13 September 2019.

The Charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) formed on 13 September 2019.

**Method of recruitment and appointment of trustees:**

The Trustees of the Charity are appointed/reappointed by the members at the AGM.

Trustees are recruited by advertisement and interview.

**The Charity's objectives and activities:****Objectives**

The prevention and relief of poverty among socially and/or economically disadvantaged families and pregnant women in Calderdale and the surrounding areas, who are unable to provide essential equipment, clothing and other items for babies and children. Supplying them with such items free of charge through a referral service from external agencies.

**Activities**

Mothershare became a CIO on 13 September 2019, having been founded by two sisters in June 2015. As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 we are still based at Ogden in Halifax. We still work on a referral basis to provide/loan essential items to families and children from birth to late teens.

Our referrals come from local statutory agencies which include Calderdale Council Family Intervention Team, Midwives, Health Visitors, The Women's Refuge, The Women's Centre, Schools, West Yorkshire Police, and Healthy Mums to mention a few.

Examples of the essential items we provide/loan are:

- A maternity and new born pack for a Mum to enable her to leave hospital.
- A cot, mattress and bedding to families whose baby does not have a safe place to sleep.
- Safety gates to families in rented accommodation with no internal door.
- A pram to allow mum to get out and about.
- Hygiene Packs for Year 5/6 school children
- A bundle of essential clothes and items to families finding themselves homeless after fleeing abusive situations.
- Birthday bundles which include presents, a cake, sweets to share at school, banners and a card ensuring no child feels left out.

We provide our services throughout Calderdale 7-days a week, and our service is lead by our team of committed volunteers. Our volunteers do an amazing job running the office as well as helping to raise funds, sort donations in our stockroom, collate items for each referral and deliver them. Without these wonderful individuals we could not provide our much-needed service.

The items we provide/loan either come from kind donations of new and used items from the public or items we purchase from our fundraising efforts. There are some items we have to buy new, mainly, cot mattresses, safety gates and underwear.

We have received donations of money, time and essential items from many local businesses and grants from The Community Foundation for Calderdale and Calderdale Council.

### **Public benefit statement**

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, our Trustees have given serious consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance.

### **Achievements and Performance**

During 2023/2024 Mothershare:

- Responded to 469 referrals
- Provided items for 978 children
- Supplied 74 families with a hygiene pack

We continue to be extremely busy and are supporting refugees alongside the local families who continue to struggle for a variety of different reasons alongside the cost-of-living increases.

The hygiene packs we have been able to provide with a grant from CFFC, have been very well received. These included essential house cleaning products and personal hygiene products such as washing powder, anti-bacterial spray, wipes, shower gel, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste. This has allowed families to use their limited funds more effectively.

We have continued our fundraising efforts through various events over this year to help further boost our funds.

We were very busy again this Christmas, providing 265 children with Christmas presents.

We have also provided Birthday Bundles as we believe birthdays are special. Our bundles contain a cake, gifts, a goodie bag, banners and a card.

We receive some amazing feedback from the wider community, showing appreciation for what we do. This is received verbally and via emails and letters from the agencies we deal with, e.g. midwives and social workers and sometimes from our service users.

### **Financial Review**

The net receipts for the period were £5,496.00.

This total includes net receipts of £496.00 on unrestricted funds and net receipts of £5000 on restricted funds.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Charity's free reserves at the period end were £4,984.62

Our reserves policy is to hold approximately 6 months of unrestricted expenditure plus additional amounts, calculated using a risk-based approach.

Our target reserve equates to £13,970.00. The current level of reserve is therefore £8,985.38 below the amount calculated by our reserve policy.

The board will continue to monitor the level of reserves on a regular basis and take action to reduce running costs or increase income through applying for grants and fundraising activities as necessary.

**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees

Signed:       *Kimberley Shedden*

Date:       .....30/01/2025.....

Name: .....KIMBERLEY SHEDDEN..... (Trustee)

Income		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
Sales	U	25	-	25
Donations	R/U	470	-	470
Events/Raffles	U	-	-	-
CFFC	R	-	-	-
Morrisons Foundation	R	-	-	-
Halifax/Lloyds	R	-	5,000	5,000
Arnold Clark	R	-	-	-
Yorkshire Bank	R	-	-	-
Nth Hx Ward Forum	R	-	-	-
Unrestricted Grants/other	U	0	-	0
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>496</b>	<b>5,000</b>	<b>5,496</b>

Running Costs Incl Utilities	R/U	154	-	<b>154</b>
Travel Costs	R/U	-	-	-
Rent	R/U	-	833	<b>833</b>
Event/Fundraising Costs	U	96	-	<b>96</b>
Salaries	R/U	223	223	<b>446</b>
Equipment/Referrals	R/U	113	-	<b>113</b>
Accounts/IE (2020/21)	U	-	-	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>585</b>	<b>1,056</b>	<b>1,641</b>

Balance C/F	22,061	14,705	35,809
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Bank	-
Petty Cash	-
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Restricted Funds	B/F	Income	Expenditure	C/F
Rent	5,079.69	-	833.00	4,246.69
Lloyds Bank	-	5,000.00	-	5,000.00
Arnold Clark	-	-	-	-
CFFC	4,075.05	-	623.70	3,451.35
Morrisons Foundation	-	-	-	-
Tesco/Yorks Bk	1,106.01	-	-	1,106.01
Nth Hx Ward Forum	500.00	-	-	500.00
<b>Total Restricted</b>	10,760.75	5,000.00	1,456.70	14,304.05

Total	32,910.59	23,164.78	32,285.29	23,790.08
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Bank	31,953.68	19,288.67
Cash	-	-
	<u>31,953.68</u>	<u>19,288.67</u>