



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

	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

		<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
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 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	
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>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)

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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 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>
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	£400.00
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	Para 1.23	N/A

charity continuing as a going concern		
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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 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>
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 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

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			
3	Ayo Ogunbo			
4	Luke Scott			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	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	To	Period end date
	02/04/2024		4/1/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	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
		Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
	-		-	-
		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	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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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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