



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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
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 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></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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>

		<p>together to build capacity for the work we do to support others.</p> <p><u>Youth Engagement</u> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</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>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.</p> <p>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>
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		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.
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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>
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 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)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>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</p> <p>Guidance from the Charity Commission is signposted to for further reference of duties and best practice</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>

		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

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

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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



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Charity Name
Matthew 25:40

No (if any)
1185473

Receipts and payments accounts


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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	02/04/2022		01/04/2023

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))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Stationary	unrestricted	-	-
	Laptop	unrestricted	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Alexander James Owusu	02/01/2024	