

ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Together Free Foundation

For the year ending 31 December 2023



Charitable Status

The Together Free Foundation is a registered charity in England. Charity Number 1185728

Registered Address

6 Clarence Road
Southend-on-Sea
Essex
SS11AN

Trustees Serving During 2023

Peter Dominey

Jackie Raja

Jodi Thompson

Diane Watts
Retired May 2023

The charity is established by means of a constitution with trustees appointed by the trustee body.

Summary of Objectives and Activities

The Together Free Foundation (TFF) helps local communities, faith groups and charities end modern slavery and human trafficking (MSHT). This is done through catalysing and supporting local communities, including charities, grassroots community groups, the local authority and law enforcement to find local solutions for local problems of exploitation through: 1) developing localised antislavery partnerships to partner towards slavery-free communities; 2) raising awareness within the community and among at-risk groups; 3) developing and delivering training to community groups and front-line responders, 4) developing referral pathways to ensure the effective safeguarding of victims and; 5) supporting victims and survivors of modern slavery through community-based survivor care. During 2023 the charity employed three part-time staff and relied on volunteer and community engagement, thereby offering excellent value for money for its output.

Public Benefit Statement

The charity's trustees continue to have regard for both the charitable objects set out in the governing document and to ensuring that the activities of the charity, as described, meet the public benefit test. In so doing, they take account of the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when planning the charity's programme of activities. The trustees of the Together Free Foundation are confident that the activities of the charity demonstrate strong evidence of public benefit.



Antislavery Day 18th October

Southend awareness campaign included:

- 10 participating organisations
- Stall engaging the public for the week
- Resources and awareness presentation produced for local organisations
- Social media campaign in partnership with Southend City Council
- Press releases from Southend Council and Police
- Homelessness and Modern Slavery Online Conference with 5 presenting organisation and 76 participants.

During 2023 twenty-eight partner organisations collaborated within SAMS towards a slavery-free community. These, included charities, faith groups and the Council and Police. Partnership work included:

- Facilitating quarterly partnership meetings with stakeholders, sharing best practice and offering training.
- Delivering specialist training for front-line professionals . 337 people were trained, including local charities, faith groups and the council.
- Eight community leaders are on the SAMS steering group, giving accountability and guidance.
- The SAMS Survivor Care Project continued to develop, offering community-based support to survivors of modern slavery.
- Empirical academic research conducted within SAMS was published:*The Contribution and Motivation of Faith-based Volunteers within a UK Antislavery Partnership: A Case Study.*

SAMS Survivor Care Project

The Survivor Care Project provides community-based support to survivors of modern slavery and trafficking in the City of Southend. The project provides regular long-term and bespoke wrap-around support in the form of befriending, mentoring, and practical help. Trained volunteers are coordinated to help provide person-centred support to encourage community integration and well-being.

In 2023 the Project supported 7 survivors of modern slavery, originating from 6 different countries. The project aims to increase well-being, encourage community integration, improve well-being and provide practical help for survivors.

Survivor feedback from 'C' to her volunteer befriender (shared with permission)

I appreciate your help which brings me a bit calm in my chest... I feel more open with you [which] starts to make me feel confident. I deserve to be loved not hated and I am proud today. I found many good people coming to help me to come out of my past darkness. I am glad I met SAMS partnership.

Amanda, Deputy Manager, St. Vincent's Centre (a partner organisation within SAMS)

In the past 3 months we have made great progress with one of our clients. Only for SAMS involvement this gentleman would still be struggling in a environment where he was taken advantage of and was subject to modern day slavery. He is now in a safe house, really making progress. It shows working together really does make a huge difference. What great partnership work we have with SAMS!



CHELMSFORD AGAINST SLAVERY PARTNERSHIP



Since August 2022, The Together Free Foundation has been collaborating with Chelmsford Council in establishing the Chelmsford Against Slavery Partnership. Quarterly CASP meetings are co-delivered and facilitated by Together Free in order to develop: awareness raising; training and resources; developing referral pathways and victim support, intelligence sharing and disruption. 33 participants on average attend these meetings, from 45 participating organisations. Work streams and priorities are divided between four task and finish groups. A steering group provides oversight to CASP, developing vision, values and promoting sustainability. The impact of CASP within 2023 is highlighted below.

CASP in 12 Months

- 45 participating organisations
 - 4 task and finish groups
- 14 potential victims of modern slavery supported
 - 300% increase of individuals referred into the National Referral Mechanism from previous year
- 15 training workings with 300 participants
- awareness literature produced
- logos and website developed
www.chelmsfordasp.org.uk
- 2 community engagement days with 10 volunteers
- Antislavery Day awareness campaign: three partner videos (3,283 views) and press releases
- 5 partner intelligence reports received
 - 5 site visits to high risk addresses including car washes, nail bars and private addresses

Modern slavery is happening around us in Chelmsford

Find out more at

www.chelmsfordasp.org.uk

Forced
Owned
Controlled
Abused
Afraid
Isolated
Dehumanised
Constrained
Bought & Sold
Threatened
In debt



SCAN ME

Concerned someone could be a victim?
Do something about it.
For advice or to report concerns call
Modern Slavery Helpline 08000 121700
For Essex Police call 101 or in an
emergency 999
Email Safer Chelmsford Partnership on
community.safety@chelmsford.gov.uk



CHELMSFORD
AGAINST SLAVERY
PARTNERSHIP



Colchester Against Modern Slavery



Following the impact of the Antislavery Partnerships in Southend and Chelmsford, The Together Free Foundation was invited to work with Colchester Council to establish the Colchester Against Slavery Partnership. The Together Free Foundation is providing a part-time antislavery coordinator to establish the antislavery partnership and facilitate collaborative work streams.

CAMS in Numbers 2023

- 35 participating organisations including charities, faith groups, the police, law enforcement, and the University.
- 1 steering group formed with participants from 8 organisations to provide strategic oversight
- 5 task and finish groups developed including: awareness raising, training, survivor care, and safeguarding, intelligence and disruption. Work streams in process for each. 20 individuals participate, representing 14 organisations.
- 3 quarterly partnership meetings with best practice and progress shared
- 2 x 3 hour conferences with 127 attendees
- awareness literature, branding, and web presence developed
- 1 awareness campaign including awareness stall, artwork in shopping stall, social media and modern slavery and homeless conference
- 9 training workshops for 205 participants

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Accounting Basis

The accounts were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Report prepared by. D Pratt

Signed on behalf of the Trustees by
P. Dominey

Together Free Appreciates 2023 Funding From

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|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Essex Community Foundation | - MB Reckitt Trust | - Leeze Charitable Fund |
| - Eastern Baptist Association | - The National Lottery | - Colchester City Council |
| - The Swire Charitable Trust | - British Airways | - Chelmsford City Council |
| - The Manek Foundation | - The Rosca Trust | - Fowler, Smith and Jones |
| - The Allen Lane Foundation | - The Hilden Charitable Fund | - High Sherriffs Fund |



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
THE TOGETHER FREE FOUNDATION

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31/12/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1185728

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

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

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

**Independent
examiner's statement**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

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

Signed:

Christine Frances Warner

Date:

24/04/2024

Name:

CHRISTINE FRANCES WARNER

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

MAAT

Address:

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WESTCLIFF ON SEA

ESSEX SS00AQ

THE TOGETHER FREE FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY
FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2023

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<u>Incoming Resources</u>				
Voluntary income				
Donations	200	123	323	1,829
Grants	4,200	71,506	75,706	42,215
Other	86	1,013	1,099	286
Total Voluntary Income	4,486	72,641	77,127	44,330
Investment income				
Interest	616	-	616	81
Total Incoming Resources	5,102	72,641	77,743	44,411
<u>Resources Expended</u>				
Charitable activities				
Operational Costs	1,837	4,985	6,822	5,055
Staffing	6,966	47,871	54,837	42,502
Awareness resources	-	1,513	1,513	437
Survivor Care Support	-	2,112	2,112	1,825
Other	74	-	74	88
Total Resources Used	8,878	56,480	65,358	49,908
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources	(3,775)	16,161	12,385	(5,497)
Transfer between funds	6,374	(6,374)	-	-
Net movement in funds for year	2,599	9,787	12,385	(5,497)
Fund Balance at 31 December 2022	2,443	19,046	21,490	26,986
Fund Balance at 31 December 2023	5,042	28,833	33,875	21,490

THE TOGETHER FREE FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF ASSET AND LIABILITIES
FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2023

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
CASH FUNDS				
CAF Bank	14,828	19,046	33,875	21,490
Cash in hand	-	-	-	-
	<u>14,828</u>	<u>19,046</u>	<u>33,875</u>	<u>21,490</u>
REPRESENTED BY	2023		2022	
Unrestricted				
General Fund	5,042		2,443	
		<u>5,042</u>		<u>2,443</u>
Restricted				
SAMS & Survivor Care & National Lottery	11,410		11,593	
Chelmsford (CASP)	14,638		-	
Colchester (CAMS)	2,786		7,453	
		<u>28,833</u>		<u>19,046</u>
Total reserves	<u>£ 33,875</u>		<u>£ 21,490</u>	



Trustee (Peter Dominey)

26 June 2024

THE TOGETHER FREE FOUNDATION
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED 31/12/2023

1) Accounting Policies

Basis of preparation

Receipts and Payment accounts have been prepared.

2) Voluntary Income

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund			Total 2023	Total 2022
	General Fund	SAMS & Survivor Care & National Lottery	Chelmsford (CASP)	Colchester (CAMS)		
Donations	200	123	-	-	323	1,829
Grants	4,200	25,877	25,477	20,152	75,706	42,215
Books Sales	-	-	-	-	-	216
Other	86	913	100	-	1,099	70
	4,486	26,912	25,577	20,152	77,127	44,330

3) Resources Expended

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund			Total 2023	Total 2022
	General Fund	SAMS & Survivor Care & National Lottery	Chelmsford (CASP)	Colchester (CAMS)		
Operational Costs	1,837	2,991	1,312	681	6,822	5,055
Staffing	6,966	21,358	13,301	13,211	54,837	42,502
Awareness resources	-	310	779	423	1,513	437
Survivor Care Support	-	2,112	-	-	2,112	1,825
Other	74	-	-	-	74	88
	8,878	26,772	15,393	14,316	65,358	49,908

4) Movement of funds

2023

	31/12/2022	Incoming	Out goings	Transfers	31/12/2023
Unrestricted					
General Fund	2,443	5,102	8,878	6,374	5,042
Restricted					
SAMS & Survivor Care & National Lottery	11,593	26,912	26,772	(324)	11,410
Chelmsford (CASP)	7,453	25,577	15,393	(3,000)	14,638
Colchester (CAMS)	-	20,152	14,316	(3,050)	2,786
	21,490	77,743	65,358	-	33,875

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5) Trustee Remuneration and benefits

No Trustee received a salary or income from The Together Free Foundation in 2023.

6) Staff Costs

	2023	2022
Wages and salaries	53,259	36,502

During the year the Charity employed between 2-3 members of staff. All staff are on part time basis and various hours depending on grant funding.