

MATTHEW 25:40

England & Wales - Charity number 1185473

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-09-24

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONG THOSE WHO ARE HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS THROUGH PROVISION OF: ITEMS, TRAINING, AND LONG-TERM PRACTICAL AND SOCIAL SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS IN NEED, TO ALLOW FOR RE-INTEGRATION INTO SOCIETY. TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; HOMELESSNESS, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

Activities: Community-incentivised fundraising: We will work with partner organisations to support specific projects that meet our objects by providing a platform for fundraising. Friends initiative: involves volunteers and beneficiaries meeting weekly to talk about a variety of topics and provide support in a safe, consistent

and supportive environment where everyone is encouraged to give and receive.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£11,492	£9,890	-	-
2024-04-01	£6,567	£10,202	-	-
2023-04-01	£2,703	£4,750	-	-
2022-04-01	£13,551	£2,943	-	-
2021-04-01	£2,775	£1,839	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alexander James Owusu		2020-02-02
Ayo Ogunbo		2024-05-01
Luke Scott		2024-05-01
Rachel Foster		2024-05-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/04/2024 Period start date To 1/4/2025 Period end date

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Objectives and Activities

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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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Friends: initiative designed to encourage members of the community to develop genuine and supportive relationships in a safe and compassionate environment. It involves weekly (1.5 hours) gatherings between volunteers and beneficiaries to engage in conversations, with refreshments provided. Through this we want to help build greater support networks for those who are vulnerable and provide a place where they can provide their thoughts, feelings and worries in a place free of judgement, where support can be offered.2. Community Incentivised Fundraising (CIF): a fundraising initiative designed to engage with the wider community around a particular issue that relates to our objects. This can either be for projects developed within Matthew 25:40 or for small local projects that align with our

		<p>objects and mission.</p> <p>3. Collaborative Conversations: We gather leaders in local communities to have topical discussions with the purpose of creating better outcomes for those who are vulnerable in the community. This also involves both small and larger scale projects that serve relevant beneficiaries for social organisations/charities involved.</p> <p>4. Heart of Unity: A part networking, part celebratory event held in the autumn/winter with other organisations/charities that work to support those within the community. It acts as a space to share successes, challenges and ideas for the future. It is also a space to encourage collaboration across different organisations and build synergistic relationships. This is currently held every two years.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We, the trustees of Matthew 25:40, have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Grants are funded through the Community Incentivised Fundraising (CIF) initiative of the charity and are to be issued to organisations where they support the objects stated in the governing document for Matthew 25:40 (as stated above).</p> <p>The principles that will underpin the awarding of grants are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trustees will hold ultimate responsibility for grant-making decisions in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity 2. Each situation or request will be considered on its own merits and the trustees will carry out appropriate due diligence to ensure that it would meet the charitable purposes of the charity, (this will be detailed scope of what the grant will be used for) 3. Periodic check-ins to ensure that the grant has been used for

		<p>intended purpose</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Grants will only be provided to charities or organisations that have a demonstrable charitable purpose in line with our objects 5. The charity will work in partnership with other organisations where appropriate to support initiatives beyond the financial scope of a single organisation <p>The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence on all potential grant-recipients to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That funds or items are used and applied in accordance with the charity’s charitable objects and purpose • That funds or items are not knowingly used for activities which are illegal or likely to cause damage to the charity’s reputation
<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The contribution of our volunteers remains at the core of our Friends initiative, which is a vital service of the charity. We rely on our volunteers to foster a sense of inclusion for all those who engage with the service, creating supportive relationships and long-term networks for all users.</p> <p>Since our launch in October 2019, our volunteers have been essential in establishing a consistent presence of familiarity on a weekly basis not only for our beneficiaries, but also the wider community, as they encourage those they have existing relationships with and new people to join a session (this could be from a point of receiving support, giving support or both).</p> <p>Across 24/25, our volunteers helped us to maintain the work we do in the city centre with Friends and a consistent base of community for people to engage with.</p> <p>With greater confidence in their own ability and authority to maintain the</p>

		<p>positive culture the service was built on, there has been more willingness from those who have been volunteering with the charity for an extended period taking on more leadership responsibilities during Friends sessions, where they feel comfortable to do so.</p> <p>In partnership with a local university (Nottingham Trent University), we continue to receive unsold food items to distribute amongst our beneficiaries, which has been a big help. Our volunteers have supported us in both collection and distribution of these items as well as collections of hot drinks, taking a much greater role in leading this area of the service.</p>
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Friends: The charity has continued to engage with individuals who are isolated, lonely, or vulnerable. During this period, we have maintained the delivery of our Friends service, which provides beneficiaries with a supportive network and a sense of familiarity and stability. We have also encouraged both volunteers and beneficiaries to take greater ownership in shaping our activities by sharing their thoughts, opinions, and ideas. This includes suggesting group sessions, discussing personal interests, and identifying shared passions that help build connections. As a result, engagement has improved among participants, and we are better informed when planning future activities.</p> <p>With recent cutbacks from the local council due to significant financial difficulties, there are less resources across the city for people to access support. Also, with an ever-changing social climate it further highlights the importance of the service and volunteers' contributions as more people have found themselves isolated,</p>

		<p>vulnerable, lacking in community and unable to access relevant help. On a weekly basis, they continue to offer up their time to support the Friends service, engaging with those that attend, whether frequently or on one off occasions.</p> <p><u>Collaborative Conversations</u> Originally titled 'Conversations', as a result of work done through the Youth Project, we developed this into 'Collaborative Conversations'. In this, we gather leaders in local communities to have topical discussions with the purpose of finding better outcomes for those who are vulnerable in the community.</p> <p>After the success of the Youth Action Project, Collaborative Conversations in St Ann's has been able to secure a grant from Nottinghamshire Police to continue with Youth Engagement activity in the area</p> <p><u>Youth Engagement</u> Funding from Nottinghamshire Police was secured through the Collaborative Conversations initiative to support ongoing youth engagement work.</p> <p>As a result, the charity has been able to run weekly basketball sessions for local young people, providing a safe and welcoming space where they can develop a sense of belonging and inclusion. These sessions help young people strengthen relationships with peers and trusted adults, reducing the risk of social exclusion and its associated impacts.</p>
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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	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The charity's financial position at the end of period is healthy. A further grant issued for the work of our Collaborative Conversations initiative during the financial period has continued to support our work. The three-year grant received from Benefact during the 23/24 financial period is also continuing to support the work of our Friends initiative.</p> <p>We continue to comfortably meet the charity's monthly running costs through our primary source of unrestricted funding. This support enables us to sustain our core service initiative, Friends, and to develop a new collaboration portal for charities and non-profits, shaped directly by feedback from the most recent Heart of Unity event.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>We believe that reserves are required to ensure we can continue to carry out activities in line with our objects, which are to support those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and carry out activities to promote social inclusion within the community.</p> <p>We have taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The length of time the charity has been set up for - The typical cash flow of the charity during a monthly period and likely future expenditure - Reliability of current and future monthly income streams <p>We have set the current reserve level to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The charity can cover unforeseen loss of primary income source to allow for continued service provision for at least one month, taking into account potential increase in beneficiaries <p>This will be reviewed on a quarterly basis or if circumstances change.</p>
<p>Amount of reserves held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>£400.00</p>
<p>Reasons for holding zero reserves</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Details of fund materially in deficit</p>	<p>Para 1.24</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Explanation of any uncertainties about the</p>	<p>Para 1.23</p>	<p>N/A</p>

charity continuing as a going concern		
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>	<p>Para 1.47</p>	<p>Funding for the charity has been primarily through monthly contribution/donations from the charity founders Jerome Edwards and Alex Owusu, which was started from the inception of the idea of the charity. In addition to this, there have also been ad hoc donations from those keen to support the work of the charity.</p> <p>This funding has allowed the charity to cover running costs related to administration, marketing and promotion, inventory and refreshments for Friends sessions.</p> <p>For key projects, such as Collaborative Conversations, grant funding is utilised to provide resourcing across the life of the project.</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The main risks facing the charity are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - External factors like reduction in funding opportunities in the sector, as seen in local council, will create greater need and less resource to match the need so it's important that we remain open to collaboration with relevant organisations where quality of service can be maintained and greater outcomes for beneficiaries can be found. We remain aware that as a charity we need to be alert to external pressures that could affect our services and how we are able to engage with beneficiaries. - Social and political tensions are rising nationwide across a range of issues, which can particularly focus on marginalised groups such as immigrants, homeless, people of colour etc. This can create an environment where the purpose of our work can be misrepresented, so it's important that the purpose of the work we

		do is clear for the public to be able to engage with
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution of CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Current procedure involves noting where gaps in knowledge are and current trustees putting forth suggestions for candidates to fill position from individuals known to trustees. If no appropriate candidate can be agreed upon, senior members of staff will be consulted for viable candidates. If an individual has been agreed upon as a candidate, an informal approach to an individual is then made and the position is discussed with them along with responsibilities of the position. If this is agreed upon by the individual then current trustees approve the appointment and they are added to the post

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	New trustees are provided with the Foundation Model Constitution of the CIO, which is the charity's governing document and where possible, the charity's most recent Annual report and Financial Statements Guidance from the Charity Commission is signposted to for further reference of duties and best practice
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is set up with four trustees with one trustee also acting as an additional volunteer for Friends initiative. There are two additional volunteers who make up the senior staff team. Day-to-day decisions are taken by the charity's Director. Aims and objectives for the charity are set by the Director and trustees with senior staff consulted and encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts – overall decision making for aims and objectives sits with trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		The charity currently has no paid staff and is currently solely staffed by volunteers

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Matthew 25:40
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1185473
Charity's principal address	Mailbox 2266 37 Westminster Buildings Theatre Square Nottingham NG1 6LG

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

Jerome Edwards (Volunteer/Director), Sonia Fernandes (Volunteer/Secretary)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Alexander Owusu	Ayo Ogunbo
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

31/01/26



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Matthew 25:40

No (if any)
1185473

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 02/04/2024	To	Period end date 4/1/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary donations	4,352	-	-	4,352	2,257
Grants	-	3,570	-	3,570	4,000
Fees for event	-	-	-	-	185
Service refund	271	15	-	286	125
Payment for services	737	-	-	737	-
Gift Aid	2,547	-	-	2,547	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	7,907	3,585	-	11,492	6,567
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	7,907	3,585	-	11,492	6,567
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	1,724	4,005	-	5,729	2,072
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing	21	29	-	50	84
Governing Costs	530	-	-	530	239
Phone & IT	2,540	-	-	2,540	1,234
Payment for services	-	735	-	735	6,292
Consumables	46	209	-	255	4
Catering	-	-	-	-	176
Travel	2	-	-	2	27
Training	-	-	-	-	75
Other admin	50	-	-	50	-
Sub total	4,912	4,978	-	9,890	10,203
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Assets	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,912	4,978	-	9,890	10,203
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,995	- 1,393	-	1,602	- 3,636
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,364	5,291	-	6,655	10,288
Cash funds this year end	4,359	3,898	-	8,257	6,652

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	4,359	3,898	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,359	3,898	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Stationary	unrestricted		-
	Laptop	unrestricted	-	-
	Tablet computer	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alexander James Owusu	31/01/26

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Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

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whether frequently or on one off occasions.

Collaborative Conversations

Originally titled 'Conversations', as a result of work done through the Youth Project, we developed this into 'Collaborative Conversations'. In this, we gather leaders in local communities to have topical discussions with the purpose of finding better outcomes for those who are vulnerable in the community.

This was piloted in the St Ann's locality in Nottingham, which brought together 12 local organisations, including representatives from Nottinghamshire Police and local councillors, to develop strategy and direction to pursue these aims.

With provisions for young people being a keen area of focus, it provided a natural opportunity to collaborate with organisations involved to support with the delivery and implementation of our Youth Action Project, to great success. Plans are currently underway to extend this model to other areas within Nottingham with representatives of regional organisations such as Nottinghamshire Police keen to further this work alongside the charity.

Youth Engagement

With the £10,000 grant the charity was awarded at the end of 2021, across 22/23 we were able to use the funding to deliver the 'Youth Action Project' which had the aim of providing the youth of Nottingham with a space in which they are able to grow as leaders and become agents of change within their community. Through providing a means to connect with peers and a platform to raise awareness of current issues within their community, young people could discuss ways in which these problems could be solved within peer-to-peer groups.

During 22/23, we delivered sporting sessions for young people and provided a mentoring space to develop relationships with young people in the community. This allowed us to understand what they would like to see happen within the community. From this base of sport engagement, they were able to develop peer relationships and trust with the adults as leaders.

		<p>The project was enabled through collaborations with local partners (see below) to help support all aspects of the project</p> <p>In 23/24, we ran a final event day with a variety of activities and games, delivered and facilitated by the charity and six other organisations, for the young people to engage with. This was a great success with over 110 young people in attendance across the day. Those who engaged across the project showed a significant positive improvement in their attitudes towards peers and adults.</p> <p><u>Heart of Unity</u></p> <p>In October 2023 we ran our second Heart of Unity event. The theme was ‘no borders’ aimed at bringing together like-minded charities and organisations with a theme around working together to build a united city and community.</p> <p>The event consisted of a panel of speakers representing different organisational areas such as charities and statutory bodies. There was an opportunity for people to share successes and challenges they had experienced over the year as well as ideas for the future and potential collaboration across different organisations.</p> <p>It was another successful event with over 20 organisations represented and over 30 in attendance with positive feedback received after the event.</p>
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The charity's current financial position is stable. Most of the remainder of the 21/22 allocation of the 10k restricted grant funding for the youth initiative was spent and towards the end of 23/24, we were awarded a £4,000 grant to support the work of our Friends service.</p> <p>We continue to comfortably meet our monthly running costs associated with the charity through our primary source of funding. This includes our core service initiative, Friends.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We believe that reserves are required to ensure we can continue to carry out activities in line with our objects, which are to support those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and carry out activities to promote social inclusion within the community.</p> <p>We have taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The length of time the charity has been set up for - The typical cash flow of the charity during a monthly period and likely future expenditure - Reliability of current and future monthly income streams <p>We have set the current reserve level to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The charity can cover unforeseen loss of primary income source to allow for continued service provision for at least one month, taking into account potential increase in beneficiaries <p>This will be reviewed on a quarterly basis or if circumstances change.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£350.00
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	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	Para 1.47	Funding for the charity has been primarily through monthly contribution/donations from the charity
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<p>The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)</p>		<p>founders Jerome Edwards and Alex Owusu, which was started from the inception of the idea of the charity. In addition to this, there have also been ad hoc donations from those keen to support the work of the charity.</p> <p>This funding has allowed the charity to cover running costs related to administration, marketing and promotion, inventory and refreshments for Friends sessions.</p> <p>For key projects, grant funding is sourced through applications to provide resourcing across the life of the project</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The main risks facing the charity are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - External factors like reduction in funding opportunities in the sector, as seen in local council, will create greater need and less resource to match the need so it's important that we remain open to collaboration with relevant organisations where quality of service can be maintained and greater outcomes for beneficiaries can be found. We remain aware that as a charity we need to be alert to external pressures that could affect our services and how we are able to engage with beneficiaries. - As we continue to scale up our operations and work in partnership with others, there is a risk to ensuring we sustain a high quality service in all areas and maintain our reputation. To mitigate these risks we will continue to work closely with partners and stakeholders with regard to strategy, operations and decision-making to strengthen these areas and reinforce our dedication to transparency of the charity.
<p>Other</p>		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution of CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Current procedure involves noting where gaps in knowledge are and current trustees putting forth suggestions for candidates to fill position from individuals known to trustees. If no appropriate candidate can be agreed upon, senior members of staff will be consulted for viable candidates. If an individual has been agreed upon as a candidate, an informal approach to an individual is then made and the position is discussed with them along with responsibilities of the position. If this is agreed upon by the individual then current trustees approve the appointment and they are added to the post

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	New trustees are provided with the Foundation Model Constitution of the CIO, which is the charity's governing document and where possible, the charity's most recent Annual report and Financial Statements Guidance from the Charity Commission is signposted to for further reference of duties and best practice
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is set up with five trustees with one trustee also acting as an additional volunteer for Friends initiative. There are two additional volunteers who make up the senior staff team. Day-to-day decisions are taken by the charities Director. Aims and objectives for the charity are set by the Director and trustees with senior staff consulted and encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts – overall decision making for aims and objectives sits with trustees.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	

Other		The charity currently has no paid staff and is currently solely staffed by volunteers

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Matthew 25:40
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1185473
Charity's principal address	Mailbox 2266 37 Westminster Buildings Theatre Square Nottingham NG1 6LG

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	Alexander Owusu			
2	Rachel Foster		01/05/24 - Current	
3	Ayo Ogunbo		01/05/24 - Current	
4	Luke Scott		01/05/24 - Current	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jerome Edwards (Volunteer/Director), Sonia Fernandes (Volunteer/Secretary)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A



Other optional information

N/A

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)	Alexander Owusu	Rachel Foster
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	18/01/25	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Matthew 25:40	No (if any) 1185473
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 02/04/2023	To	Period end date 01/04/2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary donations	2,257		-	2,257	2,648
Grants	-	4,000	-	4,000	-
Fees for event	185	-	-	185	39
Service refund	125	0	-	125	16
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,567	4,000	-	6,567	2,703
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,567	4,000	-	6,567	2,703
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	838	1,234	-	2,072	1,498
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing	7	77	-	84	17
Governing Costs	239	-	-	239	181
Phone & IT	1,234	-	-	1,234	1,381
Payment for services	1,235	5,057	-	6,292	1,167
Stationery and supplies	4	-	-	4	102
Catering	74	102	-	176	85
Travel	2	25	-	27	36
Training	-	75	-	75	50
Other admin	-	-	-	-	232
Sub total	3,633	6,569	-	10,202	4,750
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Assets	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,633	6,569	-	10,202	4,750
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,065	- 2,569	-	- 3,635	- 2,047
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,429	7,860	-	10,289	12,335
Cash funds this year end	1,364	5,291	-	6,654	10,288

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	1,364	5,291	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,364	5,291	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Stationary	unrestricted		-
	Laptop	unrestricted	-	-
	Tablet computer	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Alexander James Owusu	18/01/2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/04/2022

Period start date To 1/4/2023 Period end date

Charity name: Matthew 25:40

Charity registration number: 1185473

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To relieve poverty among those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless through provision of: items, training and long term practical and social support for individuals in need, to allow for re-integration into society2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Friends: initiative designed to encourage members of the community to develop genuine and supportive relationships in a safe and compassionate environment. It involves weekly (1.5 hours) gatherings between volunteers and beneficiaries to engage in conversations, with refreshments provided. Through this we want to help build greater support networks for those who are vulnerable and provide a place where they can provide their thoughts, feelings and worries in a place free of judgement, where support can be offered.2. Community Incentivised Fundraising (CIF): a fundraising initiative designed to engage with the wider community around a particular issue that relates to our objects. This can either be for projects developed within Matthew 25:40 or for small local

		<p>projects that align with our objects and mission.</p> <p>3. Collaborative Conversations: We gather leaders in local communities to have topical discussions with the purpose of finding better outcomes for those who are vulnerable in the community</p> <p>4. Heart of Unity: A part networking, part celebratory event held in the autumn/winter with other organisations/charities that work to support those within the community. It acts as a space to share successes, challenges and ideas for the future. It is also a space to encourage collaboration across different organisations and build synergistic relationships.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We, the trustees of Matthew 25:40, have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<p>Grants are funded through the Community Incentivised Fundraising (CIF) initiative of the charity and are to be issued to organisations where they support the objects stated in the governing document for Matthew 25:40 (as stated above).</p> <p>The principles that will underpin the awarding of grants are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Trustees will hold ultimate responsibility for grant-making decisions in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity 2. Each situation or request will be considered on its own merits and the trustees will carry out appropriate due diligence to ensure that it would meet the charitable purposes of the charity, (this will be detailed scope of what the grant will be used for) 3. Periodic check-ins to ensure that the grant has been used for intended purpose 4. Grants will only be provided to charities or organisations that

		<p>have a demonstrable charitable purpose in line with our objects</p> <p>5. The charity will work in partnership with other organisations where appropriate to support initiatives beyond the financial scope of a single organisation</p> <p>The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence on all potential grant-recipients to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That funds or items are used and applied in accordance with the charity’s charitable objects and purpose • That funds or items are not knowingly used for activities which are illegal or likely to cause damage to the charity’s reputation
<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The contribution of our volunteers remains at the core of much of the work we do, particularly our Friends initiative, which is a core service of the charity. Since our launch in October 2019, our volunteers have been essential in establishing a consistent presence of familiarity on a weekly basis not only for our beneficiaries, but also the wider community, as they have encouraged those they have pre-existing relationships with to come and see what a session is like and whether they would like to engage with it (this could be from a point of receiving support, giving support or both).</p> <p>Across 22/23, our volunteers helped us to maintain the work we do in the city centre with Friends and a consistent base of community for people to engage with. We have also seen those who have been regularly volunteering with us increasing in confidence over time and with a greater desire to take up more responsibility where appropriate.</p> <p>Key events like the pandemic and the external economic and social climate further highlight the importance of their contribution as more and more people</p>

		<p>have found themselves isolated, vulnerable and lacking in community around them. On a weekly basis, they continue to offer up their time to support the Friends service, engaging with those that attend, whether frequently or on one off occasions.</p> <p>In partnership with a local university, we receive unsold food items to distribute amongst those we engage with, which has been a big help. Our volunteers have supported us in both collection and distribution of these items.</p> <p>We also have volunteers who support our work on an ad-hoc basis, for example a trained mental health nurse running a mental health workshop, for our beneficiaries, which has been invaluable.</p>
Other		N/A

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	<p><u>Friends:</u> The charity has continued to engage with a range of people isolated, lonely and vulnerable due to a range of factors. During this period, we have been able to continue to use our Friends service to help provide beneficiaries with a support network and a sense of familiarity and stability. Both volunteers and beneficiaries have been encouraged to take greater ownership in sharing thoughts, opinions and ideas to help shape what we do i.e. group activities for us to engage in, sharing passions and interests to find common ground with others. This has all helped with engagement from those in attendance and plans for the future. Whilst the pandemic shone a light on the importance of social connection and how easily people can become isolated and vulnerable, it has emphasised the importance of this work and the work of other organisations who offer a way for people to connect. It has also helped make a greater case for charities/organisations working closely</p>

together to build capacity for the work we do to support others.

Youth Engagement

With the £10,000 grant the charity was awarded at the end of 2021, we have been able to use the funding to deliver the 'Youth Action Project' which had the aim of providing the youth of Nottingham with a space in which they are able to grow as leaders and become agents of change within their community. Through providing a means to connect with peers and a platform to raise awareness of current issues within their community, young people could discuss ways in which these problems could be solved within peer-to-peer groups.

During the year we have delivered sporting sessions for young people and provided a mentoring space to develop relationships with young people in the community. This allowed us to understand what they would like to see happen within the community. From this base of sport engagement, they were able to develop peer relationships and trust with the adults as leaders.

The project was enabled through collaborations with local partners (see below) to help support all aspects of the project as well as plan and develop a final event to take place in 23/24.

Collaborative Conversations

Originally titled 'Conversations', as a result of work done through the Youth Project, we developed this into 'Collaborative Conversations'. In this, we gather leaders in local communities to have topical discussions with the purpose of finding better outcomes for those who are vulnerable in the community.

This was piloted in the St Ann's locality in Nottingham, which brought together 12 local organisations, including representatives from Nottinghamshire Police and local councillors, to develop strategy and direction to pursue these aims.

With provisions for young people being a keen area of focus, it provided a natural opportunity to collaborate with organisations involved to support with the delivery and implementation of our Youth Action Project, to great success.

		<p>Plans are currently underway to extend this model to other areas within Nottingham with representatives of regional organisations such as Nottinghamshire Police keen to further this work alongside the charity.</p>
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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	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's current financial position is strong and whilst a large portion of the charities overall financial status is as a result of the previous year's allocation of the 10k restricted grant funding for the youth initiative, we continue to comfortably meet our monthly running costs associated with the charity through our primary source of funding. This includes our core service initiative, Friends.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>We believe that reserves are required to ensure we can continue to carry out activities in line with our objects, which are to support those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and carry out activities to promote social inclusion within the community.</p> <p>We have taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The length of time the charity has been set up for - The typical cash flow of the charity during a monthly period and likely future expenditure - Reliability of current and future monthly income streams <p>We have set the current reserve level to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The charity can cover unforeseen loss of primary income source to allow for continued service provision for at least one month, taking into account potential increase in beneficiaries <p>This will be reviewed on a quarterly basis or if circumstances change.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£350.00
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	N/A

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	Funding for the charity has been primarily through monthly contribution/donations from the charity founders Jerome Edwards and Alex Owusu, which was started from the
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		<p>inception of the idea of the charity. In addition to this, there have also been ad hoc donations from those keen to support the work of the charity.</p> <p>This funding has allowed the charity to cover running costs related to administration, marketing and promotion, inventory and refreshments for Friends sessions.</p>
<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The main risk facing the charity is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As in earlier years, external factors like the pandemic caused activities, like our previous fundraiser to be halted, highlighting the impact that can have on our services. We remain aware that as a charity we need to be alert to external pressures that could affect our services and how we are able to engage with beneficiaries. - As we continue to scale up our operations and work in partnership with others, there is a risk to ensuring we sustain a high quality service in all areas and maintain our reputation. To mitigate these risks we will continue to work closely with partners and stakeholders with regard to strategy, operations and decision-making to strengthen these areas and reinforce our dedication to transparency of the charity. - Funding availability for all charities has been affected with higher need and less financial resource available to access. With many people facing increasingly unstable financial circumstances funding for community projects will become ever more important but equally more difficult to fund with greater competition for funding. By working closely with key partner organisations to collaborate on projects, particularly through our Collaborative Conversations initiative will be key to ensure

		resources are used effectively and efficiently.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution of CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Current procedure involves noting where gaps in knowledge are and current trustees putting forth suggestions for candidates to fill position from individuals known to trustees. If no appropriate candidate can be agreed upon, senior members of staff will be consulted for viable candidates. If an individual has been agreed upon as a candidate, an informal approach to an individual is then made and the position is discussed with them along with responsibilities of the position. If this is agreed upon by the individual then current trustees approve the appointment and they are added to the post

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	New trustees are provided with the Foundation Model Constitution of the CIO, which is the charity's governing document and where possible, the charity's most recent Annual report and Financial Statements Guidance from the Charity Commission is signposted to for further reference of duties and best practice
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is set up with two trustees with one trustee also acting as an additional volunteer for Friends initiative. There are two additional volunteers who make up the senior staff team. Day-to-day decisions are taken by the charities Director. Aims and objectives for the charity are set by the trustees and Director with senior staff consulted and encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts – overall decision making for aims and objectives sits with trustees. Decisions regarding fundraisers for Community Incentivised Fundraising initiative are ultimately made by trustees and Director, though senior staff are

		encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		The charity currently has no paid staff and is currently solely staffed by volunteers

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Matthew 25:40
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1185473
Charity's principal address	Mailbox 2266 37 Westminster Buildings Theatre Square Nottingham NG1 6LG

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Jerome Edwards (Volunteer/Director), Sonia Fernandes (Volunteer/Secretary)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A



Other optional information

N/A

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)	Alexander Owusu	Claion Benjamin Grandison
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Trustee	Trustee
Date	02/01/2024	



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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Matthew 25:40

No (if any)
1185473

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 02/04/2022	To	Period end date 01/04/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Voluntary donations	2,648		-	2,648	3,268
Grants	-		-	-	9,940
Fees for charitable activity	39	-	-	39	254
Service refund	16	-	-	16	89
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,703	-	-	2,703	13,551
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,703	-	-	2,703	13,551
A3 Payments					
Cost of charitable activities	1,192	306	-	1,498	949
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing	-	17	-	17	442
Governing Costs	-	181	-	181	-
Phone & IT	1,381	-	-	1,381	563
Payment for services (Youth project)	-	1,167	-	1,167	-
Stationery and supplies	37	65	-	102	-
Catering	85	-	-	85	23
Travel	28	8	-	36	6
Training	-	50	-	50	16
Other admin	-	232	-	232	-
Sub total	2,723	2,027	-	4,750	1,999
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Assets		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,723	2,027	-	4,750	1,999
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 20	- 2,027	-	- 2,047	11,552
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,449	9,886	-	12,335	1,727
Cash funds this year end	2,429	7,860	-	10,288	13,279

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	2,429	7,860	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,429	7,860	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Stationary	unrestricted		-
	Laptop	unrestricted	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Alexander James Owusu	02/01/2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/04/2021 Period start date To
1/4/2022 Period end date

Charity name: **Matthew 25:40**

Charity registration number: **1185473**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To relieve poverty among those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless through provision of: items, training and long term practical and social support for individuals in need, to allow for re-integration into society2. To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Friends: initiative designed to encourage members of the community to develop genuine and supportive relationships in a safe and compassionate environment. It involves weekly (1.5 hours) gatherings between volunteers and beneficiaries to engage in conversations, with refreshments provided. Through this we want to help build greater support networks for those who are vulnerable and provide a place where they can provide their thoughts, feelings and worries in a place free of judgement, where support can be offered.

		<p>2. Community Incentivised Fundraising (CIF): a fundraising initiative designed to engage with the wider community around a particular issue that relates to our objects. This can either be for projects developed within Matthew 25:40 or for small local projects that align with our objects and mission.</p> <p>3. Conversations: Zoom calls which are hosted around different social topics with various speakers from all backgrounds, who share their thoughts and opinions - open to all members of the public to also engage and put forward questions. The aim of these topical conversations is to help provide a space for people to share and listen to others around topics that are important to them to help foster unity, community cohesion and spark ideas for positive change.</p> <p>4. Heart of Unity: A part networking, part celebratory event held in the autumn/winter with other organisations/charities that work to support those within the community. It acts as a space to share successes, challenges and ideas for the future. It is also a space to encourage collaboration across different organisations and build synergistic relationships.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We, the trustees of Matthew 25:40, have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants are funded through the Community Incentivised Fundraising (CIF) initiative of the

charity and are to be issued to organisations where they support the objects stated in the governing document for Matthew 25:40 (as stated above).

The principles that will underpin the awarding of grants are:

1. Trustees will hold ultimate responsibility for grant-making decisions in accordance with the charitable objects of the charity
 2. Each situation or request will be considered on its own merits and the trustees will carry out appropriate due diligence to ensure that it would meet the charitable purposes of the charity, (this will be detailed scope of what the grant will be used for)
 3. Periodic check-ins to ensure that the grant has been used for intended purpose
 4. Grants will only be provided to charities or organisations that have a demonstrable charitable purpose in line with our objects
 5. The charity will work in partnership with other organisations where appropriate to support initiatives beyond the financial scope of a single organisation
3. Events:

The trustees will carry out sufficient due diligence on all potential grant-recipients to ensure:

- That funds or items are used and applied in accordance with the charity's charitable objects and purpose
- That funds or items are not knowingly used for activities which are illegal or likely to cause damage to

		the charity's reputation
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The contribution of our volunteers remains at the core of our Friends initiative, which is a pivotal focus for the charity. Since our pilot launch in October 2019, our volunteers have been essential in establishing a consistent presence of familiarity on a weekly basis not only for our beneficiaries, but also the wider community, as they have encouraged those they have pre-existing relationships with to come and see what a session is like and whether they would like to engage with it (this could be from a point of receiving support, giving support or both).</p> <p>Across 2021 and 2022 this has continued to help broaden the network of people engaging with Friends and provided richer conversations amongst those in attendance. It has also allowed people to widen their support base.</p> <p>Sessions have been going on for over three years now and key moments like the pandemic only further highlighted the importance of their contribution and work as more and more people have found themselves isolated, vulnerable and unsure of the future. On a weekly basis, they continue to offer up their time to support the Friends service, engaging with those that attend, whether frequently or on one off occasions.</p> <p>In partnership with a local university, we also receive unsold food items to distribute amongst those we engage with, which has been a big help. Our volunteers has supported us in both collection and distribution of these items.</p>

Other		N/A
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<p>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.</p>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Friends: The charity has continued to operate through challenging external circumstances with more people isolated, lonely and vulnerable due to the effects of the pandemic and wider economic difficulties. During this period, we have been able to continue to use our Friends service to help provide beneficiaries with a support network and a sense of familiarity and stability. Both volunteers and beneficiaries have been encouraged to take greater ownership in sharing thoughts, opinions and ideas to help shape what we do i.e. group activities for us to engage in, sharing passions and interests to find common ground with others. This has all helped with engagement from those in attendance and plans for the future. Whilst the pandemic shone a light on the importance of social connection and how easily people can become isolated and vulnerable, it has emphasised the importance of this work and the work of other organisations who offer a way for people to connect. It has also helped make a greater case for charities/organisations working closely together to build capacity for the work we do to support others.</p> <p><u>Community-incentivised fundraising:</u></p> <p>Based on one of the 'Conversations' we hosted on zoom around the topic of Race, a fundraiser was started to supply Nottingham Primary schools with a range of books with diverse characters and stories in order to</p>

support a feeling of inclusivity and belonging in young people. This would allow young people from diverse backgrounds to see themselves reflected in the literature they read but also promote cultural awareness with all students at a younger age. With this project we formed a partnership with Nottingham Citizens, the local chapter of the wider Citizens UK, which is a Community Organising Charity. During this time we set up planning for all areas of the fundraiser and created a video for the official launch of the fundraiser, which we titled [#NCBetterBooks](#). A target of £10,000 was officially set for the end of October 2021, to order a range of books for 76 primary schools in Nottingham. In 2021/22 the project came to an end with the final total of the Better Books campaign reaching £25,357.

Conversations:

‘Conversations’ was launched in June 2020 as a way to connect people around topical areas so it could act as a platform for people to learn, share, understand and listen to others around topics that are important to them to help foster unity, community cohesion and spark ideas for positive change.

We had previously hosted talks on race, loneliness, social media and motherhood, which have showed good levels of engagement from the general public.

In 2021/22 we ran three conversation talks around women’s safety, tribalism and refugees, all of which had been significant topics in national news, engaging with relevant stakeholders in each area to share their thoughts and insights to support the conversations.

Heart of Unity:

In October 2021 we ran our first ‘Community-building’ event

		<p>called Heart of Unity, which was a part networking, part celebratory event held with other organisations/charities that work to support those within the community. During the event, people were able to share successes and challenges they had experienced over the year as well as ideas for the future and potential collaboration across different organisations. It ended up being a successful event with over 20 organisations represented and over 30 in attendance with positive feedback received after the event.</p>
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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	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>Para 1.21</p>	<p>The charity's current financial position is strong and has been positively impacted by the award of a 10k grant to develop a youth initiative to support our social inclusion object.</p> <p>We continue to run and develop our core service initiative (Friends) through the primary sources of funding (detailed in additional information below) and comfortably meet our monthly running costs associated with the charity.</p> <p>We have also been able to maintain our increased use of video conferencing services to further support our mission and increase the scope of what we can offer e.g. Conversations.</p> <p>We have also been able to effectively meet expenses for services to support our fundraising initiatives (Community-incentivised fundraising).</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>Para 1.22</p>	<p>We believe that reserves are required to ensure we can continue to carry out activities in line with our objects, which are to support those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and carry out activities to promote social inclusion within the community.</p> <p>We have taken into account:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The length of time the charity has been set up for- The typical cash flow of the charity during a monthly period and likely future expenditure- Reliability of current and future monthly income streams <p>We have set the current reserve level to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The charity can cover unforeseen loss of primary income source to allow for

		<p>continued service provision for at least one month, taking into account potential increase in beneficiaries</p> <p>This will be reviewed on a quarterly basis or if circumstances change, especially in light of the pandemic.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£350.00
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	N/A

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>Funding for the charity has been primarily through monthly contribution/donations from the charity founders Jerome Edwards and Alex Owusu, which was started from the inception of the idea of the charity. In addition to this, there have also been irregular ad hoc donations from those keen to support the work of the charity.</p> <p>This funding has allowed the charity to cover running costs related to administration, marketing and promotion, inventory, refreshments for Friends sessions and successful completion of our latest Community Incentivised Fundraising initiative.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The main risk facing the charity is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As in earlier years, external factors like the pandemic caused our previous fundraiser to be halted, highlighting the impact that can have on our services.

		<p>While the pandemic is yet to officially be declared over, normal life has returned for a large proportion of people, but we remain aware that as a charity we need to be alert to external pressures that could affect our services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As we continue to scale up our operations and work in partnership with others, there is a risk to ensuring we sustain a high quality service in all areas and maintain our reputation. To mitigate these risks we will continue to work closely with partners and stakeholders with regard to strategy, operations and decision-making to strengthen these areas and reinforce our dedication to transparency of the charity. - Fundraising for all charities are likely to be affected with the after effects of the pandemic including a stagnant economy and wages/salaries. With many people facing increasingly unstable financial circumstances in the current climate, being able to fundraise for community projects will likely become more difficult, especially as charitable need increases. By working closely with key partner organisations to cooperate on fundraisers where it is viable and makes sense, to ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently. We will also identify local (and national where applicable) organisations that have CSR objectives that align with our fundraiser to draw financial support.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution of CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Current procedure involves noting where gaps in knowledge are and current trustees putting forth suggestions for candidates to fill position from individuals known to trustees. If no appropriate candidate can be agreed upon, senior members of staff will be consulted for viable candidates. If an individual has been agreed upon as a candidate, an informal approach to an individual is then made and the position is discussed with them along with responsibilities of the position. If this is agreed upon by the individual then current trustees approve the appointment and they are added to the post

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	New trustees are provided with the Foundation Model Constitution of the CIO, which is the charity's governing document and where possible, the charity's most recent Annual report and Financial Statements Guidance from the Charity Commission is signposted to for further reference of duties and best practice
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is set up with two trustees with one trustee also acting as an additional volunteer for Friends initiative. There are two additional volunteers who make up the senior staff team. Day-to-day decisions are taken by the charities Director. Aims and objectives for the charity are set by the trustees and Director with senior staff consulted and

		encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts - overall decision making for aims and objectives sits with trustees. Decisions regarding fundraisers for Community Incentivised Fundraising initiative are ultimately made by trustees and Director, though senior staff are encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Nottingham Citizens - A community alliance of groups/organisations from schools, universities, faith groups etc. We formed a partnership with them for our next fundraiser as our objectives around tackling social issues of inclusion align
Other		The charity currently has no paid staff and is solely staffed by volunteers

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Matthew 25:40
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1185473
Charity's principal address	Mailbox 2266 37 Westminster Buildings Theatre Square Nottingham NG1 6LG

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	Claion Grandison			
2	Alexander Owusu			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

Jerome Edwards (Volunteer/Director), Sonia Fernandes (Volunteer/Secretary)
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Alexander Owusu	Claion Benjamin Grandison
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

28/01/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Matthew 25:40

No (if any)
1185473

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/2/2021	To	Period end date 4/1/2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Voluntary donations	3,018	250	-	3,268
Grants	-	9,940	-	9,940
Fees for event hosting (Heart of Unity)	254	-	-	254
Item return	89	-	-	89
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,361	10,190	-	13,551
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,361	10,190	-	13,551
A3 Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	688	261	-	949
Raising funds	-	-	-	-
Marketing	322	120	-	442
Governing Costs	-	-	-	-
Phone & IT	563	-	-	563
Events	674	-	-	674
Donation	20	250	-	270
Catering	23	-	-	23
Travel	6	-	-	6
Training	9	7	-	16
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,305	638	-	2,943
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,305	638	-	2,943
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,056	9,552	-	10,608
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,393	334	-	1,727
Cash funds this year end	2,449	9,886	-	12,335

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	2,449	9,886
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,449	9,886
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-


	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Stationary	unrestricted	
			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

Alexander James Owusu

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Last year
to the nearest £

2,775
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873
1,809



**Endowment funds
to nearest £**

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**Endowment
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Date of approval

1/28/2023



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England & Wales - Charity number 1185473

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/04/2020 Period start date To
1/4/2021 Period end date

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Charity registration number: **1185473**

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<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	<p>The contribution of our volunteers lies at the core of our Friends initiative. Since our pilot launch in October 2019, they have been essential in establishing a consistent presence of familiarity on a weekly basis not only for our beneficiaries, but also the wider</p>

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Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

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method for all stakeholders, including a virtual meeting helped us to ensure that the meaningful relationships built by those who attended pre-pandemic were not diminished or abandoned. It has also helped us maintain a consistency of these weekly meetings.

As the pandemic has shone a light on the importance of social connection and how easily people can become isolated and vulnerable, it has emphasised the importance of this work and the work of other organisations who offer a way for people to connect. It has also re-emphasised the importance of charities/organisations working closely together as we have been able to signpost beneficiaries to services offered by other charities/organisations where relevant during this period.

Community-incentivised fundraising:

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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The main risk facing the charity is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As in the previous year, the effects of the pandemic caused our previous to CIF to be halted. With the external landscape still uncertain, there remains a risk that circumstances

		<p>could affect our ability to continue with our next planned fundraiser. To mitigate this, we have established a wider base of support for the fundraiser and its objectives by partnering with Nottingham Citizens. This allows us to draw on a wider range of resources to help effectively plan and deliver the fundraiser in potentially changing circumstances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fundraising for all charities are likely to be affected with the current and long term effects and implications of the pandemic. With many people facing increasingly unstable financial circumstances in the current climate, being able to fundraise for community projects will likely become more difficult, especially as charitable need increases. By working closely with key partner organisations to cooperate on fundraisers where it is viable and makes sense, to ensure resources are used effectively and efficiently. We will also identify local (and national where applicable) organisations that have CSR objectives that align with our fundraiser to draw financial support.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Foundation Model Constitution of CIO
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
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	Current procedure involves noting where gaps in knowledge are and current trustees putting forth suggestions for candidates to fill position from individuals known to trustees. If no appropriate candidate can be agreed upon, senior members of staff will be consulted for viable candidates. If an individual has been agreed upon as a candidate, an informal approach to an individual is then made and the position is discussed with them along with responsibilities of the position. If this is agreed upon by the individual then current trustees approve the appointment and they are added to the post

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	New trustees are provided with the Foundation Model Constitution of the CIO, which is the charity's governing document and where possible, the charity's most recent Annual report and Financial Statements Guidance from the Charity Commission is signposted to for further reference of duties and best practice
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity is set up with two trustees with one trustee also acting as an additional volunteer for Friends initiative. There are two additional volunteers who make up the senior staff team. Day-to-day decisions are taken by the charities Director. Aims and objectives for the charity are set by the trustees and Director with senior staff consulted and

		encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts - overall decision making for aims and objectives sits with trustees. Decisions regarding fundraisers for Community Incentivised Fundraising initiative are ultimately made by trustees and Director, though senior staff are encouraged to engage with discussion and share their thoughts.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	Nottingham Citizens - A community alliance of groups/organisations from schools, universities, faith groups etc. We formed a partnership with them for our next fundraiser as our objectives around tackling social issues of inclusion align
Other		The charity currently has no paid staff and is solely staffed by volunteers

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Matthew 25:40
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1185473
Charity's principal address	Unit 2266, 109 Vernon House, Friar Lane, Nottingham, NG1 6DQ

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	Claion Grandison			
2	Alexander Owusu			
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Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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

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)

Jerome Edwards (Volunteer/Director), Sonia Fernandes (Volunteer/Secretary)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Alexander Owusu	Claion Benjamin Grandison
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee	Trustee
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Date

25/01/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Matthew 25:40

No (if any)
1185473

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 4/2/2020	To	Period end date 4/1/2021
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Voluntary donations	1,745	1,030	-	2,775
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,745	1,030	-	2,775
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,745	1,030	-	2,775
A3 Payments				
Cost of charitable activities	324	10	-	334
Raising funds	-	650	-	650
Marketing	219	37	-	256
Governing Costs	8	-	-	8
Phone & IT	581	-	-	581
Travel	4	-	-	4
Training	6	-	-	6
Other	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,142	697	-	1,839
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
Assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,142	697	-	1,839
Net of receipts/(payments)	602	334	-	936
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	791	-	-	791
Cash funds this year end	1,393	334	-	1,727

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank current account	1,393	334
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,393	334
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-
	-		-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Stationary	unrestricted	
			-
			-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-
			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

<p>Signature</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> </div>	<p>Print Name</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Alexander James Owusu </div>
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Last year
to the nearest £

1,468
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1,468

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1,468

262
98
527
213
46
16
200
165
1,527

22
-

1,527

-	59
	-
	873
	814



Endowment funds
to nearest £

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Endowment funds
to nearest £

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Current value (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval

1/23/2022